

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Third Sunday of Lent - Year C

23rd March 2025

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Gospel Reflection ~ Donal Neary SJ

God of the Second Chance: Consider The fig tree

This seems a rather strange story about Galileans being killed by Pilate. They were no greater sinners than others, but people thought they were being punished by God. Jesus asks us to repent, but does not punish the sinner. Repent is the word of Lent - and followed by the invitation to believe the good news of the gospel.

A fig tree had three years to get good. It is a precious tree because it uses little water. This one has not produced its fruit. Is God the one to get rid of the tree or the one to give it another chance? **God is the God of the *second chance all the time.***

He never gives up on his love! We may need to give God another chance. We know we get angry at times. People find that many good things can happen even in bad times. Let's have that faith and pray for it. God gives us chance after chance in our lives, as He wants our faith in him to grow.

We ask also that we now give the Church another chance. So this is a day of more chances, that life never folds up. We need to return more and more to the gospel and the goodness of so many people, which will lead us in our Church communities to Christ. We do not belittle some terrible things that happened, nor lessen our care for those abused, but ask to take a deeper step to the God who is the one giving and asking us for another chance!

*Renew us O Lord in love,
in hope and in joy
in your care for us.*



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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	Seamus McDermott 1st Anniversary	
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY	Larry Timmons	Martine Kelly Noel Kelly

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16th March 2025

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 440
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 1175
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	€ 720
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- € 125

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 5: 9-12

PSALM: 33: 2-7

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians

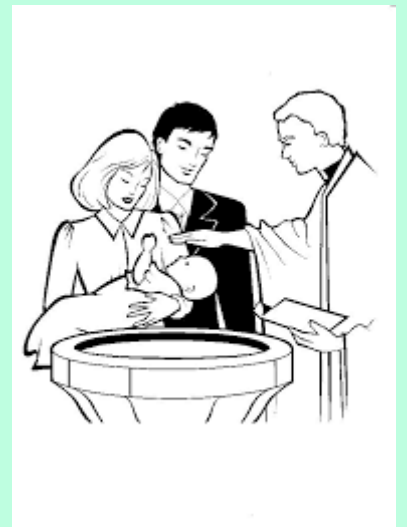
GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3,11-32

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 March at 7.30pm in the church.**

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



Congratulations to all couples planning their marriage.

REMEMBER ...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.

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



**Wicklow Historical Society
presents:**

**Wicklow Through the Ages -
Well-known personalities in
Wicklow Town in the late
19th and early 20th
centuries - Part 2
by
Brian White**

**De La Salle Pastoral Centre
Tuesday, 25th March
@ 8pm**

LOURDES



LOURDES PILGRIMAGE Wicklow Rathnew 26 August 2025

7 Nights

€1,095 per person sharing

- » Direct return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- » 20kg bags included
- » Return Airport Transfers in Lourdes
- » 7 nights accommodation in La Solitude Hotel
- » Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- » Full religious programme including Anointing of the Sick, Torchlight Procession, Blessed Sacrament Procession & International Mass
- » Visit Places associated with the life of St. Bernadette including a guided tour of Lourdes and Bartres

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Bethany

Bereavement Support

The death of a loved one can be an overwhelming and isolating experience but you don't have to face it alone.

National Bereavement Support for Adults

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group offers a safe, compassionate space where you can share your grief and find comfort among others who understand. Our trained listeners provide emotional, practical support to help you navigate this difficult time.

Whether you need to talk, to be listened to or simply be present, Bethany is here for you. Our help is confidential and free.

You are very welcome to join us at one of our meetings. We meet at 8pm on the last Tuesday of every month in the De La Salle Centre in Wicklow. You can call or text us at 086 8359 148

You are not alone - we are here for you.



Unit 2, First Floor,
Rear of Boots Pharmacy,
Abbey Street, Wicklow

Have you, or a family member,
been diagnosed with Cancer?

We're here to help -
All our services are free of charge

0404 32696 or 086 821 6694

Email info@wicklowcancersupport.ie

Open: Mon-Fri: 10.00-5.00.

Closed for lunch 1-2p.m.

PARISH OFFICE & SHOP

The Parish Office is located in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and is open Monday through to Friday from 10am till 12.30 pm for all general parish enquiries, to book masses, to arrange baptisms / wedding bookings, enquiries, to drop in envelopes, buy mass cards etc. We would be very happy to help you - in person or on the phone at 61699.

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.....

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I thank God for
always giving me
Another chance
Amen

