

# ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year C

16th February 2025

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### *Feeling Peace—at the centre of the Beatitudes Donal Neary SJ*

On one of my first visits to a Jesuit house, I felt a huge peace - maybe the beginning of a vocation. In bereavement there can be a moment of peace, which seems to come from nowhere: peace of being totally loved by a good friend or spouse, peace, just peace with the children.

There is a peace that comes from faith and love and that is prayer: peace that comes from knowing I am heard, understood and loved.

There is a huge need for listening now, for knowing that people care in our world of suicides, addictions to alcohol. We can feel we live in an impersonal world of anxiety and isolation. We need the peace of honest conversation and openness, and the peace of being forgiven.

Peace is not evading difficulty. You are mad worried about a child - somewhere in the middle, like gold in the mud, you find the peace of knowing God's love for you and for him or her. That needs time and a bit of prayer.

It is good to sit each day in silence. Allow this peace to get into you. Breathe in and out, just saying the word 'peace'. That is God's gift to you.

There is also a peace from God in doing good and doing the right thing. Jesus knew it was the best gift he could give. It comes from love.

Back to my first visit that day - what caused the peace? I don't know fully. We can be surprised when we will be graced with the peace of Jesus Christ which the world cannot give.

*Give each of us O Lord, that peace beyond all understanding.*



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

**For all enquires and bookings**

	This week we remember	Next week we remember
SATURDAY 6.00pm ASHFORD		
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		

## ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

### 9th February 2025

<b>ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION</b>	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 225
<b>1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND</b>	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 265
<b>2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND</b>	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	- € 105
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- € 60

*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: 1Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23**

**PSALM: 102**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49**

**GOSPEL : Luke 6:27-38**

### Baptism in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

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

**Next Ashford Meeting is on  
Thursday, 27th February at 7.30pm in the  
church.**

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

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

#### Ashford:

1st Friday after Mass

#### Wicklow:

Mondays and Thursdays  
after Mass

#### Kilbride:

1st Thursday at 7pm (Divine  
Mercy)

#### Brittas Bay:

Tuesdays at 9am

# Your Church needs you ...

Do you attend Mass?

Do you like to read?

We would like to add to our teams of Ministers of the Word in both churches.

If you think you can help out please contact the parish office on 0404-61699 and leave your name and contact details.

## Congratulations to all couples planning their marriage.

Don't forget to give 3 months notice to the parish where you live.

Your local parish is responsible for organising the paperwork necessary for the Sacrament of Marriage irrespective of where the wedding will take place.

Be sure to get in touch with the Parish Office to make arrangements to complete wedding papers at least 3 months before the date of the proposed wedding.



**TRAINING FOR  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
OF HOLY COMMUNION  
7.00pm - Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**



**Presented by:** Peter Siney–Office for Mission & Ministry, Dublin Diocese

**Venue:** St. Anne’s Parish, Dublin Road, Shankill, D18 AW68  
Tea & Coffee – 7.00pm (Resource Centre)

Training Session 7.30pm – 9.30pm (Church)

This training is for all current and new Extraordinary Ministers  
To register please call (01) 282 2277  
or use this link <https://forms.gle/Vza4uqB6V7dkrMDy5>



**Accord will hold its annual collection this weekend, 15th and 16th February, at all masses. It will replace the Share Collection.**

**Please support.**

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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Contact Number.....

Address.....  
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*1 Peter 5:7*

*Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*