

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

25th August 2024

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Gospel Reflections **Big Choices** *Donal Neary SJ*

Big Choices We remember big and small choices in life. Ones that effected life totally like a job, marriage, retirement, redundancy; having an operation or many more. Or Choices about the children that effected their lives – school, moving house, health issues.

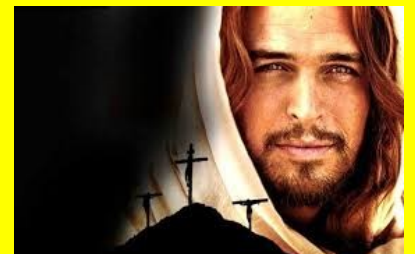
Life is made up of many choices, big and small. Human, spiritual and religious choices. Peter had this sort of choice today. Would he go after Jesus or leave like others did. He stayed and he would have many more attempts at that choice. Why did he stay? Our choices come from something within us. We need Christ within us if we are to follow him.

Peter had enough of love for Jesus inside him to make this choice, it might not always be easy and he would give in later but come back. His choice eventually would be to answer Jesus' question – do you love me?

The choice for Jesus is the choice for love. In all sorts of ways. For those near at hand. If you choose Jesus then the hunger of the world as well as the tears of a baby affects you. What we do in love for others comes from the deepest part of life. We need to fill our lives with Christ to be able to share this love in big and small ways.

We need the company of other choosers. The community of faith and of the church. Peter says – to whom shall we go? We follow Christ together.

*Let those words, 'to whom shall I go, Lord', echo in your prayer and talk to the Lord about how you feel.
Lord we pray for support and strength in our following of you.*



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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		Ted Lucey; (A) Peter Scanlon (A)
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		NO MASS

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH
18th August 2024

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 370
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 595
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration - € 345
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 : Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Psalm : 14:2-5

Second Reading : James 1:17-18, 21-22,27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8,14-15, 21-23

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE CHANGES IN MASS TIMES
FOR NEXT WEEKEND (31 August/1 September)

BARNDARRIG - NO VIGIL MASS ON SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST
RATHNEW - NO 9.00AM MASS ON SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER
GLENEALY - NO 10.30 AM MASS ON SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

Mass will be available in the following Churches at the following times:

Ashford Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Kilbride	9.00am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)
Brittas Bay	12.00pm	(Sunday)



Bishop Donal Roche will celebrate Mass at 12.00 (noon) in Wicklow on Sunday, 8 September. If you would like to be associated with a presentation to acknowledge his many years of service in this area, there will be a collection after Mass at Ashford and Glenealy churches this weekend.



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.

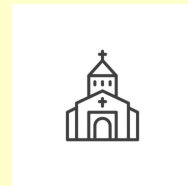
Built Heritage • Suitable for Families • Free Car Parking available • Fully Wheelchair accessible

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

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

**Saturday, 24 August at 7.00pm
A Trip Down Memory Lane - Frank Kelly with Rebecca and Emily.**

€10 (includes Refreshments).

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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**TRUST
IN THE
LORD
WITH ALL YOUR
HEART**

- PROVERBS 3:5