

# ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

15th September 2024

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### *Gospel Reflections **Losing and Finding** Donal Neary SJ*

Giving up is part of life – you give up your time and money for your children and grandchildren. Parents say it was worth it for the joy in their faces. A person goes to work for the poor and gives up a better job. You want to do more study and know you have to leave some leisure aside that you like. In sport we sacrifice a lot to train and to do well. But something else comes through for us when we give up. If it's real and true we get back a lot. It seems strange for **Jesus** to say – lose your life to save it. He's talking about losing good things, to get better.

This can be a big challenge in a culture today that is very 'me' conscious. We can find that personal concerns take total precedence, without enough care for others. But as long as one person on this globe is hungry or homeless or seeking refuge, the work of **Jesus** is never done.

Losing life and saving life with **Jesus** is a call to community, to neighbourhood and the world, to make our part of the world a better place.

My own life may be my main concern, my circle of care may extend just as far as myself, ignoring care in a sustained way for the stranger or the out-cast, then I am called to the challenge of the gospel to lose selfishness, and find the generosity given in my heart by **God**.

*Think ahead to today or this week.*

*Offer love and service to God.*

*Lord, teach me to be generous in your service*



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**For all enquires and bookings**

	This week we remember	Next week we remember
<b>SATURDAY</b> 6.00pm ASHFORD	<b>NO MASS</b>	Walter Pallas (MM) Anniversaries:- Patrick & Kathleen Brady, Lily Melia
<b>SUNDAY</b> 10.30am GLENEALY	Paddy, Ned & Sonny Barrett Sheila Keegan (née Barrett) Fr. Eddie Barry Roger O'Donnell	

## ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH 8th SEPTEMBER 2024

**ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION** - goes towards maintaining our parish - €1865  
**1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND** - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 580  
**2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND** - goes towards Diocesan Administration - € 355  
**MAINTENANCE** - goes towards Parish upkeep - € 85

*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 : Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20**

**Psalm : 53:3-6,8**

**Second Reading : James 3:16, 4:3**

**Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**



To everybody who worked so hard to make the return of Bishop Donal Roche such a special occasion. To all those who donated and who collected money after Mass a couple of weeks ago for the gifts. To our choir who came back a week early for the occasion. To Aidan our sacristan for all the effort he put in on the day - our altar servers, readers & Eucharistic Ministers who we were delighted to have join us on the day from the other churches in the Mantan area.

And of course no parish occasion would be the same without our Parish Hospitality and as usual - the team pulled out all the stops and fed hundreds, a sincere thank you to one and all for all the hard work and lovely treats.

Bishop Donal was presented with a fabulous full Mass kit and a donation and Fr Aquinas was also presented with a belated gift on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of his ordination which was earlier in the Summer. Bishop Donal's two sisters Dympna & Jean were also surprised with gorgeous flower bouquets.

A final thank you to the Parish Office team for their help and input into the occasion.

## Registration for the Sacraments

Registration for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation for parents of children in Catholic Schools who wish their children to receive those sacraments in the academic year 2024-2025 is now live on the pastoral area website, [www.stmantan.ie](http://www.stmantan.ie) under Genral Information – Sacraments.



The collection for Crosscare will replace the Share Collection this weekend 14th & 15th September.

Crosscare exists to support people and families when they face difficult challenges in life and when they find it hard to get the help they need. Crosscare focuses on helping people when they need it most or when they can't find support anywhere else. Your support to this collection is very much appreciated.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:**  
**Drink Problem? You're not alone.**  
Kilcoole Community Centre –  
Open public meeting on the last  
Friday of every month 8pm  
Enquiries: Phone 01 842 0700 or  
[www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie](http://www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie).  
All enquiries in strictest  
confidence.

## St. Mantan Pastoral Area Education Programme

The St. Mantan Pastoral Area offers Religious Education classes for Catholic children attending non-Catholic schools. The programme provides a two-year preparation course for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Classes will begin on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Enrolments take place in the Parish Office, Wicklow from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September from 9:30 to 12:30 and also on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:30pm to 4pm. If your child was baptised outside the pastoral area, please bring a copy of their baptismal certificate. More information is available on [www.stmantan.ie](http://www.stmantan.ie) under the headings General Information – Sacraments – Parish religious education programme.

### Upcoming Funeral Team Training

Funeral Team training for existing funeral teams and those parishes within our partnership who wish to establish a Funeral Team will take place on 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024. (all three sessions to be attended)

For those who have completed the funeral team training, there will be a further Funeral Team Leader Training( assisting and/or conducting a funeral service) on 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2024.(all three sessions to be attended).The venue and time will be decided once numbers of people registered has been confirmed. Please contact the parish office to express your interest in attending the training.

**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.**



**Missionary Sisters of Saint Columban  
Celebrating the Journey  
1924 – 2024**

**You are invited** to join the Columban Sisters on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm** for their Centenary Celebratory Mass in St. Patricks Church, Wicklow. Refreshments will be served after the mass in the Pastoral Centre situated in the Church grounds.

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

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