

For Masses
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic
Ministers

Ashford

Joe Kavanagh
Deirdre McMahon

Donal Dunne

Vigil –6:00 pm

Dick Fitzpatrick,
Fintan Fanning

Denise Collis lee
Pat Ferguson

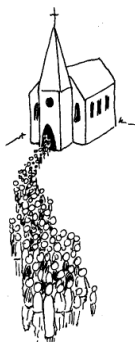
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Glenealy

Lizzie McElhinney

Sunday 9:30a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK JUNE 14TH-JUNE 20TH



Ashford Monday Sept 6th 9am Chris Shirley
Ashford Tuesday Sept 7th 9am No Intention
Ashford Wednesday Sept 8th 9:00 am No Intention
Ashford Thursday Sept 9th 9am No Intention
Ashford Friday Sept 10th 9am No Intention
Ashford Vigil Sept 11th 6 pm Elizabeth & John Joe Byrne
Ashford Sunday Sept 12th 11 am Pat Lally
Glenealy Sunday Sept 12th 9:30am



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
CHURCH GATE COLLECTION
11TH AND 12TH SEPTEMBER**

The local conference of SVP will hold a church gate collection this autumn on September 11/12th to assist their work in helping people in need in the area. Your support is greatly appreciated.

A STUDENT'S PRAYER FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year. Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me. Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends. Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year! Amen



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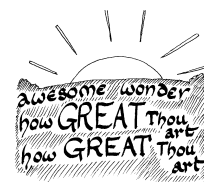


Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

www.ashfordparish.com

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

CAN WE FATHOM GOD'S INTENTIONS?



It's a marvellous sight to watch a child's face light up when they see something that captures their imagination. Their eyes sparkle, their lips curl upwards and their whole being shows their pleasure. They squeal with delight.

Adults too can have this sense of glee, the sensation of being taken over by the greatness, cleverness or sheer delight of something. But somehow as adults we find it harder to experience this enjoyment than children do. Maybe we have become jaded and thick-skinned in our old age.

Today we hear the scriptures asking us whether we can know what God's mind is or not. Can we fathom God's intentions? Can we work out God's will? The answer, of course, is no. God is so great, so beyond our way of thinking, that we can't even come close. God is so completely "other", quite different from anything we have ever experienced.

So how do we react to God? Like the child whose whole body shakes with delight, or like some tired being that is no longer roused by anything? Faced with the grandeur of God do I respond with the enthusiasm of wonder or the indifference of "whatever"? This "wonder/whatever" mentality shows itself in the way we worship. If we come to worship with a listening ear, waiting to be fed by what God has to say in his word, thankful for how God is working in our daily lives, then we will respond with praise. We will be full of wonder at what God has done for us and what he promises to keep doing. "O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hand hast made... How great thou art!" Wonder produces worship. But if we have let ourselves become dulled to what God is doing in our lives then our attitude to worship will be "whatever". We'll come to church, listen to the scriptures and the sermons, sing the hymns and put our money in the collection, but our hearts will not be enthused by the wonders of our God. We'll endure whatever is thrown at us.

What about you? Are you lost in awesome wonder or is the whole thing just "whatever"?

**LAST WEEKEND'S
COLLECTION**

Offertory:	€ 845
Share	€ 590
Planned Giving:	€ 300
Maint. & Devel	€ 145

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Baptisms: Ashford 1st Sunday each month after 11:00 am Mass.

Glenealy 3rd Saturday each month at 12:00 . **3 weeks notice required.**

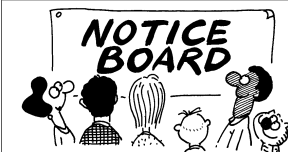
Marriages: Three months notice required by Church and the State . N.B. New Civil law Regulations require that all couples **present themselves to the priest** in the Church before a marriage date can be booked into the Church Diary.



RECENT DEATH

On Monday August 30th, Fr. Edward offered funeral Mass for Chris Shirley of Killoughter. We extend to his wife Vera and his relatives and friends our sincere condolences at this sad time.

May he rest in peace.



NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH 2010

Learning Opportunity

First Responders In Suicide Crisis Training Opportunity Available
Please Come Along To Our Open Evening To Learn More And See Whether The Training Would Help You Or Your Organisation
Venue: Grand Hotel, Wicklow At 8.00pm On Friday, September 10th .
Hosted by Wicklow Mental Health Association

BNI BRAY NETWORK FUND RAISER



This network of businesses based in Bray will be sponsoring a 20 Km Fancy



Dress (optional) walk run or cycling fund raiser for a number of Hospitals around the area. See the poster at the Ashford Church door for full details!

WORK ON THE CHURCH

As you are aware over the last few months we were looking for tenders to repair the inside of Ashford church. To date four tenders have been received, these will be considered at the Parish Financial council meeting during the week and we hope to be in a position to start the work in October.

However in order to facilitate this it will be necessary to close the church during the work Monday to Friday which will mean no daily mass in Ashford and any funerals during that period taking place in Glenealy church. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this might cause.



YOUTH CHOIR

The Youth choir have started up again after the Summer break. They are always looking for new members, the choir lead us in worship at the 11:00 a.m. mass each Sunday and they practice on Thursday evenings if you would like to join please drop along to the rehearsal on a Thursday or contact Orlaith her number is on the website www.ashfordparish.com

A BIG

THANK YOU

Concern would like to say a big thank you to all who supported their church gate collection last weekend. A magnificent €2200 was raised in the area. So **Thank You.**



JASPER PINS



Join the fun!! It will be in support of young people who suffer from arthritis. Its an event which will take place during September and October. During these months you will be selling Jasper pins to family, friends and colleagues with proceeds going to Arthritis Ireland!
For full details you may contact 01-661 8188 or via email to arthritisireland.ie. Helping out makes good use of our time!!

ASHFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

The following were the winners at the most recent draw held on Saturday August 28th: 1st -€300 Brenna Family; 2nd -€150 Julie Melia; 3rd -€100 Sarah & Aaron; 4th- €50 Tommy Cullen
Congratulations to these lucky winners and the best of luck for all who will take part in the next draw to be held on September 25th in the Woodpecker.