



ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

29th September 2024

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Gospel Reflections Making a Difference Donal Neary

There's a certain definiteness in the gospel today. Like a team going on a field to win. We are either with Jesus or against him, and this is proved in our way of life. Following Jesus does not necessarily mean being different from others. It means throwing ourselves into the everyday life and needs of people and giving what we can.

It comes out also in public life. We can make our voices heard about issues which deeply effect others, like respecting and protecting life, like ensuring we care for our children in fact as well as in law, legislating wisely about marriage, in how we legislate for the care of our elderly. We may work to free our country from the effects of addiction with drugs and alcohol.

Jesus is asking for a definite way of life and of wanting to make a difference. Faith is more than assent of the mind, but a way of life and of trust – a way of life in not hindering others, but helping with compassion and good deeds. Our way of life is a sharing of faith one to another – *“Faith is passed on by contact, from one person to another, just as one candle is lighted from another”* – Pope Francis.

The people who make a difference are building blocks rather than stumbling blocks. Every good cause will have its 'begrudgers'. The apostles themselves were like that and bit by bit realised that following Jesus can be seen in many ways, and in the giving of cold water or hot soup, or in any way, making a big difference in life is being a true follower.

*Remember a time you made a difference in someone's life.
Ask the Lord that we be able to do this again.
Lord, teach me to serve you as you deserve.*

Mass Schedule B and C.

Mass Schedule B in the event of one priest not being available.

Weekend 5/6 October

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)

	This week we remember	Next week we remember
SATURDAY 6.00pm ASHFORD		<i>Bill and Mary O'Toole</i>
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		

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22nd SEPTEMBER 2024

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 390
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 520
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration - € 310
MAINTENANCE - goes towards Parish upkeep - € 80

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: Genesis 2: 18-24

PSALM: 127

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2: 9-11

GOSPEL: Mark 10: 2-16



Missionary Sisters of Saint Columban
Celebrating the Journey
1924 – 2024

You are invited to join the Columban Sisters on **Sunday 29th September at 3pm** for their Centenary Celebratory Mass in St. Patricks Church, Wicklow. Refreshments will be served after the mass in the Pastoral Centre situated in the Church grounds.

Monster

SALE

Glenealy Village Hall

There will be a Monster Sale in Glenealy Village Hall on Sunday, 29 September from 11.00am to 4.00pm.

There's lots and lots of great bargains.

Make sure to arrive early to bag a bargain!



St. Vincent de Paul Collection

The Church door quarterly collection for the local conferences will be held on the weekend of the 28th & 29th of September, in Wicklow, Rathnew, Ashford & Glenealy.

Your generous support, as normal, of this collection would be very much appreciated.

Registration for the Sacraments

Registration for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation for parents of children in Catholic Schools who wish their children to receive those sacraments in the academic year 2024-2025 is now live on the pastoral area website, www.stmantan.ie under Genral Information – Sacraments.

St. Mantan Pastoral Area Education Programme

The St. Mantan Pastoral Area offers Religious Education classes for Catholic children attending non-Catholic schools.

The programme provides a two-year preparation course for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Classes began on Tuesday 17th September.

If your child was baptised outside the pastoral area, please bring a copy of their baptismal certificate. More information is available on www.stmantan.ie under the headings General Information – Sacraments – Parish religious education programme.



Glenealy Village Hall - Gala 70th Anniversary Concert

Glenealy Village Hall presents a Gala 70th Anniversary Concert at 8.00pm on Saturday, 12th October.

The concert features performances from **WICKLOW MALE VOICE CHOIR; DOEY WALSH; UKRAINIAN CHOIR; SPOTLIGHT STUDIOS; EILEEN McCLANE; EASY STREET; SARAH THOMPSON.**

Tickets are only €10 each and are available from Glenealy Village Hall (0404-44040); Browne's Village Stores and Rosie (086-066-

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



Alcoholics Anonymous: Drink Problem? You're not alone.

Kilcoole Community Centre –
Open public meeting on the last
Friday of every month 8pm
Enquiries: Phone 01 842 0700 or
www.alcoholicsanonymous.ie.
All enquiries in strictest
confidence.

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.

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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VILLAGE PLAYERS
RATHNEW
Present

THE HILARIOUS COMEDY

The Mating Season

by Sam Cree

October, 2024
Thursday 10th,
Friday 11th & Saturday 12th
St. Bridget's Hall, Rathnew, A67 X583,
At 8pm nightly

Tickets €12
Available from GR8events.ie

