

For Masses
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic
Ministers

Ashford

Maureen Stockdale
Des Tully

Paddy Andrews
Tom McHugh

Glenealy

Pat O'Sullivan

To be determined at Mass

Vigil -6:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

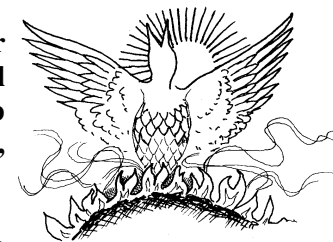


Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

1st Sunday of Lent

GIVE UP GIVING UP

We can't help thinking of Lent as a time for "giving up" things. Ever since we were small we have been told that Lent is a time for giving up sweets, giving up watching TV, giving up cakes, giving up alcohol, giving up....



There's nothing wrong with giving up things. It can be a good way of concentrating our minds on higher issues. Of course, the bible warns us about giving up things whilst not doing anything about those in need. There's no point in doing without food and drink if you don't also clothe the naked and release the oppressed, says God.

So what makes giving up good or bad is the motive behind it. But better than "giving up things" is "giving up self". Rather than miss out on the movie, bypass the brandy or pass on the pudding, think of giving up something of your own self and handing it on to others.

It doesn't take a genius to realise that if each one of us did one small thing to help a person in need during Lent, then we could do much to alleviate the plight of the naked and oppressed. For today's naked and oppressed are the homeless, those struggling to make ends meet, those who will die of starvation, those whose basic human rights are denied them, those who face the world alone and confused, and those who find it hard to survive.

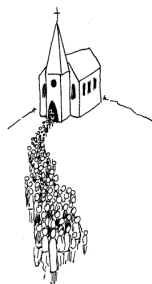
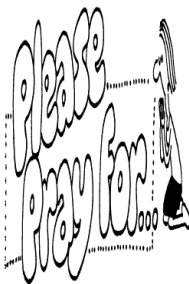
Our Lenten fast takes flesh if we are prepared to give something of ourselves to another person. It does not have to be someone thousands of miles away. Our giving can be a few minutes of "quality time" with a young person who feels that adults don't really care, or a visit to an elderly person who craves for human contact, the touch of a human hand and a chat with somebody who is bothered and who will listen.



So, by all means, give something up for Lent. But like Christ who fasted for forty days in the desert, make it a gift of yourself.

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK

- Ashford Mar 14th 9 am Mary & Jack Byrne
- Ashford Mar 15th 9am Mary Paddy & Bill O'Neill
- Glenealy Mar 15 10:00am
- Ashford Mar 16th 9:45 am No Intention
- Ashford Mar 16th 6:00 Myles Rowan
- Glenealy Mar 17th 9:30am
- Ashford Mar 17th 11am Alick Doyle
- Ashford Mar 18th 900 am-Sr Teresa O'Donnell
- Ashford Mar 19th Vigil 6pm Nellie & John Severs
- Glenealy Mar Sunday 20th 9:30 am
- Ashford Sunday Mar 20th 11:00 am Ned Byrne



CHURCH CLEANING ASHFORD-NEXT STEPS

Firstly, many thanks to those who came by Thursday evening last to do a cleanup of the pews. It's a good start and a great piece of work!! Secondly, to bring all up to current, it has been decided to have the Church interior stain glass windows cleaned professionally, as well as the wood flooring re-varnished and treated. That work begins on Monday next and should take a day or two to complete.

In the meantime, the next essential feature is to set up our four teams .To complete this task, it will be necessary for as many as can to attend a meeting at the church on Tuesday March 15th in the evening at 7:00pm.It will be a simple matter of getting the teams set up; hopefully 3-4 members per team. .Once done, each team can decide how best they would like to organize their time regarding when they would want to complete their tasks. etc. From the meeting a rota will be drawn up and a copy distributed to everyone .So that's where it stands for now! Again many thanks to all who have agreed to take on the role. See you all on Tuesday night. If you cannot attend, could you let Fr. Kevin, Fr Edward, Brendan, or some other member of the group know.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Offertory: € 855
Share: € 570
Planned Giving: € 386
Maint. & Devel € 169

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Baptisms: Ashford 1st Sunday each month after 11:00 am Mass. 3 Weeks notice required.

Glenealy 3rd Saturday each month at 12:00 . 3 weeks notice required.

Marriages: Three months notice required by Church and the State . N.B. New Civil law Regulations require that all couples present themselves to the priest in the Church before a marriage date can be booked into the Church Diary.



MASS ON ST. PATRICK’S DAY MARCH 17TH

Thursday is St. Patrick’s Day; a Holy Day and National Holiday. Mass Times on the day will be the same as a Sunday

Masses are: Glenealy, Thursday 9:30 am.

Ashford 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday and at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CLEAN CHURCH IN GLENEALY



A number of the volunteers cleaning the church in Glenealy have dropped out and we thank them for their service over the years. However this means we are looking for new volunteers to take their place if you can spare an hour or two per week for this worthy task please leave your name in the sacristy after mass. If you are already volunteering and intend to continue can you also let us know so that new care teams and a new rota can be drawn up.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES CANCELLED



As the response from parishioners has been extremely low, it has become necessary to cancel the planned pilgrimage to Lourdes for this June. To those who had expressed an interest we express our regrets and hope they will find some other group with whom to make this rewarding pilgrimage.

LENT 2011

Weekday masses are as follows:

Ashford: Monday and Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday at 9:45 am, Thursday and Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Glenealy: Tuesday’s and Thursday’s at 10:00 a.m.



MASS INTENTIONS

As was announced some time ago(Jan/10) with the mass time changes it was decided that parishioners seeking months mind Masses or first year anniversary masses would receive special consideration.; as some families were having difficulty finding free weekend masses. I’m sure you agree that these important milestones in the grieving process should be given preference However this means that booked anniversary masses may have to be moved or become a shared intention at a particular mass. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your co-operation in this matter.



DATES FOR CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Confirmation:

Next celebration 10th of April at the 11:00 mass in Ashford. The Service of Light will take place on Monday 16th of May at 7:30 p.m. The celebration of Confirmation will take place in Ashford on Friday 20th May at 11:00 a.m

First Holy Communion

Next celebrations on Sunday 27th March and Sunday 8th of May in both Churches
Celebration of Reconciliation: Ashford on Tuesday 29th March at 7:30 p.m.
First Holy Communion Ashford on Saturday 14th May at 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon and in Glenealy on Sunday 22nd May at 11:30 a.m. Please pray for the children

CONGRATULATIONS



To the children from 2nd Class in Glenealy who celebrated the sacrament of Penance for the first time on Friday last. Well done to 1st class who led the singing and thank you to their teacher for all her hard work.

STEP IT OUT...FOR CASA!

Each participant must raise €2,000 minimum for this wonderful experience. All monies raised will support our respite programme ‘CASA Breakhouses’ for respite breaks for people with disabilities. For more information contact CASA 01 8725300 or 087 1518183 or e-mail info@casa.ie

For your information

TIDY TOWNS

Ashford Tidy Towns are planning a Race Night on Friday 15th April in the Woodpecker Pub, to raise funds for bins, planters and tools, They hope everyone can come along, it will be good fun. Ahead of the event , they are looking for 20 people to sell 5 Horses and Jockeys @ €20 each. Please let one of organizing committee members know if you can help, They will then contact you with more details. Indeed, if you wish to donate/purchase a horse/s & jockey/s, please contact one of the committee members: David Dodd, Hillary Madden, Pauline Flanagan, Nicola Glynn, Conor Kennedy, or Kathleen Fitzsimons