

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

The Baptism of Our Lord-Year C

12th January 2025

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Gospel Reflections Spirit Energy Donal Neary SJ

Today, Jesus' baptism by John, was a special moment - the real coming of God's spirit upon him. It was the same Spirit who had come upon Mary at the moment of Jesus' conception, and would come to Jesus at his last moment on the Cross.

The spirit brings him new energy. The feast marks that something new is happening, and that Jesus is the beloved and son; from eternity and into time.

The Spirit came upon him - but not just for himself. He would send the Spirit later to us - of forgiveness and of perseverance in doing good. Today is about energy. Jesus found a new spirit in himself after his prayer and he heard words he would never forget. Maybe you have heard words of love from someone you will never forget. They give energy to the heart and soul, making us people always on the go, ready for new life within us.

The Spirit pours the energy of God into bread and wine and they are changed forever. He sends himself forever. It is sending the love and presence and energy of God.

We know that we can get stuck.
We need new infusions of the Spirit to give new energy.
Can we be the type of people who others think it's good to meet?
Open to the Spirit of God,
open to new life, new love,
being really fully the person I can be?

*May the waters of baptism, O Lord,
bring us the new life of your love.*



Sincere sympathies to the families of

*Dick Finn, Glenealy
Nora (Hannah) Taylor, Ashford*



	This week we remember	Next week we remember
SATURDAY 6.00pm ASHFORD	Patrick & Mary O'Sullivan (Anniversaries) Bert Vickers, Newcastle (A)	NO MASS
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

5th January 2025

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 105
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 405
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	- € 170
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- € 95
CHRISTMAS DUES	-	€ 470

Many thanks for your continued support.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

To reflect on the readings please check
catholicireland.net / sacredspace.ie / universalis.com

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

PSALM: 95

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

Baptism in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

Wicklow	First Saturday	2pm
	Third Sunday	1pm
Rathnew	Fourth Saturday	2pm
Ashford	First Sunday	12 noon
Glenealy	Third Saturday	12 noon
BBK	Second Saturday	2pm

Next Ashford Meeting is on 23rd January at 7:30pm in the Church.

Please ring the Parish Office (0404-61699) to confirm your attendance at this meeting.

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Office opening times Monday - Friday: 10am - 12.30pm

For all enquires and bookings



Escorted Tour to Knock Shrine & Co. Mayo

Parishes within Archdiocese of Dublin
TRAIN TRANSPORT TO WESTPORT

Monday 10th February 2025

Early Afternoon Train Transport to Westport.
 Check In to 4* Castlecourt Hotel.
 Dinner followed by entertainment.

Tuesday 11th February 2025

Mass in Galway Cathedral. Free time in Galway City.
 Onwards to Cong for Quiet Man Tour.
 Tour of Ballintubber Abbey.
 Return to Hotel for Dinner and entertainment..

Wednesday 12th February 2025

Day in Knock. Tour of Museum and Grounds. Mass. Lunch.
 Private Time. Return to Hotel.
 Dinner followed by entertainment.

Thursday 13th February 2025

Morning Mass in Westport.
 Visit Glenkeen Farm and take part in some sheepherding.
 Lunch. Visit the holy mountain Croagh Patrick.
 Self-guided tour of Kylemore Abbey.
 Dinner and entertainment.

Friday 14th February 2025

Morning Mass in Fr. Peyton Centre.
 Tour and light lunch.
 Return train home.

Package includes:

Return Train Journey
 4 night's Dinner Bed & Breakfast basis in 4*
 Castlecourt Hotel, Westport. Lunch on 3 Days.
 All entertainment, excursions and guided tours.
Single room supplement on Enquiry



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.

*The Pope's Prayer Intention
 January 2025*

For the Right to an Education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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Mass Schedule B and C.

Mass Schedule B

Weekend 25/26 January // Weekend 8/9 February

Ashford Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)	NO MASS in Glenealy
Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)	
Kilbride	9.00am	(Sunday)	NO MASS in Barndarrig
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)	
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)	NO MASS in Rathnew
Brittas Bay	12.00pm	(Sunday)	

Mass Schedule C

Weekend 18/19 January // Weekend 1/2 February // Weekend 1/2 March

Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)	NO MASS in Ashford
Barndarrig Vigil Mass	7.30pm	(Saturday)	
Rathnew	9.00am	(Sunday)	NO MASS in Kilbride
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)	
Glenealy	10.30am	(Sunday)	NO MASS in Brittas Bay
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)	

Study Theology Online is this for you?

*The Priory Institute
provides online Theology
courses to degree level.*

*Attend Saturday lectures in
Tallaght or from the
comfort of your own home.
Register before
February 11. Find out more
on our website,
prioryinstitute.com*

Separated, Divorced, Widowed Are you coping?

Few people are able to cope alone with the pain and loneliness following the loss of a life partner. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Beginning Experience is a peer support group dedicated to helping those who are navigating life alone whether through death, separation or divorce. A team of trained facilitators, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share with you how they coped with their loss. A Three Day Coping with Life Alone Programme will take place on: Saturday 25th, January, 8th and 15th February 2025 (Advance Booking Essential) Carmelite Community Centre, Whitefriar Street, Dublin 2. For further information contact Beginning Experience 086 0877379, or email: bedublin@gmail.com

Parish Envelopes

**The parish envelopes have been ordered and should be with you shortly.
Apologies for the delay.**

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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be like the ocean.
steadfast yet unpredictable.
inviting & warm.
calm yet powerful enough to drown
those around you with your
vivacious current.
full of life.

-macey kurtz

