

#### Gospel Reflections Faith beyond words Donal Neary SJ

Jesus' religious beliefs grew on the word of God. Through boyhood and family life, visits to the synagogue and prayer, he heard the word of God. Gradually he knew what it meant. Now was his time to speak that word, and to begin his ministry.

For Mary and Joseph this was a proud moment. They had given their time and love to Jesus' upbringing and now it would bear fruit. Today parents worry about the faith of their children. They see a different attitude to religion, prayer, morality and many other aspects of life. They wonder did they do their job well.

Much of the culture today goes against God and religion.

Parents cannot fight the culture. But they can hand on the best of the gospel by their own faith and by the way they live their lives, by their love and by speaking the truth as they see it. What is handed on in faith is beyond words.

**Teachers and Chaplains** play a big role in handing on our faith. The Church owes a huge gratitude to teachers, chaplains, priest and lay, who have held that role in very difficult times over the last forty years.

We are all part of the 'faith ministry' of Jesus. By our own prayer we can help a new generation find their way to faith. We hand over worries to the Lord. Prayer gives us the encouragement to support a younger generation in their ways of faith - meditation groups, prayer groups, folk and gospel music Masses, work for and

among the poor. God loves our younger generation more than we do!

Lord may my own faith grow deeper by my relationship with you. Help those who search for you, especially the young. Help us all to find your love in our lives, Amen.



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SATURDAY 6.00pm ASHFORD	Cecil Ward (19 parents Jack & F Mary & Frank Wo Crean, Jerry	rances Ward oley, Jennifer	NO MASS		
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#### Pastoral Area Funeral Team Members Meeting.

Please be advised that the meeting for the above ministerial team will take place on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, Wicklow.

Hoping to see as many members as possible at the meeting as we continue to strive towards building our Parish Partnership.

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#### Mass Schedule B and C.

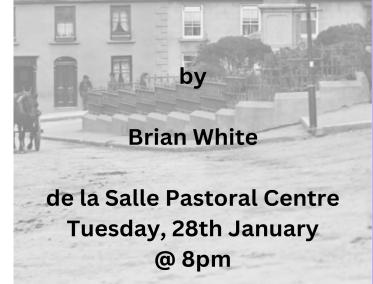
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Ashford Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)	<b>NO MASS in Glenealy</b>
Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)	•
Kilbride	9.00am	(Sunday)	<b>NO MASS in Barndarrig</b>
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)	U
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)	<b>NO MASS in Rathnew</b>
Brittas Bay	12.00pm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

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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)

## Wicklow Historical Society presents:

Wicklow Through the Ages -Well-known personalities in Wicklow Town in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.



<u>Separated, Divorced, Widowed Are you coping?</u>

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: Satur-day 25th, January, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 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

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