

For Masses
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic
Ministers

Ashford

Joe Kavanagh
Deirdre McMahon

Denis McWatt
Margaret McDermott

Saturday Vigil

Paddy Andrews
Tom McHugh

Brendan Devine
Denise O'Donnell

Sunday Mass

Glenealy

Marie Phelan

To Be Determined

Sunday Mass

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK

Ashford Sept 12 th 9:00 am
Ashford Sept 13 th 9:00 am
Ashford Sept 14th 9:00 am.
Ashford Sept 15th 9:00 am -
Ashford Sept 16th 9:00 am
Ashford Sept 17th Vigil Mass
Glenealy Sunday Sept 18th 9:30 am
Ashford Sunday Sept 18th 11:00 am



**CROSSCARE
COLLECTION**

Crosscare (formerly known as the Catholic Social Service Conference CSSC) have been responding to the needs of people on the margins of society since 1941. The annual collection will take place at all masses during this weekend. *Please help them in offering your support for their many endeavours.*

**ST THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER –
TRIDUUM:**

**St Joseph's Berkeley Road, Triduum in Honour of
the Little Flower**

**Sept - Wed 28th, Thurs 29th, Frid 30th - Mass &
Sermon at 10am & 7.30pm**

**Oct - Sat 1st (Feast day) - Triduum concludes with
mass at 10am & blessing of Roses**

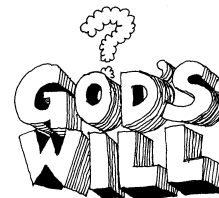
**Preacher - Fr Michael Miners OCDS, St Joseph's
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Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time



JACK-IN-THE-BOX GOD

As she sat in the doctor's waiting room Mabel was telling Gladys about how God had told her not to get the number 63 bus that morning but to wait for the 42. The 63 had in fact broken down and if she hadn't listened to what God had been telling her, she would have been late for her appointment.

Meanwhile Tom was ensconced in his favourite chair at home, watching the TV news. More tragic pictures of innocent civilian victims of the war on terror, followed by harrowing images of the latest African famine. Yes, he believed in God, but he didn't expect God to do anything about it. After all God lived miles away and was more concerned with cosmic issues.

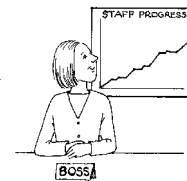
Mabel's God was constantly intervening, whereas Tom's was a distant God who had created the world but left us to get on with things.

We all have different images of God. For some of us God is like a grandparent, old and kindly. For others he's more of a wizard who challenges us to get to know more and more about him. Many people's idea of God is that of a mother: God gives us birth, nourishes us and then spends her time patching us up when we take the knocks that life gives us.

You have to admire the closeness of relationship that Mabel has with God, even if we may be a bit sceptical about his travel advice. And you can't help thinking that Tom is trying to avoid making God into some sort of Super-Fixit character with little concern for human free-will.

Whatever image of God we have, it's tempting to make him into a Jack-in-the-Box God: calling on him to act just as we think he ought

to and whenever we need him, and then putting him away again until the next time he is required. Today's scriptures remind us that God is infinitely greater than we can ever imagine, and we cannot control or even predict how God will act. God tends not to behave in the way we would behave, for, as he says, his ways are not our ways and his thoughts are above ours.



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Offertory: € 760

Share: € 475

Planned Giving: € 515

Maint. & Devel € 130

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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.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY DISCONTINUED BECAUSE OF LACK OF VOLUNTEERS

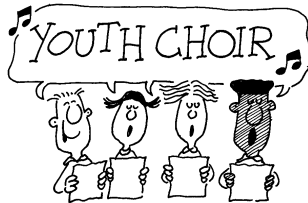


It is with regret that we announce that the children’s liturgy which used to take place on the 2nd Sunday of each month will have to be discontinued. The reason for this is that no one has put themselves forward to help in the running of it. We say a big thank you to the parents who have kept it going over the years and have given great service to the parish.

YOUTH CHOIR LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the Youth Choir back after the Summer break it is great to hear their voices again as they lead in us in song at the 11:00 a.m. mass in Ashford.

They are in urgent need of new members if you would like to be a member and are aged seven or older just drop along to their rehearsals in the church on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. and you will be made very welcome.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The local conference of the SVP would like to thank the people of Ashford and Glenelay for their very generous response to the recent autumn gate collection. The amount donated was € 965.74. Many many thanks!!

PARISHES WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH



We welcome Fr. Tim the parish priest of Wicklow to our Parish this weekend, this does not mean that Fr. Kevin is lying in bed, he is helping out at masses in Wicklow Parish. The reason we are doing this is to provide a visible sign that into the future we will have to share our resources and talents across parish boundaries.

On Monday the 12th September a meeting took place between those involved in various ministries in Ashford/Glenealy and Wicklow/Rathnew. At that meeting we explored the idea of working together for the mission of the Church and what that would mean for our individual parishes.

It will mean at some stage in the future :

- looking at the number and times of masses across the two parishes
- Setting up joint training for those involved in the current ministries e.g. Readers, Eucharistic ministers
- It will also mean exploring new ministries like Baptismal preparation teams, Funeral teams who will help the priest at funerals and help the families in preparing the funeral service for their loved one.
- It will also mean setting up joint preparation of children attending non-catholic primary schools for the Sacraments and into the future perhaps all Sacramental preparation will take place outside of school.

At the meeting it was agreed that a steering committee made up of three or four members from each parish will meet and explore how we can work together with our nearest neighbour.

ASHFORD TIDY TOWNS

Thank you to everybody who helped us achieve 243 points for Ashford Tidy Towns. It is a strong result to build on and we are having our AGM on Tues 20th Sept in the Yew Tree Restaurant, Chesters @ 8PM. We are

asking as many people as possible to please come to this meeting, we need to appoint and agree new members. It will also be an opportunity to thank all the volunteers who worked tirelessly for the past 18 months.



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