

## Gospel Reflection Walk in the shoes of the Other Donal Neary SJ

A compassionate heart reaches out to many; the Gospel today reaches beyond our own circle to reach many others. This will be the constant call of Jesus. When he wants to say what His father is like he says 'Be compassionate like him.'

Compassion is when we can walk in another's shoes, and try to see, hear and feel the world of another, particularly in bad times. It flows from mercy, which is the biggest quality in Jesus. We like when another can enter into our world without judgement and can accept us in love - Jesus tells us to note this and then practice the same.

The call is to be compassionate to each other and the earth! The letter of Pope Francis, *Lauditio Si* calls for a compassionate care of the earth, as we hear the cry of the poor: that we treat the earth with the love it deserves.

Compassion for others and the earth includes our gratitude. We can look deeply into the people we are close to and thank God (for them!) and for what we like in them and value. We can look long at creation's beauty in the highest Himalayan mountain and the smallest plant and recognise that all is the gift of God. We are to care for the earth and till it, and accept the care of the earth for us, giving us food, drink and refreshment. We are to care for each other to bring out the best in each other. This is one of the Pope Francis's central themes about care of creation.

Lord, thank you for the beauty of the earth and of humanity; may we reverence that beauty for it is from you.



## ASHFORD & GLENEALY ~ PARISH - CONTACTS

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For all enquires and bookings

	This week we re	member	Next week we remember		
SATURDAY 6.00pm ASHFORD			NO MASS		
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY					
	ASHFORD & 16	<b>GLENEAL</b> th February			
ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 4101ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 5102ND COLLECTION / ACCORD € 585MAINTENANCE - goes towards Parish upkeep - € 140					
			<i>ínued support.</i> READINGS		
То	reflect on th	e readings	please check ie / universalis.com		
FIRST READING: Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8 PSALM: 91 SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 GOSPEL : Luke 6:39-45					
Baptism in t	the St. Mantan Pastor:	al Area	Exposition of the		
	First Saturday	2pm	<b>Blessed Sacrament</b>		
	Third Sunday Fourth Saturday		<u>hford:</u>		
	First Sunday	-	t Friday after Mass		
U U	Third Saturday Second Saturday	_	<u>icklow:</u> ondays and Thursdays		
Next Ashford M	·	-	ter Mass		
	February at 7.30pm		<u>lbride:</u> t Thursday at 7pm (Divine		

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

Mercy) <u>Brittas Bay:</u> 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.



## Mass Schedule B and C.

Ashford Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)	<b>NO MASS in Glenealy</b>
Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)	·
Kilbride	9.00am	(Sunday)	<b>NO MASS in Barndar</b>
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)	
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)	<b>NO MASS in Rathnew</b>
Brittas Bay	12.00pm	(Sunday)	

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Weekend 18/19 January // Weekend 1/2 February // Weekend 1/2 March					
Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday) NO MASS in Ashford			
<b>Barndarrig Vigil Mass</b>	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)			



RNLI – Charity Concert -"Thanks for the dance – the Leonard Cohen Story" featuring Cohen Unlimited. Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March Wicklow Golf Club 7.30pm. Tickets €25+booking from gr8events.ie

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

Until you walk in my shoes you probably can't fit, you may never understand my journey. Don't judge me. One day you may have to walk in my shoes and travel the same journey.