

For Masses  
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic  
Ministers

### Ashford

Margaret Stevens  
Brendan Devine

Michael Noone  
Eileen Byrne

### Glenealy

Gillian Hick

Vigil –6:00 pm

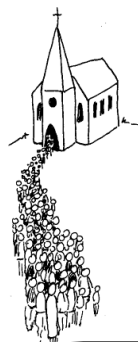
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:30a.m.

Sr. Valery  
Ray Kinsella

Teresa Bourke  
Ronnie Connolly

### MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK SEPTEMBER 27TH-OCT3RD



Ashford Monday Sept 27th 9 Deceased members of St. Vincent de Paul  
Ashford Tuesday Sept 28th 9 No Intention  
Ashford Wednesday Sept 29th 9:00 am Andy Plunkett  
Ashford Thursday Sept 30th 9 A Special Intention  
Ashford Friday Oct 1st 9 First Friday  
Glenealy Friday Oct 1st 10 First Friday  
Ashford Vigil Oct 2nd 6 pm Chris Shirley MM, Bill O'Toole  
Glenealy Sunday Oct 3rd 9:30am James & Ellen Keane & Bill Staunton  
Ashford Sunday Oct 3rd 11 am Richard & Margaret Downey



## FIRST FRIDAY

Friday next Oct 1st is First Friday. Masses will be celebrated for the Altar List of the Dead in Ashford at 9 am and in Glenealy at 10 am. The Eucharist will be brought to those confined to their homes after the masses.

As there will be funeral Mass at 11 am in Ashford Church for Frances Gale late of Killisky, we have to cancel the silent hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after mass in both churches.

However the rosary will still be recited prior to 9 am mass in Ashford Church.



## BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Information leaflets which provide details of an upcoming weekend retreat sponsored by the Bethany Bereavement Support Group, to assist those who have suffered the loss of a loved one, are available at the church doors. As well there are booking forms outlining details for the event etc attached. All are welcome.

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# Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

[www.ashfordparish.com](http://www.ashfordparish.com)

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## BLURRED VISION

In the story of Lazarus and Dives (the Latin name for the Rich Man) it's interesting to note that while on earth Dives never actually saw Lazarus. He lay starving and sore-ridden on Dives' doorstep but Dives only clapped eyes on him when they were both dead. Presumably day after day as Dives went in and out, organizing his parties for his friends, going to buy his purple clothes (equivalent to our designer labels today) he never stopped to see Lazarus lying there.

Not much has changed even today. Wealth can blind us to the needs of those around us. We end up moving in different circles and become insensitive to what's actually going on for others. Rich countries become anaesthetised to the pain of starving nations. The leaders of some nations live a rich lifestyle while their citizens live in a dustbowl. Chief executives award themselves massive annual bonuses while hundreds in their company lose their jobs in production shake-ups. Inside traders on the stock exchange make a killing while shareholders lose their savings. Civil servants are more bothered about their pensions than serving the public. Electricians charge exorbitant call-out fees when they have only travelled a couple of miles. Church officials hide behind canon law, preferring sacrifice to mercy. Sportsmen and women get so caught up in winning that they will use any means to come out on top. Drug dealers are so stupefied by the money they make that they never stop to think of the effect their drugs have on the users. The list is endless. We become blind to what we are really doing.

But before we start criticising others let's stop and examine ourselves. Where are the Lazaruses in our lives? Do we wander around blindly accepting what's on our doorstep or are we moved to see beyond our own concerns? Have we become deadened to the consequences of the way we act?

You can't help feeling sorry for Dives. He wasn't a "bad" person; he just never opened his eyes wide enough. He never realised what was happening on his own doorstep because his wealth blinded him to it all. His self-contained satisfaction prevented him from reaching out. What's your excuse?

## LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Offertory:	€ 805
Cross-Care	€ 1090
Planned Giving:	€ 380
Maint. & Devel	€ 110

## Parish Information

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Glenealy- Eleanor O’Neill 0404-44469

Baptisms: Ashford 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month after 11:00 am Mass.

Glenealy 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

We have recently learned of the death of Frances Gale formally of Killisky . Her funeral Mass will be offered in Ashford Church on Friday October 1<sup>st</sup>. We extend to her family relatives and friends our condolences on this sad occasion.

*May she rest in peace.*

**EMMAUS VOCATION JOURNEY**  
WONDERING WHERE GOD IS CALLING  
YOU IN LIFE?

EVER THOUGHT ABOUT A VOCATION  
TO THE DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD?

**W**hy not give one Saturday morning a month  
for the next six months looking at these  
questions.

The Emmaus Vocation Journey is an opportunity  
for those between the ages of 19 to 35 to pray together, to discuss and  
learn about diocesan priesthood.

For more information contact Fr. Eamonn Bourke on 0868346071 or  
email vocations@dublindiocese.ie or see the website www.priest.ie



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Wicklow County Joint Policing Committee proposes holding a public meeting concerning matters affecting the policing of the local authority's administrative area. It will be held on Wednesday September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Brockagh Resource Centre, Laragh. Full details are outlined in local papers

## REPAIRS TO THE INSIDE OF ASHFORD CHURCH COMMENCE ON MONDAY OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

**W**e have now confirmed that the work on the Church in Ashford will commence on October 11<sup>th</sup> and should take three to four weeks. As indicated previously the Church will have to be closed during the week (Monday-Friday) to accommodate the work , and should there be a funeral during that time the celebration will take place in Glenealy Church.

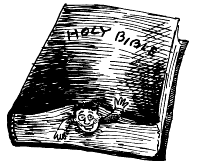
Again our apologies for any inconvenience this essential work causes.



## THREE SCRIPTURE EVENINGS: (SEPT 28, OCT 5 AND 12, 7.30-9.00PM)



Over three evenings Kieran O’Mahony will explore three questions that arise for people interested in the Bible: Are the gospels true? How do I read the gospels as an adult? Do the gospels help? Cost €30 for the series. 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](mailto:info@orlagh.ie)



## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

**C**onscious that prayer is the most effective way of promoting reconciliation and eliminating the threat from the dissidents at this time; the committee of St Oliver Plunkett for Peace and Reconciliation committee are inviting a ‘National Day of Prayer’ on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, the anniversary of St Oliver’s canonisation. As our patron for peace and reconciliation, we believe that St Oliver intercession is quite powerful in this regard and that he is ever eager to assist us in any way that he can. Resources and prayers in honour of St Oliver can be found on the website: [www.oliverplunkett.com](http://www.oliverplunkett.com)



## IRISH CANCER SOCIETY

This year the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary walk/run in aid of Irish Cancer Society takes place on Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. It leaves from the Grand Hotel in Wicklow around the new Port Road. If you would like to take part or would like to sponsor them in this very worthwhile cause please contact Ellen at 40669 or 0864043199. All money raised will go toward the Wicklow Hospice.