

For Masses
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic
Ministers

Ashford

Vigil –6:00 pm

Carmel Grant 1st Ps,
Colm O’Doherty 2nd GA

Denis McWatt
Margaret McDermott

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Dick Fitzpatrick 1st Ps,
Fintan Fanning 2nd GA

Teresa Bourke
Ronnie Connolly

Glenealy

Vigil-7:30 pm

Daniel Verveen

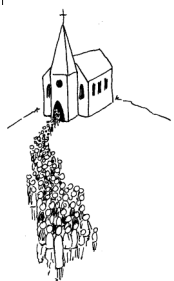
Noel Quinn

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Margaret O’Neill

Marian Carroll

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK



Ashford Nov 23rd 9am Don O’Gorman
Ashford Nov 24th 9am No Intention
Ashford Nov 25th 9am No Intention
Ashford Nov 26th 9am Alphonsus Devine
Ashford Nov 27th 9 am Aidan Stafford
Ashford Saturday Vigil Pat Shea M.M
Ashford Sunday 11:00 am Pat Nugent
Glenealy Vigil Mass Jay & Frances Byrne
Glenealy Sunday 9:30 am Mary Byrne



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 next 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.



Tea & Biscuits After the 11:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday



All is ready today for our second tea and biscuits morning. It will be held in the National School after 11:00 Mass.

A word of thanks to the organizers and helpers involved. Come and join us



Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

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Our Lord Jesus Christ Universal King



A TALE OF THREE KINGDOMS

We use the word kingdom quite a lot in our liturgy. At every Mass we pray the Lord’s Prayer asking, “Thy kingdom come”. We acclaim God by saying, “For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever”. And we ask for “the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever”.

The first words Jesus speaks in St Mark’s gospel are “The time has come and the kingdom of God is close at hand”. On one level the kingdom is past. Christ came to establish the kingdom of God and so it already exists. What sort of kingdom did he set up? Some people thought it might be a political kingdom to overthrow the Roman occupiers, but Jesus said the citizens of the kingdom would be the poor, the gentle and the persecuted. Do we really want “Thy kingdom come” if this is what it means? So if the kingdom has already been set up, then it must also be present somewhere today. If we live in it, then how should we behave? When we pray “Thy kingdom come” we are telling God that we want to live under the reign of Christ the King. Do we let Christ into our lives or is he someone we have heard about but who doesn’t impinge on our daily existence. St Paul says that today is the day of salvation. Do we try to make our today’s conform with the kingdom or do we separate our daily lives from our religious beliefs? Do the values of God’s kingdom feature in my life, my family, my job? Who’s in charge of my life, who’s the king? “Thy kingdom come”?

Christ the King is not someone dead and buried. He is the Risen Lord and he leads us on to discover even more of the joys of the kingdom that he has established here on earth. He promises never to abandon us and to be with us always. Christ is king of our tomorrows and shows us the way to fullness of life, on both sides of the grave. So his kingdom is also a future reality and that’s why we pray for the peace and unity of the kingdom where God now lives.

The Father showed his great love for us by sending his Son. Christ himself now walks by our side. God waits for us in all our tomorrows. Past, present and future: a tale of three kingdoms that are really one.

LAST WEEKEND’S COLLECTION

Offertory: € 1205
Share: € 720
Planned Giving: € 350
Maint. & Devel € 200

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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.

RECENT BAPTISM

On Sunday Fr. Edward celebrated the baptism of Luke Micheal Kennedy which took place in Ashford Church. We extend to his parents and family our congratulations on this happy occasion
May his faith grow stronger with each passing day!

CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE FOR YOUNG AND OLD



This 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. Details as to ticket prices etc will be provided next weekend. Proceeds will be offered to the parish to help with ongoing expenses.

CHANGE IN MASS TIMES FROM THE END OF THE YEAR

It is with regret that we have to announce another change in the mass times in our parish, the change will take place from the first weekend in January. The change will mean that the 7:30 p.m. vigil mass in Glenealy will no longer take place from the end of the year. The reasons for the change are threefold:

1. As was announced some time back the attendance at the mass was poor.
2. We have been asked to help out in Rathdrum parish because there is only one priest there at the moment looking after three churches and the hospital.
3. In early January Fr. Kevin will be absent on medical grounds and Fr. Barry will be on his own in the parish for a lengthy period.

All these reasons combined means that something has to give and we apologise in advance for any upset or inconvenience the change may bring.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The St Vincent de Paul annual Christmas Cabaret and Concert takes place in the Grand Hotel on 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!!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN ASHFORD SCHOOL



There are two events which will be taking place at the Ashford National School in the very near future. First there will be the School Christmas Fair - Sunday November 29th 2.30pm - 5.00pm in the school. Then there will be the lighting of the Hope tree including carols from the school choir - December 5th at 5pm in the school hall. *All are welcome to take part!!*

GLENEALY JUVENILE HURLING CLUB

 The Glenealy JV Hurling Club will be holding a car boot sale on this Sunday November 22 from 8 am to 4 pm. It will take place in the Glenealy Community Hall. For full details please contact Olive at 086 8536818

ENROLMENT/ COMMITMENT MASS FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

The Enrolment or Commitment mass for our Confirmation Candidates will take place in Ashford at the 6:00 p.m. Mass and 11:00 a.m. Mass this weekend.

In Glenealy it will take place at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. We ask that you keep the candidates in your prayers during this special year of preparation.



Ashford Community Group

The following were the winners at the raffle held during the Cabaret which took place on October 19th: 1st Mary Marah & Jimmy Behan, 2nd Kathleen Kearns, 3rd Jack Petit, 4th Molly Byrne, 5th Liam McHugh, 6th Ella Drumgoole, 7th Peter Farrell, 8th Sinead Daly, 9th Clayre Roche, 10th Catherine Byrne, 11th Marian Byrne, 12th Majella Byrne, 13th Charlie Kennedy, 14th Joe Keogh, 15th Leah & Eric Whelan **Our congratulations to all the winners!!**