



For Masses Next Weekend	 Reader	Eucharistic Minister 
	Ashford	

Vigil –6:00 pm

Carmel Grant 1st/ps
Colm O’Doherty 2nd GA

Donal Dunne, Sr.Mary

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Eileen Byrne 1st Ps/
Michael Noone 2nd GA

Ann Clarke, Gary Dowling

Glenealy

Vigil-7:30 pm

Rosie Cooney

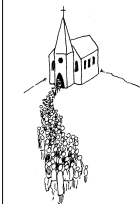
Pat Ferguson

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Pat O’Sullivan

Eleanor O’Neill

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK



Sept 14th Ashford 9am Laurence Cullen
 Sept 15th Ashford 9am Colin Boland
 Sept 16th Ashford 9 am Margaret O’Flaherty
 Sept 17th Ashford 9 am Mrs. Bentley
 Sept 18th Ashford 9 am Charlie Connelly
 Vigil Sept 19th Ashford Mick Gregan
 Sunday Sept 20th Ashford 11:00 Colin Boland



**CROSS CARE ANNUAL COLLECTION
THIS WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 19TH**

The Annual Collection for CROSSCARE; the social care agency of the Dublin Diocese will be taken up at all masses this weekend. It replaces the normal SHARE collection.

NEW 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 and if you fill in your name and address on the envelope then we can use that contribution to reclaim tax at the end of the year, tax can be claimed on all contributions over €250 in any one tax year only money given in envelope or in a standing order can be included in the tax claim.

Please note that it is only the money in the envelopes that stays within the parish all other money in the second collection goes to the Diocese.



Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

www.ashfordparish.com

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



PROOF OF THE PUDDING

A TV personality was interviewed recently and the first question he was asked to clarify was whether or not he had "gone all religious".

The implication was that religious people are a bit strange and it would be a pity if he too had gone off the rails and become like those Christians. Incidentally, this was on the same programme that dangled crystals over people to try and find them a partner, and invited people to phone in and say whether Madrid, Manchester or Motherwell was the capital of Spain, in order to get a chance to win thousands.

People have always had it in for those who are "religious". The godless in today’s reading from Wisdom decide to make a man’s life a misery in order to see either if he will crack or if God will intervene to save him. And in our culture that puts all its eggs in the basket of earning, getting and having, even the most dedicated religious person (whether Christian, Jew, Muslim or whatever) comes under severe pressure to live for the moment with no thought of what lies beyond.

So do the wicked prosper while the good go wanting? In a certain sense they do. They appear to have a good time at others’ expense. But those who do evil begin to experience death. There is a physical and psychological wearing down brought on by wrongdoing. And there is an even greater deterioration of enthusiasm, happiness and trust. To cast decency to the wind means that we have to look for increasingly more exotic ways of "getting our kicks".

Christians don’t believe in Karma, in what goes around comes around. Instead we trust that God has our best interests at heart and that the way of life that Jesus invites us to follow will not leave us ultimately lacking. Our faith is not about having, but about being. It places us in a relationship with God that is all satisfying. Christianity is not a thing, it’s a communal way of living in which we believe in a God of love who made us for life, living and loving, and who has promised to be with us to the end of time. Since God upholds our life, this is enough for us. We leave the fate of others in God’s hands.

**LAST WEEKEND’S
COLLECTION**

Offertory: €1010
Crosscare: €1525
Planned Giving: €535
Maintenance and Devel, €300

Parish Information

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Glenealy- Eleanor O’Neill 0404-44469

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.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR PARENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN

Parents 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.



PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

The term for the current Parish Finance Committee is now coming to an end and we are looking for volunteers to go on the

new committee.

Financial expertise is not a requirement just an interest in being involved in the running of your parish.

The committee meet four times a year and are responsible for monitoring all aspects of parish finances. The salary is nil but the rewards will be great in Heaven.

Anyone interested please contact Rosie Cooney at 0404 44648 or give their names to Fr Kevin or Fr Barry

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

There will be a church gate collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society next weekend.

Please support their wonderful work.



TAX RECLAIM FOR REGISTERED CHARITIES

As was announced the parish will be claiming for a tax refund on all contributions to the parish over €250 in the current tax year. This €250 (less than €5 per week) can only be claimed on contributions that are made in either envelopes e.g.. Planned Giving, Building and Maintenance, Christmas and Easter Dues, November Altar list, or by standing order. In order to correctly record your contribution it is important that you write your name and address clearly on the envelopes. The Tax Reclaim can be a very important source of revenue for the parish and lets face it any money we get back from the tax man has to be good



THE WICKLOW CHORAL SOCIETY

SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

The choir is starting rehearsals now for the very beautiful requiem 'Eternal Light' by Howard Goodall. We meet each Monday evening at 8pm in Fatima Hall, Dominican College, Wicklow. Reading music is not a requirement, nor is voice training. If interested please contact Vincent on 086 2418401.



LUISNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Autumn/Winter calendar of events being offered at the Luisne Spirituality Centre located at the Holy Faith Convent , Kilcoole is available at the Church doors. Please take a leaflet but more importantly, please consider taking part in one or more of the many offerings they have organized for the fall and winter ahead!

ARCHDIOCESE LITURGY WEB SITE

Please take the time to visit the new Diocesan Liturgy website from the Dublin Diocesan Liturgical Resource Centre, which has expansive, up to date helpful resources, news about liturgy and music events, courses within the diocese and even further afield. The website address is www.litmus.dublindiocese.ie



AMEN

AMEN is a support Service for male victims of domestic abuse. Confidential helpline available on 046 9023718.