

For Masses
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic
Ministers

Ashford

Colm O'Doherty
Carmel Grant

Denis McWatt
Margaret McDermott

Paddy Andrews
Tom McHugh

Denise Collis Lee
Pat Ferguson

Glenealy

Pat O'Sullivan

Vigil –6:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:30a.m.



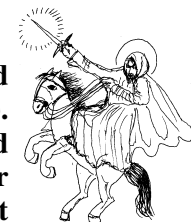
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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GETTING GOD IN FOCUS

Habakkuk couldn't understand why his country had been taken over by Iraq (called Babylon in those days). After all, they were counting on promises from God that they would be his special people and he would look after them. And so in today's reading we hear him complaining that God is powerless or, at best, that he doesn't care. Today our television screens are equally full of pictures from modern-day Babylon. Suicide bombers, roadside bombs, people cruelly cut down at the whim of others who crave power or have a warped sense of religion. Sometimes it can seem overwhelming and our minds cannot cope with the enormity of the horror.

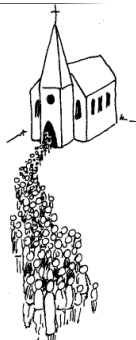


On a different level we can find our own lives taking a direction that we don't want them to. We might lose our job, find ourselves unable to make ends meet, suffer the death of a loved one or the breakdown of a marriage. All these are stressful events that can leave us reeling.

If our view of God is mechanical then we can blame him. Why doesn't God appear on his white horse with a magic wand and stop all these things from happening? Why doesn't he make the world a better place? If God exists then why does he allow earthquakes and famines? Why do innocent children continue to suffer? But maybe our view of God goes further than this? Maybe we see a God who has created us with the freedom to behave as we choose. Perhaps God would be doing violence if he interfered every time we made mistakes, every time we turned our back on our own humanity and treated others inhumanely. Maybe our God is one who in Jesus Christ has established a Kingdom on earth that is in process of being completed and that requires our gradual compliance and understanding. Could our purpose for existing as humanity be to discern the will of God and his purpose for history? Could it be that a God who overrode our decisions and the patterns of nature would be nothing more than a puppeteer, pulling our strings and making us think that we were making the decisions? Is it conceivable that God is able to bring good from what seems to us like pure disaster?

When we create havoc in our own world, and when catastrophes strike, it is easy to blame God. But maybe we have to take a closer look at what we think God is.

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK OCT. 4TH-OCT 11TH-



Ashford Monday Oct 4th 9am A Special Intention
Ashford Tuesday Oct 5th 9 No Intention
Ashford Wednesday Oct 6th 9:00 am Mary & Jack Byrne
Ashford Thursday Oct 7th 9 No Intention
Ashford Friday Oct 8th 9 No Intention
Ashford Vigil Oct 9th 6 pm Jerry O'Heirlíh
Glenealy Sunday Oct 10th 9:30am Tom & Alice O'Brien
Ashford Sunday Oct 10th 11 am No Intention



REPAIRS TO THE INSIDE OF ASHFORD CHURCH COMMENCE ON MONDAY OCTOBER 11TH

As parishioners now know we have confirmed that the work on the Church in Ashford will commence on October 11th and should take three to four weeks.

During the time Ashford church is closed daily mass, will be celebrated in Glenealy church at 9 am each day (Monday-Friday), 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

DAY FOR LIFE SUNDAY OCTOBER 3

Day for Life celebrates the wonder of life from our first beginnings to our dying. The focus of Day for Life this year is Christian death and care for the dying. For Christians death is part of life, a life we enter into in baptism. The significance of our lives is not diminished by age, incapacity or impairment or less able to enrich others and give glory to God. In these moments we can enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ and witness to his passion, death and resurrection.



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LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Offertory:	€ 920
Cross-Care	€ 480
Planned Giving:	€ 325
Maint. & Devel	€ 155

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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.


PARENTS MEETINGS FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Parents of children celebrating First Holy Communion next May are reminded that a meeting will take place in Ashford school on Wednesday next the 6th of October at 8:00 p.m. and in Glenealy school on Monday the 11th October at 7:30 p.m. It is essential that all parents attend as important dates, material and information will be given out at these meetings



I give you a new commandment love one another as I love you

NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

 The parish will be compiling the Altar list of the dead for the year ahead, in the coming weeks. As a community we pray for all the names on the list at every First Friday throughout the year and at all Friday masses in the month of November. 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 and return it in the coming weeks.

EMMAUS VOCATION JOURNEY

*WONDERING WHERE GOD IS CALLING YOU IN LIFE?
EVER THOUGHT ABOUT A VOCATION TO THE
DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD?*

Why 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



ASHFORD TIDY TOWNS TABLE QUIZ THURSDAY 14TH OCTOBER @ 8PM IN YEW TREE RESTAURANT, CHESTER BEATTY’S HOTEL

PLEASE COME ALONG TO OUR FIRST FUNDRAISING EVENT, WE ARE PLANNING A GOOD NIGHT, IT WILL BE FUN, THERE WILL BE LOTS OF FABULOUS PRIZES TO BE WON. ALL MONEY RAISED IS TO KEEP ASHFORD LOOKING GOOD SO THAT WE CAN ENTER THE 2011 TIDY TOWN COMPETITION. PLEASE PHONE 087 2411394 OR 087 9188298 TO BOOK YOUR TEAM OR COME ALONG ON THE NIGHT. THANK YOU.



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 .

IRISH CANCER SOCIETY



This year the 10th anniversary walk/run in aid of Irish Cancer Society takes place on Sunday October 17th 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.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

 Conscious 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 12th 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

ASHFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

At their recent draw the following were successful: €300 Oliver McDermott, €150 Betty Crean, €100 Joan O’Reilly, €50 Gerry Anderson
Next draw October 30th in Ashford House.