

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

18th August 2024

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Gospel Reflections **The Best and the Worst** *Donal Neary SJ*

We can recall the homely smell of freshly baked bread, a good beginning to the day. But bread has to be baked with huge heat for the flour. The wheat is crushed. A way of saying that in life there is the joy and the pain; and things can go wrong. Life's joys and sorrows are a mixture, and much of the best has some of the worst. The bitterest pain can be when the loved one dies, but you would never cancel out the love for the pain. Death is like that – the worst of life leads to the best of eternity. We often find something great in the worst of times. We get a good result in exams and you forget the pain of getting them.

The best and the worst in Jesus' life are in the bread and wine of the Mass. The Eucharist recalls the love of God and the cruelty of the human race, all at the one time. Love given and received, but also torture and death at the hands of cruel people.

At the Eucharist, we hold up the world's goodness and joys, along with its depressions and failures, and ask God to be with us in both. Bread symbolises what is good, wine the pain – this is a way of looking on the Eucharist.

Come and eat – come and offer. The best and the worst. The host we will be host we receive, and is the full and real Jesus, pain and all. It is truly the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

*Imagine Jesus offering you some bread:
this ordinary food is the bread of life.
When we eat the bread and drink of the cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.*



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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	Thomas Patrick McHugh (1st A.)	
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY	Eleanor O'Neill, Peter Doyle, John O'Brien, Tom Doyle— Anniversaries	

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11th August 2024

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 85
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 417
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	- € 205
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- € 0

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 : Joshua 2-4:1-2,15-18

Psalm : 33:2-3, 16-23

Second Reading : Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69



The Heritage Centre, Ashford (A67DH34) has organised a number of special events during National Heritage Week 2024

Saturday, 17 August at 7.00pm

Curiously Humorous/ Humorously Curious - Paul Sharkey's One Man Show. €10 (includes Refreshments).

Sunday, 18 August at 3.30pm

Jazzing in the Afternoon – Dara MacMahon. Vocals with Five Man Jazz Band. €10 (includes Refreshments).

Monday, 19 August at 7.00pm

Across the Waves - The Barn Ensemble. Community Musicians playing Traditional Instruments. €10 (includes Refreshments).

Saturday, 24 August at 7.00pm

A Trip Down Memory Lane - Frank Kelly with Rebecca and Emily. €10 (includes Refreshments).



Bishop Donal Roche will celebrate the 12 noon Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow on Sunday 8th September.

Refreshments will be served after Mass in the de la Salle Pastoral Centre.



National Heritage Week

A Heritage Council programme 2024



CELEBRATING THE TREASURES OF NUN'S CROSS CHURCH,
KILLISKEY PARISH, ASHFORD, CO. WICKLOW. A67 WP83

This 19th century, Grade II listed Church will be open by kind permission of Killiskey Select Vestry on

Saturday 17th August • Sunday 18th August
Saturday 24th August • Sunday 25th August
from 2.30pm to 5pm each day

Talk to be given each Sunday at 3pm on the above dates by author, art historian and lecturer, Patricia Butler entitled:
NUN'S CROSS CHURCH, CO. WICKLOW AND IT'S TREASURES, 1817 - 2017

Venue: Nun's Cross Church, Killiskey, Ashford, Co. Wicklow. A67 WP83.
Admission Free - No booking required.

Built Heritage • Suitable for Families • Free Car Parking available • Fully Wheelchair accessible

Congratulations to all couples planning their marriage



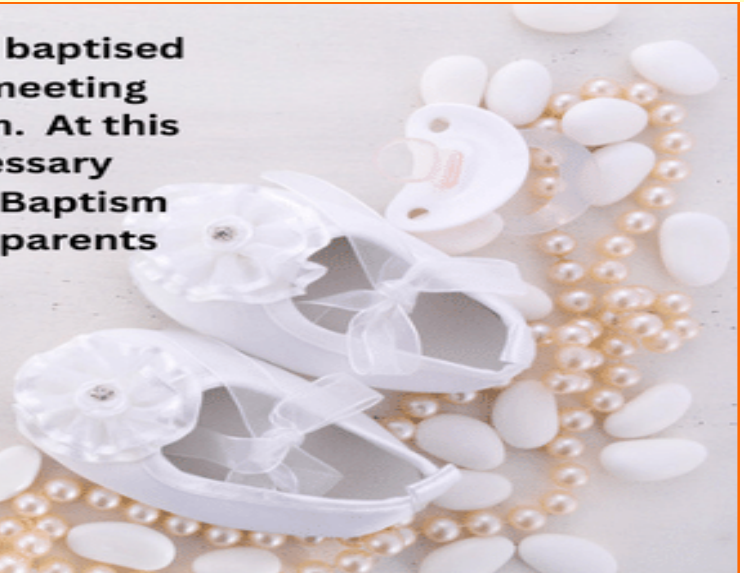
Don't forget to give 3 months notice to the parish where you live. Your local parish is responsible for organising the paperwork necessary for the Sacrament of Marriage irrespective of where the wedding will take place.



Don't forget that Masses in Wicklow can be viewed live on the pastoral area website, www.stmantan.ie Mass leaflets are available in all the churches.

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 29th August at 7.30pm in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Ashford



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

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.

Active Retirement Activities & Trips

Now with 105 members, we are one of the largest Groups in Ireland

Tuesday morning meetings 10.45am.

Walking on the Murrough Wednesdays at 11.00am

Choir will resume in September

Autumn Holiday to Sligo—9th-13th September

**** We will be closed for the month of August and resume our Tuesday morning meeting on 3rd September.**

Follow us on our facebook page: **Wicklow Active Retirement**

If you would like to join active retirement or find out more, please do feel free to ring Pauline on 087 227 6760

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

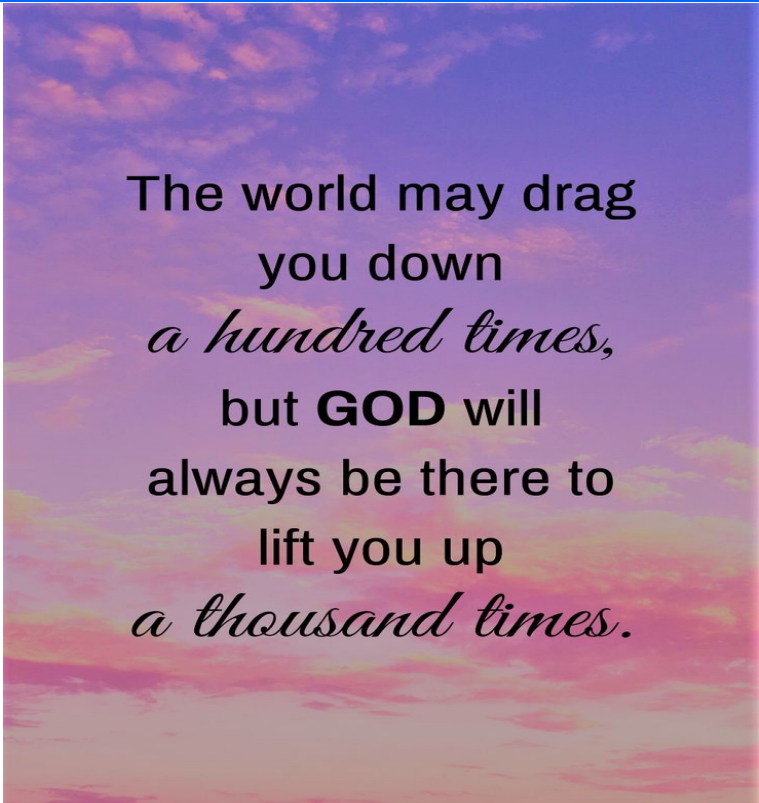
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The world may drag
you down
a hundred times,
but **GOD** will
always be there to
lift you up
a thousand times.