

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year C

19th January 2025

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Gospel Reflections Cana: New wine for life Donal Neary SJ

The human side of the gospel today is the huge need of a young couple on the best day of their lives. Jesus hears of their need and the result is the wine for the wedding, but more so, it is the promise of the fullness of God.

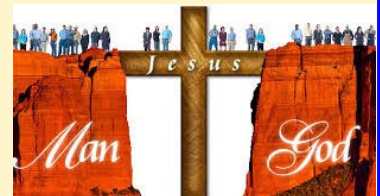
We look for the fullness of life in money, food, sex, travel, security, reputation-none last. Only the simplest joys of life really satisfy in the end, like the joy of love, the thrill of friendship,, the caring in family and the ways we enjoy the goodness of creation.

A man asked once in the hospice at the end of his life -'what is happiness?' 'Find happiness now' was his answer -'be satisfied, be grateful, for what you have, for what you have received, for what God has given you.' There is a fullness of life in being happy with who I am, what I have... and asking God for what he knows I need.

No matter what our age, we can do good for others, we can share the graces of life and the soul can grow. That's what I hope can happen for me as life goes on. In any group of people, some look happy and some look miserable. The happiest are not always the ones who had or are having the easiest life. They are the ones who have found peace with themselves, others and God.

Because of the gift of the fullness of God in 'new wine', we always have a home, here and after - in the heart of our God in Jesus Christ now and for eternity.

*Jesus of the wedding feast of Cana,
give us the faith and hope to know that you can always make a
change for the better,*



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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	NO MASS	Cecil Ward (1st A) & his parents Jack & Frances Ward
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		NO MASS

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

12th January 2025

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 160
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 630
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	- € 390
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- € 70
CHRISTMAS DUES	-	€ 230

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: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

PSALM: 18

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

GOSPEL : Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

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.

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.

ASHFORD COMMUNITY GROUP CHRISTMAS DRAW

	December 2024 Draw	Winner	Ticket seller
1 st	€500	Ben & Brodie Byrne	Ann Byrne
2 nd	€350	Alan Murphy	Ann Byrne
3 rd	Hen & Hog voucher €150	Breda Keogh	Catherine Barrett
4 th	€150	Ann Staunton	Catherine Barrett
5 th	Roundwood Stores/Coach House Voucher €100	Babs Byrne	Phyllis Armstrong
6 th	Single bed hand crafted quilt by Mary's Quilts & Quilting	Helen Driver	Catherine Barrett
7 th	<u>Martsworth Rug</u>	Brid White	Phyllis Armstrong
8 th	Nigel Evans driving lessons	Mona <u>Kinlan</u>	Ann Lyons
9 th	€50 N11 voucher	Simon Marah	Simon Marah
10 th	Afternoon tea for two in Hunters	Margaret Behan	Ann Lyons
11 th	€50	Jackie Roche	Jackie Roche
12 th	€25 voucher for Dowling's butchers Ashford	Brendan Byrne	Phyllis Armstrong

Ashford Community Group thank all our prize sponsors & everyone who bought thicketts. Your ongoing support is very much appreciated. We wish you all a very happy Christmas & New year

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
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courses to degree level.*

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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

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The discovery that it is in
our power to change our
lives by the thoughts we
think is the first step
toward spiritual mastery.

Alice Hegan Rice

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