

For Masses
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic
Ministers

Ashford

Vigil –6:00 pm

Brendan Devine 1st Ps
Margaret Stephens 2nd GA

Sr Valery
Ray Kinsella

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Paddy Andrews 1st Ps,
Tom McHugh 2nd GA

Brendan Devine
Denise O'Donnell

Glenealy

Vigil-7:30 pm

Ellie O'Neill

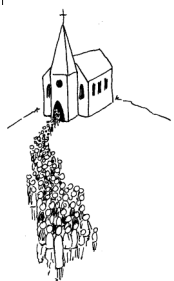
Noel Quinn

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Billy Donnelly

Eleanor O'Neill

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK



Ashford Nov 16th 9am Special Intention
Ashford Nov 17th 9am Dan & Mary Molloy
Ashford Nov 18th 9am No Intention
Ashford Nov 19th 9am Frank Woolley
Ashford Nov 20th 9 am
Ashford Saturday Vigil Don O'Gorman
Ashford Sunday 11:00 am Joseph Drumgoole
Glenealy Vigil Mass Patrick O'Donoghue
Glenealy Sunday 9:30 am John Harkin



MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS- ASHFORD



The new year rotas have been prepared and are available in the Church sacristy. More details as to our annual commissioning service to begin the new year will be outlined in next weeks news letter.



Tea & Biscuits After the 11:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday



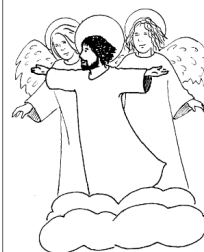
All is being prepared for our second tea and biscuits morning. It will be held in the National School next Sunday November 22nd after 11:00 Mass. A word of thanks to the organizers and helpers involved.



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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



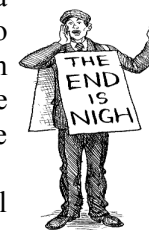
BACK SOON

People have constantly predicted the end of the world and the second coming of Christ. At the time of St Paul there was a widespread belief that Jesus would return during their lifetime. A century later Hippolytus calculated that Jesus would return in 500AD. In 968 Otto's army panicked at an eclipse that they took to be the end of the world; and the first millennium, 1000AD, got people frightened, encouraging preachers like Wulfstan to predict the Last Judgement and the end of the world. 1666 was a famous year for predictions, accompanied by the plague and the Great Fire of London. (Not to mention 666, the number of the beast!) And after several hastily rescheduled predictions of the end of the world by the Jehovah's Witnesses in the 1970s we had to put up with all the hysteria that surrounded the start of the second millennium.

In the face of all of this, Jesus is very clear: "But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father." (Mk 13:32) For Christians part of the problem is a failure to understand the nature of Christ's preaching about the end of time. It is a type of preaching known as apocalyptic, which is a coded way of speaking and writing. His hearers would not have taken literally the idea of the sun being darkened, the moon losing its brightness and the stars falling out of the sky. They knew it was a way of creating an effect when preaching, of disclosing material to those in the know while at the same time hiding the meaning from others. And apocalyptic writing and preaching contains huge amounts of symbolism, dreams and imagery that has to be interpreted by the code-breaker before it can be understood.

So when we hear of famines, epidemics, terrorist attacks, global warming or earthquakes how do we react? If we think that this is a sign of the end of the world or the coming of Christ then we might as well join all the other failed predictors of history.

Rather than worrying about impending doom, wouldn't we be better off preparing to meet our God by living the sort of lives that he wants us to live and that he told us about in his Son Jesus? But if I were you I'd get round to doing something about it fairly quickly. Because you never know!



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Offertory: € 915
CYC: € 1340
Planned Giving: € 670
Maint. & Devel € 175

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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.

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!



DATES FOR CAROL SERVICES

Just a few dates for your diary there will be a fund raising Carol Service in the Ashford Church on Sunday

6th December details of tickets and times will be in next weeks newsletter. All funds will go towards the maintenance of the churches in our parish.

On Friday the 18th December at 7:30 p.m. the Children’s choir will hold their Carol service again more details in next weeks newsletter.

CHANGE IN MASS TIMES FROM THE END OF THE YEAR

It is with regret that we have to announce another change in the mass times in our parish, the change will take place from the first weekend in January. The change will mean that the 7:30 p.m. vigil mass in Glenealy will no longer take place from the end of the year. The reasons for the change are threefold:

1. As was announced some time back the attendance at the mass was poor.
2. We have been asked to help out in Rathdrum parish because there is only one priest there at the moment looking after three churches and the hospital.
3. In early January Fr. Kevin will be absent on medical grounds and Fr. Barry will be on his own in the parish for a lengthy period.

All these reasons combined means that something has to give and we apologise in advance for any upset or inconvenience the change may bring.

Our Faithful Departed

Kevin Fagan
Margaret Callaghan
Aidan Stafford
George Kelly
Margaret Byrne
Kathleen Kearns
Jennifer Crean

Pat Shea
Mona McNabb
Noel O’Brien
Peggy Russell

*I am the resurrection.
If anyone believes in
me even though he dies
he will live, and
whoever lives and
believes in me will
never die
John 11:25*

Phyllis Walsh
Vincent Byrne
Ena Curley
Finbar Newsome
Raymond Driver
Thelma Trevaskis
Maeve Burns



Frank Higgins
Terrence Dowling
Mick Turner
Patsy Fagan

UPCOMING ASHFORD NATIONAL SCHOOL EVENTS

There are two events which will be taking place at the Ashford National School in the very near future.

First there will be the School Christmas Fair - Sunday November 29th 2.30pm - 5.00pm in the school.

Then there will be the lighting of the Hope tree including carols from the school choir - December 5th at 5pm in the school hall.



All are welcome to take part!!