

For Masses
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic
Ministers

Ashford

Vigil –6:00 pm

Margaret Stephens 1st /Ps
Brendan Devine 2nd /GA

Denis McWatt
Margaret McDermott

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Paddy Andrews 1st Ps
Tom McHugh 2nd/GA

Ann Clarke,
Gary Dowling

Glenealy

Vigil-7:30 pm

Daniel Verveen

Noel Quinn

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Lizzie McElhinney

Marian Carroll



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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOW TO BE REALLY HAPPY



If we take a close look at the man in today's gospel, who asks Jesus how to get eternal life and happiness, then we can glean quite a lot.

He was humble; he actually ran up and knelt at Jesus' feet before speaking to him. He clearly had good motives because he wanted to know how to inherit eternal life. And he had good sense; enough to know that from what he heard of him Jesus was the right person to help him with this. So he was nobody's fool.

What we usually remember about him is that he was rich. But it's clear that his riches couldn't satisfy his deep down needs. That's why he came to Jesus looking for something that went beyond the grave. His wealth couldn't give meaning to his life. He was restless and seeking something more than the trappings that money can bring. And of course it's not as if he were some sort of villain who would find it hard to accept religion. He already was a religious person and a morally upright character. He said that he had kept all the commandments from his earliest days, so he had probably also fasted from food and tithed some of his wealth.

When the other gospel writers recall this episode they tell us that the man was young and that he came from one of the leading families. So by anybody's reckoning he's got a lot going for him: young, rich, reputable, religious, moral, thoughtful, common-sensed and humble. Yet he went away sad because the demands that Jesus made of him were more than he was prepared to accept. The incredible happened: God in Jesus told him exactly what to do in order to have eternal life. He had to give up all his wealth and give it to the poor. But this would affect his status, his reputation and his lifestyle.

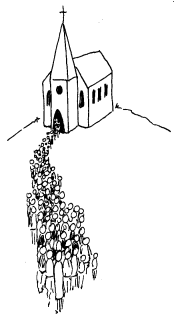
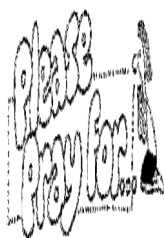
What gives meaning to your life? What do you consider the point of living is? Where do you look for what makes real sense of your days? Where have you put your treasure? Is it invested in the here and now or have you got your sights on something that will outlast this mortal existence? Being young, rich and even religious cannot get you into heaven. And when Jesus tells you how to inherit eternal life do you go away sad or do you start rejoicing?

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Offertory: €1050
Share: € 575
Planned Giving: € 555
Maint. & Devel. €225

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK

Ashford Oct 12th 9am Darren Quinn
Ashford Oct 13th 9am Mary Arthur & Tom Grant
Ashford Oct 14th 9am Margaret & Richard Downey
Ashford Oct 15th 9am Patrick Shea
Ashford Oct 16th 9 am No Intention
Ashford Saturday Vigil Tommy Crean
Ashford Sunday Oct 18th 11:00 Patrick Brady
Glenealy Vigil Mass Elizabeth & Gerald Driver
Glenealy Sunday Oct 18th 9:30 Michael Doyle



NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

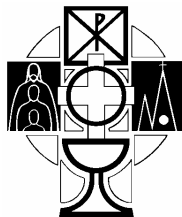
The parish will be compiling the Altar list of the dead for the year ahead, and as a community we pray for all the names on the list at every First Friday throughout the year. So if you wish to have your loved ones names inscribed on the list please take a sheet and an envelope from the church exists beginning this weekend.



MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday marks the annual worldwide catholic celebration of mission Sunday., the theme for which is **Reach out.** Our prayers and donations on Mission Sunday help to support mission projects and allow Catholic communities worldwide to become self-sufficient and progress according to their own needs and traditions.

A special collection will be taken up next Sunday by the Society for the Propagation of the faith, in aid of the Church's mission activities.



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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.



RECENT BAPTISMS

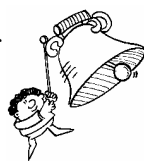
On Saturday October 3rd , Fr Kevin welcomed into our Christian family Max James Coffey at the baptism celebrated during our vigil Mass in Ashford.

On Sunday Oct 4th Fr. Edward welcomed into our Christian family Charlotte Bridget Watson at the baptism celebrated in Ashford. We extend to their parents and relatives or sincere congratulations on this very happy occasion. *May their faith grow stronger with each passing day!!*

GLENEALY CHURCH CELEBRATES 140 YEARS

October 2009 marks the 140th anniversary of the solemn dedication of St Joseph’s Church, Glenealy. On 19th March 1868, the foundation stone of the new church was laid, on a site donated by Mr. Tighe of Rossanagh.

The Church is considered a fine example of the Gothic style of architecture, made popular by Augustus Welby Pugin, perhaps the most famous English architect of the nineteenth century. His son, Edward Welby Pugin, and the son’s partner, George C. Ashlin, designed it. Their best-known work is St. Colman’s Cathedral in Cobh. Glenealy Church consists of nave, transepts, chancel and sacristy. The doors, windows, string etc., are all of granite from Ballyknocken quarries with the external granite dressings chiseled by John Brady. The overall cost of construction was £4,000.

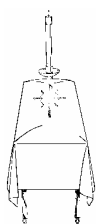


RECENT DEATH

ON Friday Fr. Liam Belton assisted by Fr. Kevin offered funeral Mass in Ashford Church for the late Pat Shea of

Ballinahinch Ashford. We extend to his wife, family, relatives and friends our sincere condolences on the sad occasion.

May he rest in peace



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 third Sunday in October Oct 18th. 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.



The Children’s Choir

The choir will start their Christmas Programme over the next week, so anyone who would like to join is asked to come to this Thursday at 6:15 pm. *All are welcome.*

PARENTS MEETINGS FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a parents meeting for all children celebrating First Holy Communion in the year ahead in Glenealy school on Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. and on Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. in Ashford school. The Enrolment mass will take place on Sunday 18th October at 9:30 a.m. in Glenealy and at 11:00 a.m. in Ashford.



WADDLER & TODDLER



Waddler & Toddler morning at Kidzone in Wicklow on Thursday 15th October from 11.00 to 1.00 pm. Organised by Co Wicklow Partnership 'Time for Me' group, Croi Rath Naoi 'parent & toddler' group and Acorn 'parent & toddler' group. Playtime is free for the Waddlers & Toddlers. Give names to Liz Dunne 0404 61841.

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

Tired of your old glad rags? We are on the hunt for your High End Fashion Items, which you are tired of, but will excite someone new. ASDI will give your fashions a new swagger on a new model. Fashion items can be donated to ASDI day service at Wicklow Sea Front (Strand Street) ASDI will sell these Items to a new owner in their Fashion Sale New2You For any further details don’t hesitate to call us on 086 955303



TERRY FOX RUN/WALK

The Annual Terry Fox Run in aid of cancer research takes place on Sunday 25th October at 2:00pm from the Woodpecker. If you would like to take part please contact Ellen at 40669. T-shirt and sponsor cards available for anyone who wants to take part. To date we have raised € 25,000 for cancer research. *Thank you for your continued support to this very worthwhile cause!*

