

For Masses Next Weekend	 Reader	Eucharistic Minister 
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Ashford

Vigil –6:00 pm

John Holly 1st/Ps
Celia McWatt 2nd /GA

Sr Valery
Ray Kinsella

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Fintan Fanning 1st/Ps
Dick Fitzpatrick 2nd /GA

Ann Clarke
Gary Dowling

Glenealy

Vigil-7:30 pm

Rosie Cooney

Noel Quinn

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Lizzie McElhinney

Eleanor O’Neill



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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A HERE-AND-THERE GOD



Job is often credited with being a patient man. We talk of the patience of Job perhaps because so many awful things happened to him and yet he kept his faith in God. Yet it didn’t stop him from having a go at God and complaining about his circumstances. In today’s reading God comes back at him and says, “Where were you when I was creating the world?”


Our relationship with God in Christ is a strange one. On the one hand we keep God at a distance, recognising that he is all-powerful, that he is the author of creation and that we are nothing but impotent compared to the attributes of God. Yet on the other hand we claim enormous intimacy with God, calling him our Father, confiding our hopes and fears to him and expecting him to forgive our faults and failings.

The idea that God is up there in heaven and completely beyond our fathoming is called God’s transcendence. The idea that he is very much present here on earth, accessible in Jesus and made visible in the lives of other people is called God’s immanence. Today’s scripture reveals that our God is both transcendent and immanent. He’s both here and there.

When Jesus and the disciples are in the boat and it’s in danger of sinking their natural reaction is to turn to Jesus who calms the storm. This teaches us a number of things. Firstly, it teaches us that God hasn’t just made the world and then left it to its own devices. Jesus uses the power given by his Father to intervene. God is not simply transcendent, not simply up there. He’s here as well. And secondly it shows us the closeness of Jesus’ relationship with the Father that he could rebuke nature and it would obey him. This story is perhaps one way in which St Mark tries to let us know how the disciples gradually learned Jesus’ secret: that he was the Messiah of God.


Unlike the disciples, Job had no trouble realising that God was up there and yet down here. He recognised that God was responsible for creating the world and keeping it in being and yet he dared to call on God to engage in the most mundane things.

If you were looking for God today, would you look up there or down here?



MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK

June 22nd Ashford 9am No Intention
 June 23rd Ashford 9am Jody Vickers
 June 24th Ashford 9 am Frank Higgins
 June 25th Ashford 9 am No Intention
 June 26th Ashford 9 am No Intention
 Vigil June 27th Ashford Emily & William Clarke
 Sunday June 28th Ashford 11:00 Ann & Bernard Clifton
 Vigil June 27th Glenealy 7:30pm Bride & James Nolan
 Sunday June 28th Glenealy 9:30 am No Intention





FAMILY DAY AND DOG SHOW

Plans are now being put in place to hold a special family day/dog show in the Ashford National School grounds. It will take place during July with full details to be made available soon.



This event has been a tremendous success in the past few years and has been indeed a fun day for all!
 No doubt this year will be no exception!!

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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.

SENIOR HELP LINE

DO YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?

Senior Help Line is a confidential listening service for older people by older people for the price of a local call anywhere in Ireland, LoCall 1850 440 444.

Senior Help Line is open every day from 10 am till 4 pm and 7 pm till 10 pm, 365 days a year.

Senior Help Line's trained older volunteers offer a friendly, listening and non-judgmental ear to all callers. So don't be alone with your problem. Lifting the phone lessens the loneliness. We will be waiting for your call. LoCall 1850 440 444.



Summer Break



We will not be publishing our weekly newsletter effective the end of June. We will return in September.

If any parishioners have details for events which will be taking place during the summer months and wish them advertised please let us know so that we can include them in the June newsletters.

As well we are hoping to keep our Ashford/Glenealy events page on the parish web site active over the two months of summer

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE



The planned sign up to become an Associate Member and so assist in sponsoring those who cannot afford the costs to attend this pilgrimage takes place at the Church in Ashford this weekend. The collection in Glenealy will be announced once arrangements are in place. Please take a moment to support this very worthwhile cause!



MASS & BLESSING OF GRAVES- GLENEALY

The annual Mass and bless the graves in Glenealy Saturday the 24th of July the at 3pm.

There will be a social gathering after the Mass in Glenealy Community Hall.

Annual Raffle 2009

The annual raffle for Ashford Churches will take place on Friday August 14th at the Wicklow Golf Club in conjunction with the Ashford Golf Classic.



Tickets will be available during next week. They will cost €5 a book!



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is at hand.

FEAST DAY

WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE

The Birth of John the Baptist. Solemnity. We rejoice at the coming of John the Baptist, a man of self-denial, integrity of life and purpose, and an uncompromising prophetic voice. This feast relates to the summer solstice, when the days begin to grow shorter, recalling John's words, 'He must increase, I must decrease'.

LATIN DANCERCISE

Latin Dancercise fitness course for adults in Glenealy Community Hall:

- Starting Mon 15th June - running for 4 Mondays

8-9pm

- €45 per person for the course

- Workout to Cha Cha, Salsa, Samba and Jive rhythms

- Two teachers both trained internationally in Latin Dance

- Ladies and gents, all ages welcome

- no partner needed - this is primarily a fitness course using Latin dance rhythm as its basis so all dancing is without a partner.

Call 0863262635 or email latindancercise@gmail.com for more info

