

For Masses  
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic  
Ministers

**Ashford**

**Vigil –6:00 pm**

Deidre McMahon 1st Ps  
Joe Kavanagh 2nd GA

Marie Togher  
Lucy Molloy

**Sunday 11:00 a.m.**

Michael Noone 1st Ps  
Eileen Byrne 2nd GA

Teresa Bourke  
Ronnie Connolly

**Glenealy**

**Vigil-7:30 pm**

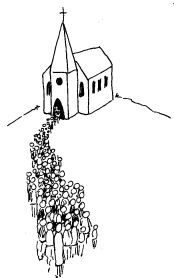
Rosie Cooney

Eleanor O'Neill

**Sunday 9:30 a.m.**

Judith Byrne

Noel Quinn



**MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK**

Ashford Oct 26th 9am May Behan  
Ashford Oct 27th 9am A Special Intention  
Ashford Oct 28th 9am No Intention  
Ashford Oct 29th 9am No Intention  
Ashford Oct 30th 9 am No Intention  
Ashford Saturday Vigil Laurence Cullen  
Ashford Sunday 11:00 am Pat Clarke  
Glenealy Vigil Mass John & Sarah Hogan



Glenealy Sunday Oct 9:30 am Leo O'Brien, Edward Harrison, Kevin Keogh



# Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

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**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**FAITH IN FOCUS:  
RISING TO THE OCCASION**



The blind man in today's gospel, Bartimaeus, was no shrinking violet. He was a beggar at the entrance to the bustling town of Jericho and if he didn't make his presence felt then he would go home at the end of the day with nothing to show for his hours in the baking sun. And this affected what he did on the day Jesus passed by.

Bartimaeus didn't complain about his lot in life; he accepted responsibility for it, not sitting back and expecting someone else to stand in for him because of his disability. And he was strong minded enough to know what he really needed and wanted: to be able to see. Never giving up hope, he believed that things could be different and that he could change. And when other people told him to be content with his lot he took no notice. He wasn't bothered about what others would think of him and he resisted their attempts to silence him.

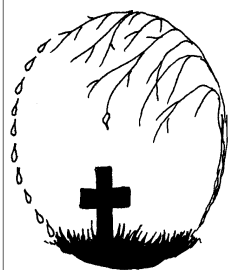
This coloured his approach to Jesus since he knew that this might be the only occasion he would ever get to attract Jesus' attention. Throwing off his official beggar's coat, jumping up and shouting was a dramatic way of catching Jesus' eye. But Bartimaeus rose to the occasion and took his chance. And when Jesus cured him, Bartimaeus followed him along the road.

In this short episode we can see our own lives reflected very clearly. In our relationship with God we carry so much baggage that prevents us from seeing things clearly. We can be spiritually blind in so many ways. We can fumble our way through life always several paces away from God. For a while we sit back and moan but eventually we have to face up to the fact that in many areas we are the architects of our own problems. God did not make us spiritually disabled yet we choose to remain so. What do I really need to happen in my life in order to come closer to God, and do I believe that with God's help I can change? What holds me back from asking for God's help? Is it because I'm afraid of what others will say and think? Is it because I don't think now is quite the right time to do it? Am I prepared to make a definite move in God's direction, to rise to the occasion with some bold and decisive step to reply to God's invitation? Do I really want to see? Do I really want to follow? Do I really want a Bartimaeus moment?

**LAST WEEKEND'S  
COLLECTION**

**Offertory: € 1170**  
**Missions: € 1845**  
**Planned Giving: € 550**  
**Maint. & Devel. € 150**

**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.

**CALLING ADULT SINGERS!!**

Parishioner are invited to join the Ashford adult choir who lead the singing at our vigil Mass each Saturday evening as well at other special liturgical celebrations throughout the year! Should you wish to take part you may either come to the choir gallery at the time of vigil Mass or make contact with Peter O'Hanlon at 40615 to discuss taking part in other celebrations!!



*Participation in the liturgy through song is very rewarding!!*

## Parish Information

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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.

## Trees of Remembrance

During November we will have



“trees of remembrance” in place at both our Churches. Parishioners are invited to write the name(s) of loved ones and place the card(s)

on the tree. It’s a special remembrance of those we love!

## RECENT BAPTISMS

On Saturday October 17th, Fr. Kevin welcomed into our Christian family **Aiden Julian Anderson** in our Glenealy Church and on Sunday October 18th he welcomed **Layla Mary Byrne** in our Ashford Church!

We extend to the parents, relatives and friends our sincere congratulations on this very happy occasion!!

*May their faith grow stronger with every day*

## MASS FOR THE PARISHIONERS WHO DIED IN THE PAST YEAR

The annual mass for the deceased of the parish will take place in Glenealy church on Wednesday the 11th of November at 7:30 p.m. If you wish to a loved one who died in the past year included on the list please leave the name with either Fr. Kevin or Fr. Edward.



## TEA & BISCUITS

A very sincere word of thanks to all who helped organize our first tea and biscuit morning! It was a tremendous success made all the better by good organization and a team of happy workers!



*Many thanks and we look forward to next month’s with hungry anticipation!*

## First Holy Communion Enrolment Ceremony



A special word of thanks to all who assisted at the special Enrolment ceremony which took place in Ashford Church on Sunday October 18.

It was well planned and offered not only the children but as well parents and parishioners an opportunity to share in this special event!

*Very well done !!*

## Readers & Eucharistic Ministers



We are once again coming to the end of our Liturgical year which means preparation of our new year rosters.

As we know, there have been changes to our Masses over the past year which allowed us to have two readers of the Word at each Mass in Ashford as well as two Eucharistic Ministers. Also, we now have children readers at the Mass on the second Sunday of each month..

With respect to the change for our adult readers, some have expressed a wish that there be just one reader rather than two. We appreciate this suggestion and while we will maintain the current “two reader” format into the new year, we leave up to those assigned to the Masses to decide whether they wish to either share the responsibility and have just one reader, or follow the roster and have both read together.

Additionally, should any parishioner wish to serve in either of these essential services you can let your wishes be known to either Fr Kevin or Fr Edward. Arrangements would be made to offer assistance in preparing to take on the responsibilities associated with either role.

## TERRY FOX RUN/WALK- ITS TODAY!

The Annual Terry Fox Run in aid of cancer research takes place this 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.

*Remember to change your clocks back this weekend!!*

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