



<b>For Masses Next Weekend</b>	 <b>Reader</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> 
	<b>Ashford</b>	

Vigil –6:00 pm

**Celia McWatt 1st Ps  
John Holly 2nd ,GA**

**Sr.Valery  
Ray Kinsella**

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

**Children Readers**

**Pat Ferguson**

**Glenealy**

**Ellie O’Neill**

**Nils Liznell**

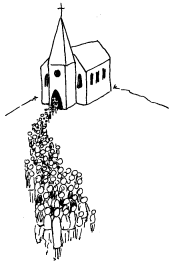
Vigil-7:30 pm

**Marie Phelan**

**Eleanor O’Neill**

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

**MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK**



**Ashford Oct 5th 9am No Intention  
Ashford Oct 6th 9am A special Intention  
Ashford Oct 7th 9am No Intention  
Ashford Oct 8th 9am Jerry O’Herlihy  
Ashford Oct 9th 9 am Thomas Kearns  
Ashford Saturday Vigil Mona Dowling  
Ashford Sunday Oct 10th Joseph & Elizabeth Smith**



**NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD**

**The parish will be compiling the Altar list of the dead for the year ahead, and as a community we pray for all the names on the list at every First Friday throughout the year.**

**So if you wish to have your loved ones names inscribed on the list please take a sheet and an envelope from the church exists beginning next weekend .**

**DAY FOR LIFE OCTOBER 4TH 2009**

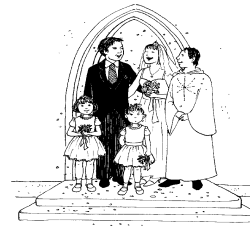
Day for Life was initiated by the late Pope John Paul II, to encourage the Catholic Church worldwide to celebrate a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. ‘You are precious in my sight’ is the theme for 2009 with a focus on suicide, particularly the pastoral dimensions of this difficult and sensitive subject. It will highlight why the Church believes that every life is worth living and look at the reasons why people contemplate suicide, including acute mental illness and the possible spiritual factors involved. It will also point towards the support that the professional services can bring and hopefully help to reduce the stigma too often associated with mental illness and depression.



**Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy**

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**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**CHRISTIAN POLYGAMY?**

**T**he priest was giving out little wooden crosses to the people who had attended a service for married couples. “Put it in the room where you find yourself arguing, and it will remind you of your renewal of vows today.” One woman came up to him and said, “You’d better give me five.” Marriage is probably the most complex of human relationships and is certainly the one on which civilisation has been founded over the centuries. It is the most natural thing in the world for men and women to leave the safety of the family home and branch out with another partner to restart the whole process of love, companionship and procreation.

But any married couple will tell you that if a marriage is to be successful then you have to get married to several different people! This is not a plea for divorce but for accepting that people change as they mature and that if a marriage is to be successful then both partners have to adapt to the changes in each other. In a certain sense each one has to keep “remarrying” the same person as he or she changes over the years. A Christian polygamy but with only one wife and one husband!

The young love of the courting couple is beautiful but unlikely to stand the test of time if one of them thinks that the other is going to behave in the same way when he or she is forty, sixty or eighty. If we refuse to allow each other to develop and grow then we are guilty of trying to “infantilise” the other person. We are trying to freeze them at a moment of time, the wedding day, and prevent them from ever developing and expanding the embryonic gifts and personality that God has given them.

All of this is just another way of saying that Christian marriage is not simply a state of life but is a sacrament. A wedding takes a day but a marriage takes a lifetime. The love between two Christians is a reflection of the love that God has for each of us and that Christ has for his bride, the Church.

Being married means striving at all times to be signs to the world of God’s love through the way we love our partners. And that means “remarrying” them many times before we both grow old.

**LAST WEEKEND’S  
COLLECTION**

**Offertory: € 920  
Share: € 590  
Planned Giving: € 440  
Maint. & Devel. €1210**

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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.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR PARENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN



**P**arents meetings for children celebrating First Holy Communion in the coming year will be held in Glenealy on the 13th of October and in Ashford on the 15th of October. The Enrolment mass will be celebrated in both churches on the weekend of the 18th of October. If your child does not attend our parish schools but wishes to celebrate First Holy Communion please contact Fr. Kevin or Fr. Edward as soon as possible.

### NOTICE BOARD



## REVIEW OF THE MASS TIMES

**O**ver the past few months we have been reviewing the change in mass times in our parish and while we feel that the changes have worked well, we also notice that there is a problem with the 7:30 p.m. Vigil mass in Glenealy. The problem being that attendance at this mass has been consistently low with an average of 15-30 people attending. Obviously this is a situation that cannot be sustained, either on an economic level or in terms of use of resources. It is planned to look again at the matter in our Parish Council meeting in November and if attendance has not improved by then it may mean that the vigil mass in Glenealy will be cancelled in the New Year. So I suppose the advise is “*use it or loose it*”.

## ENVELOPES FOR MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT



The purpose of this envelope is to provide a fund for the essential work that needs doing around the churches, the envelope can be placed in the second collection basket and all funds raised from this will stay completely in the parish. The envelopes will be available every week .



Vincent de Paul<sup>51</sup>

## A BIG THANK YOU FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Church gate collection held last weekend raised a magnificent €1,269.80 in much needed funds for the society. So a big thank you to all for your continued support.

## TEA & BISCUITS

### WRONG DATE GIVEN LAST WEEKEND



**F**urther to many requests from parishioners saying they wished to meet over tea and biscuits, we propose having a tea and biscuits morning to take place after the 11 am Mass on the third Sunday in October Oct 18th. It will take place in the Ashford National School Assembly Hall. If you are able to, please drop by and show your support for this new parish initiative.



YOUTH CHOIR

## The Children's Choir

The choir will start their Christmas Programme over the next week, so anyone who would like to join is asked to come to this Thursday at 6:15 pm. All are welcome.

## Recent Wedding



On Thursday last Fr. Edward assisted at the wedding of Graham Doyle and Jeanette Long which took place in St. Joseph's Church in Glenealy. We extend to them our sincere congratulations on this very happy occasion and wish them many years of happiness well into the future!

## TERRY FOX RUN/WALK

The Annual Terry Fox Run in aid of cancer research takes place on Sunday 25th October at 2:00pm from the Woodpecker. If you would like to take part please contact Ellen



at 40669. T-shirt and sponsor cards available for anyone who wants to take part. To date we have raised €25,000 for cancer research *Thank you for your continued support to this very worthwhile cause!*

## ASHFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

At the most recent draw the following were the winners:  
€ 300 Frankie Doyle  
€150 Frank O'Reilly  
€100 Catherine Mooney  
€50 Shauna Ronan  
Congratulations to all. Next draw will be held on Oct 31 in the Woodpecker.