

For Masses  
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic  
Ministers

### Ashford

Vigil –6:00 pm

Joe Kavanagh 1st Ps  
Dierdre McMahon 2nd GA

Donal Dunne  
Sr Mary

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Eileen Byrne 1st Ps  
Michael Noone 2nd GA

Pat Ferguson

### Glenealy

Vigil-7:30 pm

Mary King

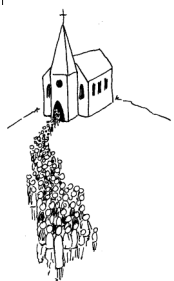
Noel Quinn

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Marie Phelan

Phillip Carroll

### MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK



Ashford Nov 30th 9am Bridget & John Smith

Ashford Dec 1st 9am No Intention

Ashford Dec 2nd 9am Ellen Keane

Ashford Dec 3rd 9am No Intention

Ashford Dec 4th 9 am Altar List of the Dead

Ashford Saturday Vigil Mrs Elizabeth McInenrey

Ashford Sunday 11:00 am Thomas & Rosanna Boyce

Glenealy Vigil Mass Thomas O'Brien

Glenealy Sunday 9:30 am Lizzie, Mary & Eileen Murphy



### MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS-ASHFORD

The commissioning service will be held for Readers of the Word and Eucharistic Ministers during the 11:00 Mass this Sunday, the 1st Sunday of Advent. Those present will join the priest after his homily and as in previous years there will be prayer and a blessing as we begin this new liturgical year.



### PRAYER OF SUPPORT

The following prayer was sent to Archbishop Martin by someone who suffered abuse so that it could be shared in our parishes. It captures our situation with simplicity and sincerity.

Lord, we are so sorry for what some of us did to your children: treated them so cruelly, especially in their hour of need. We have left them with a lifelong suffering.

This was not your plan for them or us.

Please help us to help them.

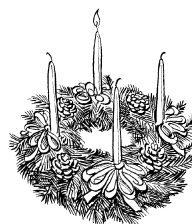
Guide us, Lord, Amen.



# Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

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## First Sunday of Advent



### WAITING-HOPING-TRUSTING

We're in the middle of two Advents. One has already happened 2,000 years ago when God came among us as a baby in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. The second one is still to happen in the future when Christ will return and human history will come to an end. Today's liturgy concentrates on this future coming.

But in a world that doesn't even know that Advent exists and that has already flung itself fully into the festivities of a commercial Christmas, how can Christians celebrate Advent?

In Advent, Christians wait. We just wait. Every week in our Creed we speak of Jesus coming again to judge the living and the dead; and we talk about looking forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Advent reminds us that there is more to life than what we see with our eyes and hear with our ears. A promise of everlasting life is on offer. Advent is about maturing slowly, about allowing God's Spirit to form us and mould us so we're ready for Christ's coming. In Advent, Christians hope. If we celebrate Advent properly then we feel a sense of great longing. We find ourselves yearning for Christ to come again and to set up his everlasting kingdom where we shall see God face to face and enjoy the unending happiness of heaven. Advent hope sustains us amid all the comings and goings of a society intent on having and getting, one that mistakes pleasure for joy, consuming for concern and enjoyment for bliss. But Christians wait in joyful hope for Christ to return.

In Advent, Christians recognise their trust and dependence on God. It's not all down to us. It is God who will unlock the gates of heaven for us. Our God will not come to condemn us but to set us free since Christ is not a predator but a liberator. Advent encourages us to recognise and acknowledge our dependence on God. Will we be around when Christ comes back again or will we see God face to face when we die? The chances are the latter. But because we are held in the palm of God's hand we await his coming in joyful hope. And our Advent cry is: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

### LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Offertory: €1215  
Share: € 700  
Planned Giving: € 310  
Maint. & Devel € 260

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**Baptisms: Ashford 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month after 11:00 am Mass. 3 Weeks notice required.**

**Glenealy 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE FOR YOUNG AND OLD



**T**his concert will feature the Choral Society and Bray Youth Choir; under the direction of Frank Kelly.

It will be held in Ashford Church on December 6th

The programme will include Carols Old and New as well as readings of relevant material from literature about the Christmas Experience for Young and Old.

There have been 250 tickets printed off and these will be on sale this weekend at our Ashford Church and as well at Martsworth.

Tickets cost € 10.00 and are to be sold on a first come first served basis!!

*Don't miss out on what promises to be a wonderful pre Christmas celebration for all the family!!*



## RECENT BAPTISMS

On Saturday  
November 21st

Fr Kevin welcomed into our Christian family Eoin Barnville at his baptism held in Glenealy Church while on Saturday Fr. Liam Belton welcomed Hannah McDermott in Ashford Church. *May their faith grow stronger with each passing day.*

## ASHFORD CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRESENTS

*GIVE CHILD A GIFT AT  
CHRISTMAS AND  
CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE*

In Aid of Our Lady's Children's Hospital  
Crumlin.

Holy Rosary Church , Friday 18th December 2009  
Ashford, Co Wicklow  
Doors opening at 7.30 pm

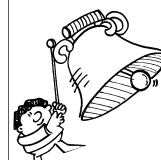
In return we are asking people to please bring a wrapped gift for the Children at Our Lady's Hospital, Crumlin (No Furry Toys please)  
Thank you for your support - Santa will be there to receive the gifts .



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

**T**he St Vincent de Paul annual Christmas Cabaret and Concert takes place in the Grand Hotel on this Sunday November 29th at 8:00 pm. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Tickets are available from 0867314589 or 0404 40790 or at Earls Newsagents. Tickets include a free raffle the prize being an organic free range grown turkey!! The Society urgently requires your help as funds are extremely low! Please help them as they try to keep up with the numerous demands they face!!



## Ashford School Christmas Fair

A reminder that the annual School Christmas Fair will be taking place this - Sunday November 29th 2.30pm - 5.00pm in the school hall. Lots and lots of items on offer; so we invite you to drop along and show your support our local School!!

## CHANGE TO UPCOMING EVENT IN ASHFORD SCHOOL

Due to unforeseen circumstances the lighting of the hope tree which was due to take place Saturday next Dec 5th has now been cancelled.

## An Alzheimer's Information Evening

The event will take place in the Grand Hotel Wicklow on Tuesday next December 1st at 8 pm. It will be in collaboration with Wicklow Mental Health Association. Admission to the event is free of charge and all are welcome to attend!



## First Friday

Friday next is First Friday. Masses will be celebrated for the Altar List of the Dead in Ashford at 9 am and in Glenealy at 10 am.

A silent hour of Exposition of the Blessed sacrament will take place commencing after the 9 am Mass in Ashford and the 10:00 a.m. mass in Glenealy. Please note this will mean that the rosary will be recited before the 9:00 a.m. mass in Ashford on that day.

## RECENT DEATH

On Saturday last the funeral mass for Jane Byrne was celebrated in Ashford Church, we extend to her family and friends our deepest sympathy.

**MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.**



## TREES OF REMEMBRANCE

As we begin our Advent season our Trees of Remembrance are removed from the Churches. The names of loved ones who have been remembered are now placed with those others who form our Altar List of the Faithful Departed and on each First Friday they will be remembered all year at the Masses in both our churches!

