

ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

30th JUNE 2024

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Gospel Reflections **Community of Healing** *Donal Neary SJ*

A man had an addictive habit in his life. He said: *"It took me a long time, and countless failures, to realize that you can't change your life simply by willpower. You can only change it by grace and community."* Alcoholics Anonymous has always known this. It's not enough just to have willpower. It's only by touching some higher power, and this is most easily done within a community, that we actually change our lives.

This seems to be in the gospel today. Grace went out from Jesus and healing. And it happened in the community of the disciples and family. A young girl had died – the beginning of her mature life. An older lady who had been ill for years. The big ministry of Jesus was for healing and he healed where others did not – among women. People brought people to him, people prayed for each other as we do today, in a community of healing.

The Church needs to rediscover this. Our liturgies can be so individualistic – even how we sit separately, and often *'pray our own thing'*. The Mass is *'our'* Mass, *'not mine, not yours'*. The people at the house of Jairus and the disciples around the woman were together in faith and in prayer. We cannot be Christians on our own. Faith is personal but not private. Our gatherings need more of the communal faith, with a sincere welcome as we enter and a hope to make life better for others as we exit.

Ordinary ways too -even a hello on the street, an enquiry about a worry, a helping hand in many ways bring the healing love of Jesus as it was brought to the people then.

Become aware of how you need the healing and strength of Jesus in your life, and ask : Lay your hands gently on me O Lord, and on all who need your healing.



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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	Peadar and Teresa McGrath	Lana and Pat Jenkinson
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		

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23rd June 2024

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 130
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 610
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration - € 235
MAINTENANCE - goes towards Parish upkeep - € 95

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 : Ezekiel 2: 2-5

Psalm : 122

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10,

Gospel: Mark 6: 1-6

**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.**



BLESSINGS OF THE GRAVES 2024

Barndarrig Cemetery: Tuesday, 2nd July @ 7.30pm

Three Mile Water Cemetery: Monday, July 8th at 7.30pm

Castletimon Cemetery: Monday, July 15th at 7.30pm

Rathnew Cemetery: Wednesday 17th July at 7.30pm

Glenealy Cemetery: Saturday 20th July at 3.00pm

Killoughter Cemetery: Tuesday 23rd July at 7.30pm



PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE CHANGES IN MASS TIMES
FOR NEXT WEEKEND - 6th & 7th July/
& THE FOLLOWING WEEK

BARNDARRIG - NO VIGIL MASS ON SATURDAY 6TH JULY
RATHNEW - NO 9.00AM MASS ON SUNDAY 7TH JULY
GLENEALY - NO 10.30AM MASS ON SUNDAY 7TH JULY

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)

Thursday 4th July at 10.00am - in St Patrick's, Wicklow
Liturgy of the Word Service with Holy Communion

MONDAY 8TH JULY - NO 7PM MASS IN ST JOSEPH'S RATHNEW

Wednesday 10th July at 10.00am - in St Mary's, Barndarrig
Liturgy of the Word Service with Holy Communion

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 25th July at 7.30pm
in the Church of the Most Holy
Rosary, Ashford



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.

Conversational Irish Tuesdays at 10.00 am

Line Dancing Tuesdays 12.00 to 1.00pm

Walking on the Murrough Wednesdays at 11.00am

Choir Fridays 3.00pm—4.00pm

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

You will be sure of a Céad Míle Fáilte

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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Contact Number.....

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"YOU NEVER KNOW
HOW STRONG YOU
ARE UNTIL BEING
STRONG IS THE ONLY
CHOICE YOU HAVE."

- Cayla Mills -

