



For Masses Next Week	 Reader	Eucharistic Minister 
	Ashford	

Vigil -6:00 pm

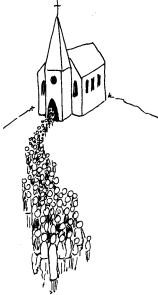

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Glenealy


Vigil-7:30 pm

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK

	May 25th Ashford 9 am No Intention	
	May 26th Ashford 9am No Intention	
	May 27th Ashford 9 am No Intention	
	May 28th Ashford 9 am No Intention	
	May 29th Ashford 9 am No Intention	
	Vigil May 30th Ashford	
	Sunday May 31st Ashford 11:00	
	Vigil May 30th Glenealy 7:30pm	
	Sunday May 31st Glenealy 9:30 am	

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

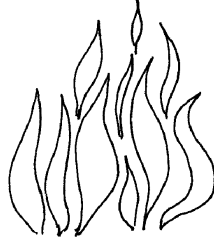
 **W**ill take place on Sunday 14th June at 4:00 p.m. Procession begins at Rathnew church and proceeds around the village.

Everyone is welcome to take part.

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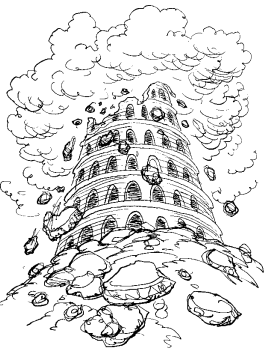
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Pentecost Sunday

FRIENDS REUNITED

 One of the more amusing stories of the Old Testament is where the Hebrew people decide to build a tower so high that it will pierce the clouds and reach heaven. While they are still building this Tower of Babel, God comes down, scatters the people and disunites them so that they all end up speaking different languages and not understanding each other. This is the origin of our word to "babble".

We hear this story each year on the eve of Pentecost. But on Whit Sunday itself the story comes full circle with the sending of the Holy Spirit. What we see in the Acts of the Apostles is that when the Holy Spirit descended on the Church, the disunity of Babel was reversed and people were once more united. Although they were from many different nations they could all understand the language of the apostles' preaching. So Pentecost is the Church's birthday. No longer afraid and huddled together for safety, the apostles come out preaching from the hip. And armed with the Holy Spirit they make converts by the thousand. Yet they could not have done this without the Spirit, without the fire in their bellies.

Nor can we do it today. Without the Spirit we are simply a human organisation, at worst a Quango and at best a plausible charity. Yet the Church claims to be much more than this: it professes to be the visible presence of Christ on earth today. So we need the Spirit to breathe life into the Body of Christ. It is the Spirit who constantly purifies us from our tendency to put ourselves first and to seek to control rather than to serve. It is the Spirit who unites us in one body of witness and praise. It is the Spirit who leads us ever deeper into the mysteries of God and reveals his purpose. And it is also the Spirit who inspires us to strive for the best and who empowers us to speak the words that God wants the world to hear.



The joyful feast of Pentecost proclaims that the Spirit is at the very heart of everything we do as Church. As St Paul puts it: "Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit" (Gal 5:25)

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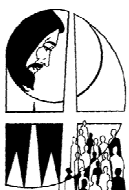
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Baptisms: Ashford 1st Sunday each month after 11:00 am Mass. 3 Weeks notice required.

Glenealy 3rd Saturday of the 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.



RECENT DEATH

On Thursday May 28h Fr. Edward assisted by Fr Kevin and Fr. Dermot offered funeral Mass for **Frank Higgins** late of Ashford We extend to her family relatives and friends our sincere condolences at this sad time.

PLEASE NOTE MASS ON BANK HOLIDAY

Monday June 1st is a Bank Holiday therefore mass on that day will be at 10:00 a.m.

WHAT'S ALL
THE CHATTER?



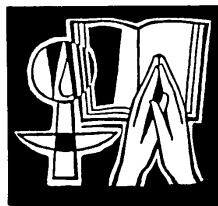
CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

Will take place on Sunday 21st of June in Glenealy. Check out www.mad2009.com



DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Application forms to become Associate Members and so assist in sponsoring those who cannot afford the costs to attend this pilgrimage are being made available at our Masses during the weekend of June 6th - 7th. Please take a moment to support this very worthwhile cause!



FIRST FRIDAY

Friday next June 5th 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.

The Holy Hour celebration, 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 that the rosary will be recited before the 9:00 a.m. mass in Ashford on that day.

We ask parishioners who would wish to be present for a portion of the time are requested to sign up for one or more of the 15 minute slots on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS DUBLIN 2012

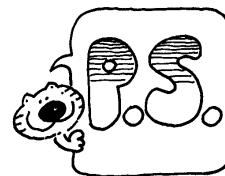
Pope Benedict announced last June that the next International Eucharistic Congress will take place in Dublin in 2012.

In order to cover the expenses of the Eucharistic congress a special National Collection will take place on the weekend of 13th/14th June, 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 and on the second Sunday of each month at the 11:00 a.m. mass.

The youth of the parish will lead the readings and the prayer of the faithful on Sunday 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 they can contact Sandra Fitzgerald 087 9088558.