

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Lent— Laetare
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30th March 2025

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Gospel Reflection ~ Donal Neary SJ

Give me my legacy ... now!

This is a real family story about breakups and reconciliation, about love that covers all sorts of happenings and about love to the end. It is about a father who loved all the time, and many a parent identifies with it.

Look at a few things... the son had wanted him dead... *'give me the legacy Da'*. Everyone knew that. He had shamed the family. And the old man waited for years, hoping that his loved son would return.

Look at what happened when he came home - mercy took over - the run, robe, ring and the sandals. He was welcomed as a son. The father doesn't even say once that he forgives. He loves totally and that includes forgiveness.

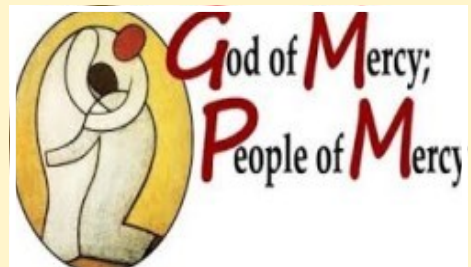
It's mercy all the time. That repairs the loss. The son wanted to be a hired servant and that would have kept the old man at a distance. He was brought back as a son.

The story is also a call on us to have mercy. People all do wrong - often great wrong. We need a lot of mercy in our country now, but we can't hold bitterness forever. The gospel today encourages us to love as we have been loved with the love that is merciful.

And even when we can't do this - like the elder son - we are still loved.

The father says - ***All I have is yours.*** God gives his love all the time and waits for our response. Mercy may take time. And God has all the time in the world.

*Lord have mercy, on me and on all who stray,
today and every day. Amen.*



Sincere sympathies to the family of

*Al (Aloysius) Caffrey late of Rathnew
& Ashford*

	This week we remember	Next week we remember
SATURDAY 6.00pm ASHFORD	Joseph Murphy 2nd anniversary	
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY	Martine Kelly (A) Noel Kelly (A)	

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23rd March 2025

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	- € 115
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	- € 515
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	€ 410
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	- € 90

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: Isaiah 43: 16-21

PSALM: 125

SECOND READING: Philipians 3:8-14

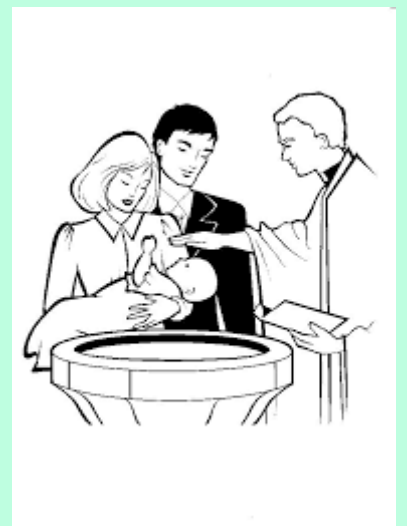
GOSPEL: John 8:1-11

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



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

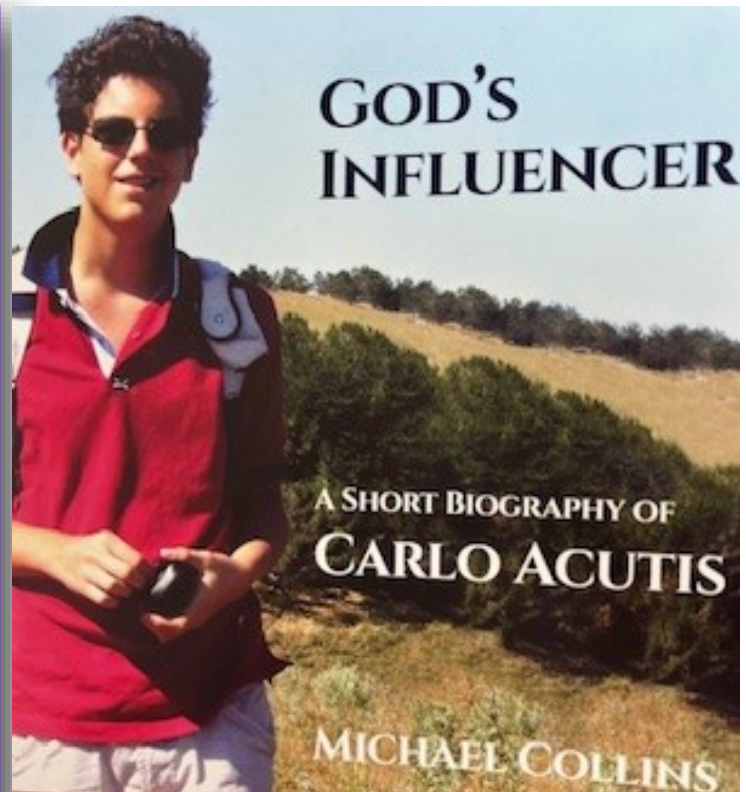
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Now available to buy in the Parish Office, costing €10
BI Carlo Acutis to be Canonized April 25-27, 2025
at the Jubilee of Teenagers.



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

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 8359148

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*

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 ar-

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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