



For Masses Next Weekend	 Reader	Eucharistic Minister 
	Ashford	

Vigil -6:00 pm	Maureen Stockdale 1st /Ps Des Tully 2nd /GA	Anne Lyons, Carmel Grant
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Tom McHugh 1st Ps Pady Andrews 2nd/GA	Denise Collis lee, Pat Ferguson
	Glenealy	
Vigil-7:30 pm	Mary King	Phillip Carroll
Sunday 9:30 a.m.	Marie Phelan	Noel Quinn



Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

www.ashfordparish.com

The Body & Blood of Christ

ON MEDICINE FOR LIFE



There can be nothing sadder than listening to someone who believes that they are not good enough to go to communion. They feel that they are unworthy and they simply stay put in their seat when the rest of the congregation gets up to eat and drink the body and blood of Christ during the celebration of Mass.

Of course none of us is good enough. That's why we say, "Lord, I am not worthy..." just before we approach the altar. We realise that we mere human beings cannot presume to receive such a gift without acknowledging our unworthiness. But beneath this idea of unworthiness there lies a fatal error.

Communion is not for good people. It's not for saints. It's for people who are not very good, who are sinners but who want to get better. Our feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus et Sanguis Christi) teaches us that communion is not a reward but a medicine.

When we eat and drink (both!) Christ's body and blood we are signing up to be better. Some of the Church's early hymn-writers used a lovely phrase to describe the Eucharist: they called it food for the journey. An ancient hymn (O, Esca Viatorum: O, Food of Travellers) makes it clear that the Eucharist is not some celebratory picnic on the journey but is the survival rations, the staff of life.

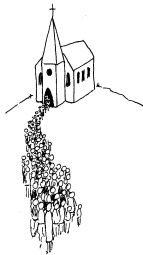
At the Last Supper when Jesus instituted the Eucharist he commanded us to eat and drink and to do this in memory of his death and resurrection. God has made an agreement (a covenant) with us through the death and resurrection of Jesus. He will be our God and we will be his people by ratifying the covenant: by eating and drinking in memory of Jesus.



The Eucharist is our way of signing-up again and again to the promises of God, showing our renewed commitment and gratefully receiving God's gift. Saint Ignatius of Antioch called the Eucharist "the medicine of immortality, the antidote which prevents us from dying so we can live forever in Jesus Christ." On the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ we share in communion here on earth, and we pray that one day we may be found rejoicing together at the everlasting meal of heaven.

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK

June 15th Ashford 9am Mamie Arthur
 June 16th Ashford 9am Stephen O'Rourke
 June 17th Ashford 9 am Special Birthday
 June 18th Ashford 9 am No Intention
 June 19th Ashford 9 am No Intention
 Vigil June 20th Ashford Brian Grant
 Sunday June 21st Ashford 11:00 Mary & Michael Lawlor
 Vigil June 20th Glenealy 7:30pm Tom Cooney
 Sunday June 21st Glenealy 9:30 am Brian & Mary Warde



SUMMER BREAK

We will not be publishing our weekly newsletter effective the end of June.

We will return in September.

If any parishioners have details for events which will be taking place during the summer months and wish them advertised please let us know so that we can include them in the June newsletters.

As well we are hoping to keep our Ashford/ Glenealy events page on the parish web site active over the two months of summer!



RATHNEW ANNUAL CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Will take place this Sunday 14th June at 4:00 p.m. Procession begins at Rathnew church and proceeds around the village.

Everyone is welcome to take part.



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Baptisms: Ashford 1st Sunday each month at 12 noon. 3 Weeks notice required.

Glenealy 3rd Sunday each month after 11:30 Mass. 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.



DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The planned sign up to become Associate Members and so assist in sponsoring those who cannot afford the costs to attend this pilgrimage has been postponed to next weekend June 20/21st. Please take a moment to support this very worthwhile cause!

RECENT BAPTISMS

On Sunday June 7th there were four baptisms in Ashford Church. Welcomed into our Christian family were:

David Doyle, Eve Stokes, Hannah Megarity, and

Ruby O’Brien. We extend to their parents an families our sincere congratulations on this very happy occasion

May their faith grow stronger each day!



CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL



Will take place on Sunday 21st of June in Glenealy.

Check out

www.mad2009.com

RIVER VARTRY CLEANUP SATURDAY JUNE 20TH



Peter Hanlon is asking for volunteers to help with the summer clean up of the Vartry River. He plans to have the work done on Saturday 20 June from 10 am –2 pm.

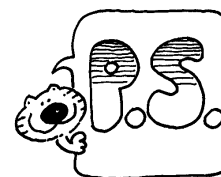
All you need do is show up and offer a hand! Peter and his group are to be commended for their continuous efforts to keep Ashford looking so well groomed! !

Well done!!

NATIONAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS DUBLIN 2012

Pope Benedict announced last June that the next International Eucharistic Congress will take place in Dublin in 2012.

In order to cover the expenses of the Eucharistic congress a special National Collection will take place this weekend , the Feast of Corpus Christi and will replace the Share collection. Please be as generous as you can be in these difficult times.



Children's Liturgy

Please note that the children's liturgy will take place this weekend at the 11:00 a.m. mass.

The youth of the parish will lead the readings and the prayer of the faithful on Sunday next the 14th of June and we thank them for their participation. The children's

liturgy and the youth reading will take a break in the months of July and August but will be back in September.

If there are any children interested in reading at mass or any parents who could help in organising these masses or help with the Children's Liturgy they can contact Sandra Fitzgerald 087 9088558.

ORLAGH BIBLE WEEK

Is Scripture Really the Word of God



Understanding the Bible Today

Monday, June 15

(10 am) to

Friday, June 19

(2 pm)

Sean Goan and Kieran O'Mahony

€375 (residential); €220 (non-

residential)

To book a place on the Bible Week contact Fr. John Byrne OSA

Orlagh Retreat Centre, Old Court Road, Dublin 16

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LATIN DANCERCISE

Latin Dancercise fitness course for adults in Glenealy Community Hall:

- Starting Mon 15th June - running for 4 Mondays 8-9pm

- €45 per person for the course

- Workout to Cha Cha, Salsa, Samba and Jive rhythms

- Two teachers both trained internationally in Latin Dance

- Ladies and gents, all ages welcome

- no partner needed - this is primarily a fitness course using Latin dance rhythm as its basis so all dancing is without a partner.

Call 0863262635 or email latindancercise@gmail.com for more info

