

# ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

9th JUNE 2024

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

RCN 20016166

*Gospel Reflections*     **Who is the family of Jesus?**     *Donal Neary SJ*

**J**esus seems here to disown his family. Does he dismiss **M**ary and his family? He knew that he was not going down well with the family, and maybe wanted some distance from them. It is interesting that they came for him, maybe to take him home.

**B**ut he turns the family table on them. He expands his notion of the family. Coming from **G**od his father he proclaims that all around him are family to him – these are his mother, brother and sister. He will later teach them to pray, not *My F*ather, but *Our F*ather.

**T**his is one of the central teachings of **J**esus, that we are all brothers and sisters, because of our **F**ather in heaven. From this truth that **J**esus felt so strongly came much of his preaching – to retreat each other as family at its best would.

**T**his follows on from the debate about good and bad religion of earlier weeks. The best of religion treats us all as brothers and sisters because of **G**od. Our first and last belonging is that we belong to **G**od – we come from **G**od and go to **G**od.

**T**here will often be conflict in **J**esus' family about him. His first family did not take easily to his new family – his disciples. Only at **P**entecost around the mother of **J**esus would both families unite.

**H**is words are words to us today – he looks around at us and sees all of us as his brothers and sisters. This will make a difference as to how we see each other.

*Think of different people and say within yourself,  
'you are my brother, you are my sister'.  
Make me, Lord, an instrument of peace and of joy among all your people.*



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**For all enquires and bookings**

	This week we remember	Next week we remember
<b>SATURDAY</b> 6.00pm ASHFORD	Patricia Collier (MM) Pat Dowling (MM) Donal Kavanagh Phyllis & Mick McDonald	
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10.30am GLENEALY		

**ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH**  
2nd June 2024

**ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION** - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 205  
**1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND** - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 380  
**2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND** - goes towards Diocesan Administration - € 377  
**MAINTENANCE** - goes towards Parish upkeep - €195

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS**

To reflect on the readings please check  
[catholicireland.net](http://catholicireland.net) / [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie) / [universalis.com](http://universalis.com)

**First Reading : Ezekial 17: 22 - 24**

**Psalm : 91**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians: 5: 6 - 10**

**Gospel: Mark 4: 26-34**

*Popes intention for June ~ For migrants fleeing their homes. We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.*



**BLESSINGS OF THE GRAVES 2024**



Barndarrig Cemetery: Tuesday, 2nd July @ 7.30pm  
 Three Mile Water Cemetery: Monday, July 8th at 7.30pm  
 Castletimon Cemetery: Monday, July 15th at 7.30pm  
 Rathnew Cemetery: Wednesday 17th July at 7.30pm  
 Glenealy Cemetery: Saturday 20th July at 3.00pm  
 Killougher Cemetery: Tuesday 23rd July at 7.30pm

## Mass Schedule B and C.

Mass Schedule B in the event of one priest not being available.

Weekend 6/7 July // Weekend 27/28 July //Weekend 31 August/1 Sept

Ashford Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Kilbride	9.00am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)
Brittas Bay	12.00pm	(Sunday)

Barndarrig Vigil Mass 7.30pm

(Saturday)

Rathnew	9.00am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)
Glenealy	10.30am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)

### **Residential Retreats - Lough Derg, Co. Donegal**

These residential retreats are designed for people who are curious and are searching for ways to explore and deepen their experience of God in a Christian context. They are structured around daily prayer with input from experienced facilitators and provide a comfortable, full-board stay on the island. For further information please visit [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

### World Peace

We pray for peace in our hearts, in our homes, in our community and in our troubled world, especially in the Middle East and in Ukraine. We pray for those who are suffering, displaced and fearful because of war. Make us instruments of your peace and messengers of hope to those who are troubled.

**Any parents who wish to have a child baptised are asked to attend an introductory meeting before booking a date for the baptism. At this meeting you will be given all the necessary information about the Sacrament of Baptism and the commitment required of the parents who request it for their child. The next meeting will be on**

**Thursday 27th June at 7.30pm  
in the Church of the Most Holy  
Rosary, Ashford**



# ASHFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

Providing support & a social outlet for older people  
DRAW RESULTS MAY 2024

		Winner	Seller
1 <sup>st</sup>	€300	Tom Boylan	Catherine Barrett
2 <sup>nd</sup>	€150	Kathleen Woolley	Ann Lyons
3 <sup>rd</sup>	€100	Ann Byrne	Ann Byrne
4 <sup>th</sup>	€50	Catherine Barrett	Catherine

Thank you for your ongoing support

*A Prayer for those doing exams .....*

*Father,*

*Be with me as I take this exam.*

*Keep my mind alert and my memory sharp.*

*Calm my nerves and help me concentrate.*

*I know that you walk with me,*

*Guiding my path and inspiring my heart.*

*I pray that I would feel you with me,*

*And that your friendship would soften the pressure I feel.*

*I pray that I would pass this exam and go on to new things with you.*

*Thank you for your peace and your love in my life.*

*Thank you for your kindness and care for me.*

*Amen.*

Your contribution to the Church is your appreciation for your parish. If you would like to become a regular contributor to the Parish, please fill in this slip and return to Parish Office or Sacristy

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....

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Wicklow Cancer Support needs your vote

in the AIB €1 Million Community Fund.

- Login to [www.aib.ie/community](http://www.aib.ie/community),
- Click on Nominate now,
- Insert your name and email address;
- Wicklow Cancer Support,
- Reg Charity No. 20075750;
- Location: Rest of Leinster,
- Social Theme: Other, followed by a sentence on why WCS.

*The Charities with the most votes receive funding.*

Please ask family and friends to share.

Closing date for nominations 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024

You don't always  
need to understand  
your  
journey in life,  
you  
just need  
to trust that  
you're  
going in  
the right direction.

— Steven Aitchison —