



For Masses Next Weekend	 Reader	Eucharistic Minister 
	Ashford	

Vigil –6:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Brendan Devine  
Denise O'Donnell

Glenealy

Vigil-7:30 pm

Sunday 9:30 a.m.



# Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## JEALOUS OR ZEALOUS?



Moses and Jesus faced a similar problem. Moses picked seventy people who received the spirit of prophecy. But people complained that two other men had received the same gift even though they hadn't been picked by Moses. And in today's gospel John tries to stop a man from casting

out devils because he wasn't one of the disciples.

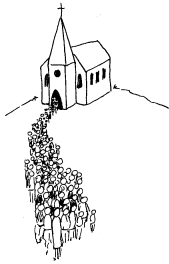
Both Moses and Jesus deal with the problem in the same way: if only everyone could prophesy; if only everyone could cast out devils; if only everyone were so zealous. Anyone not against us must be on our side. So leave them alone and just be happy that they're doing something good! You can't help thinking that there's a bit of jealousy and envy in these two scenes. Why else would you complain about someone doing good, unless you were jealous of them? But jealousy easily parades as righteousness. Jealousy is a strange emotion. On a human level it involves us feeling that we should be in the same position as the other person. We should be as popular, as important, as rich or as valued as the other. But on a religious level it shows a lack of trust in God: if we are jealous of others then we are fearful that God hasn't given us enough.

If we find we're envious of other people then it's a sure sign that we're not at ease with ourselves and with our relationship with God. For God loves each person as if they were the only one to exist. God doesn't have favourites and he gives to each of us according to our needs. Maybe if some people "have all the luck" then it's a sign that they need it? As for jealousy about other people having more money or possessions than us, St James puts it into perspective in today's reading. What's the point of flaunting your temporary wealth on this earth if you fail to prepare yourself for the life that will last for ever?

## LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Offertory: €1010  
 Crosscare: €1525  
 Planned Giving: €535  
 Maint. & Devel. €300


## MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK

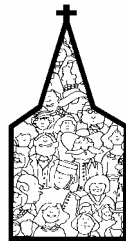


Ashford Sept 21st 9am  
 Ashford Sept 22nd 9am  
 Ashford Sept 23rd 0am  
 Ashford Sept 24th 9am  
 Ashford Sept 25th 9 am  
 Ashford Saturday Vigil  
 Ashford Sunday Sept 27th  
 Glenealy Saturday Vigil  
 Glenealy Sunday 9:30



## 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 .



## REVIEW OF THE MASS TIMES

Over 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 in common parlance the advise is "use it or loose it".

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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.

## PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE



**T**he 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

## RECENT BAPTISMS



**D**uring the past week there have been a number of baptisms in both Ashford and Glenealy churches.

On Saturday Fr. John Harris welcomed into our Christian family the twins **Katie and Ben Ashmore** of Ashford while in Glenealy Fr. Kevin welcomed **Paddy Kenny, Lauren Stewart and Margaret Connors.**

To their parents relatives and friends we offer our sincere congratulations on this most happy occasion.

*May their faith grow stronger with each day!.*



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

The local conference of the St. Vincent de Paul is very conscious of the frequent appeals for financial support that are made to the members of our parish. We realize only too well that we are adding to that burden, yet because of the very difficult circumstances that are currently facing so many local families, we are incessantly being presented with new personal and family crises. Because of these increased demands we ask once again for your support at our autumn church gate collection and thank you most sincerely for your constant generosity and goodness!

## CARMELITE MONASTERY DELGANY

**A** Special Mass in honour of the feast of St. Therese will be offered at 8:00 p.m. at the monastery.



The relic of St. Therese will be available for veneration. All are welcome

## TEA & BISCUITS



Further 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 first Sunday in October Oct 4th. 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.

## First Friday

Friday next the 2nd of October is First Friday. Masses will be celebrated for the Altar List of the Dead in Ashford at 9 am and in Glenealy at 10 am. The Eucharist will be brought to those confined to their homes after the masses.

A silent hour of Exposition of the Blessed sacrament will take place commencing after the 9 am Mass in Ashford and the 10:00 a.m. mass in Glenealy. Please note this will mean that the rosary will be recited before the 9:00 a.m. mass in Ashford on that day.



## TAX RECLAIM FOR REGISTERED CHARITIES

**A**s 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 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