

For Masses
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic
Ministers

Ashford

Des Tully
Maureen Stockdale

Marie Togher
Lucy Molloy

Tom McHugh
Paddy Andrews

Ann Clarke
Gary Dowling

Glenealy

Dawn Leanne

Vigil –6:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:30a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK SEPTEMBER 13TH-19TH

Glenealy Sept 12th 9:30 Michael Catherine Peter & Edward O'Reilly & Stacy Heatly

Ashford Monday Sept 13th 9am Nancy Doherty -Recently Deceased- (Formally of Ballydoreen, Ashford)

Ashford Tuesday Sept 14th 9am No Intention

Ashford Wednesday Sept 15th 9:00 am No Intention

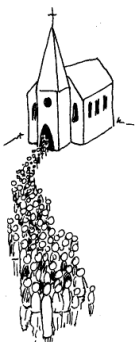
Ashford Thursday Sept 16th 9am No Intention

Ashford Friday Sept 17th 9am No Intention

Ashford Vigil Sept 18th 6 pm Patrick Redmond

Ashford Sunday Sept 19th 11 am Colin Boland

Glenealy Sunday Sept 19th 9:30am Ned , Paddy & Sonny Barrett



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND



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

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

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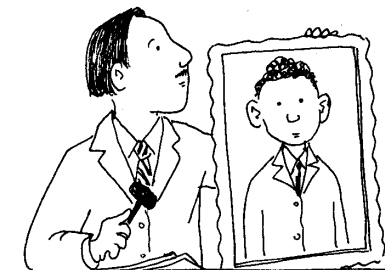


Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

www.ashfordparish.com

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE AUCTION



Once upon a time a woman died while giving birth to her only son. Her husband, an art dealer, never remarried and he did his best to bring up the boy by himself as the child grew to maturity in the family home. He taught his son all about the paintings and sculptures that he had collected, and the lad came to appreciate art himself and worked in his

father's shop.

War broke out and the boy was called up to fight for his country. He went off as a soldier to serve his nation but was killed in action abroad. The father was devastated at the loss of his son.

A few months later there was a knock at the father's door and a young man stood there with a brown paper parcel under his hand. It turned out that he served in the same unit as the dealer's son and they had become friends. He was an amateur artist himself and they often talked about art. The parcel was a portrait of the dead boy that he had done from a photo. It was poor quality but he said he'd done it because the boy was his friend. He would take no money for it.

Several years later the father died and his great fortune was being auctioned off. The place was full of other dealers hoping to snap up some bargains. The auctioneer began by announcing that in his will the dealer had specified that the poor painting of his son was to be auctioned first. This frustrated the dealers who were anxious to get on to the real treasures. “Who'll give me £100? No one? Well am I bid £20?” None of the dealers was interested. At the back of the room stood the young man who had painted it. He bid £20 and bought back his own painting.

At that moment a lawyer stood up and said, “Ladies and gentlemen, that concludes the bidding. My client left instructions that whoever bought the painting of his son should receive all the other works at no extra cost. So they all go to the gentleman at the back. Thank you.” As the will and testament said, “Whoever chooses my son gets it all.”

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Offertory:	€ 800
Share	€ 535
Planned Giving:	€ 589
Maint. & Devel	€ 136

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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.



Marriage

RECENT MARRIAGES

On Saturday September 4th Fr. Kevin assisted at the marriage of John Ryan and Rachel Tully and on Friday September 10th he assisted at the wedding of Averil Madill and Barry Nolan.

We extend to these happy couples our sincere congratulations as they begin their life's journey together.

RECENT BAPTISM

On Saturday September 4th, Fr. Edward welcomed into our Christen family Ayla Murphy. This baptism took place in our Ashford Church. We extend to the parents and relatives our congratulations on this very happy occasion.



Baptism

A DAY FOR YOURSELF: IN ORLAGH RETREAT CENTRE

The monthly Day for yourself in Orlagh Retreat Centre will be held on Saturday, September 11. The theme is Love that will not give up and will be led by Dr. Bernadette Toal and Fr. John Byrne. It will have the usual relaxing combination of guided meditation, food for thought, time on your own, gospel reflection, and prayer. It will run from 10.00am to 4.30pm, with the option of staying on for Mass at 4.30pm. Cost €50 (including a full lunch). To book please contact Fr. John Byrne OSA, Orlagh Retreat Centre, Old Court Road, Dublin 16. Tel (01) 495 8193; E-mail: info@orlagh.ie



FLORISTRY WORKSHOP IN ASHFORD

There will be a flower course beginning in Ashford from Wednesday September 22nd and going for 10 weeks(classes from 7:30 -9:00 pm) € 99 for the 10 weeks or by week at €12 per class.It's is being offered in Chester Beatty's (Upstairs)

To book your place you may contact Kitty on 087 6863015 or Adrienn at 086 069 2482.



PARISH FINANCES

At the Parish Finance Council meeting last Tuesday night we had a long hard look at the finances of the parish and the conclusion is that they are not in a good state. Because of the diminishing revenue it is considered wise that we do not proceed with the proposed building of the parish centre. Instead we will look at cheaper alternatives that will give us a parish office and a meeting room for twenty or so people. It is hoped that we will be able to achieve this with the money we have set aside already for the parish centre.

The Story So Far

As of the end of July we had a total of €3938.81 in the parish current account and we have bills owing to the amount of €3600 which as you can appreciate does not leave a lot of money spare. Over the past two years the amount coming in for the weekly collections have not met the running costs of our parish, it is thanks to the generosity of the Ashford Churches Golf that the day to day running costs have been met. The salaries of the two priests in the parish have been subsidised by the Dublin Diocese because the amount coming in does not even reach the basic salary of the priests, this is not a situation that will be allowed to last forever. However there is some good news in that we received from Revenue €5,549.89 in relation to the Tax Claim for last year and we would encourage all those who receive notification of eligibility for this scheme to please return the forms when you receive them.

We ask you in these difficult times to be as generous as you can be to your local parish and to help you decide where to put your money I finish with a summary of where the various collections go:

First Collection, Christmas and Easter Dues: Goes towards the priests salary and also pays into a fund for sick and retired priests.

Share: Goes in its entirety to the Diocese and is used for administration and to help some less well off parishes with building projects.

Planned Giving and Maintenance Envelopes: This is the only money that we have to meet the day to day running costs of the parish and it is the only money that stays entirely within the parish.

So we ask that you please be as generous as you can be and give some thought as to where you want your hard earned money to go.

REPAIRS TO THE INSIDE OF ASHFORD CHURCH

It is hoped that we will be in a position to start the repair work inside Ashford church around the middle of October an exact start date will be given soon. However during the work there will be no weekday mass in Ashford and we are sorry for any inconvenience this might cause.