

For Masses
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic
Ministers

Ashford

Saturday Vigil

Carmel Grant
Marie Togher

Anne Lyons
Lucy Molloy

Sunday Mass

Paddy Andrews
Tom McHugh

Ann Clarke
Gary Dowling

Glenealy

Sunday Mass

Judith Byrne



Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

RETURN TO SENDER

To understand the parable about the wedding invitations we have to look back to Jesus' time and then forward to our own day.



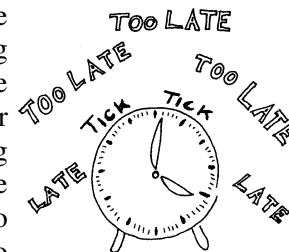
The parable, about guests who turned down the invitation and about people off the street being welcomed in their place, was an explosive and revolutionary piece of preaching. It angered the chief priests and elders because it was clearly intended to

point out that if the Jews refused to believe in Jesus, then their invitation to the kingdom of heaven would be sent elsewhere.

When we come to our own day we can rush in and think that we know what it's all about. Surely we are the people called in off the street who are given that chance of salvation which some of the Jews rejected? Maybe. But don't we run the same risk of being invited and failing to turn up for the wedding ourselves? We could be the original guests! None of the invited guests refused the invitation because they couldn't be bothered. They each had a plausible excuse: the farm needed tending, a pressing business appointment clashed with the date, etc.

Our greatest danger is not that we will send the invitation back marked "Return to Sender", but that we will never quite get round to answering it. And as the card stands on our spiritual mantelpiece we will glance at it from time to time and keep telling ourselves that we really must do something about it. Perhaps doing something about it might be going to see that person we know is sick and would love a visit, or curbing our sharp tongue, or stopping being slack at work, or taking the family out for once, or saying those prayers we know we need to, or... Whatever it is, we are unlikely to give God a flat refusal. We are more likely to "mean" to get round to it.

And what about that poor guest who was invited and then thrown out for not having the right wedding clothes? The only garment we are required to put on for the wedding is conversion. To turn up to the feast with no intention of changing our ways will simply get us ejected. Conversion, yes, I "meant" to get round to that too.



**LAST WEEKEND'S
COLLECTION**

Offertory: €
Share: €
Planned Giving: €
Maint. & Devel €

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK

- Ashford Oct 3rd 9:00 am Prayer Service
- Ashford Oct 4th 9:00 am Prayer Service
- Ashford Oct 5th 9:00 am. Prayer Service
- Ashford Oct 6th 9:00 am -Prayer Service
- Ashford Oct 7th 9:00 am Prayer Service
- Ashford Oct 8th Vigil Mass
- Glenealy Sunday Oct 9th 9:30 am
- Ashford Sunday Oct 9th 11:00 am



**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 and are aged seven or older just drop along to their rehearsals in the church on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. and you will be made very welcome.

RECENT BAPTISMS



On Saturday Oct 1st Fr. Kevin welcomed James Ronan into our Christian family at his baptism in Glenealy, and on Oct 2nd Fr. Kevin baptized Joseph Little in our Ashford Church. To the parents and relatives we extend our sincere congratulations on this very happy occasion.

May their faith grow with each passing day!

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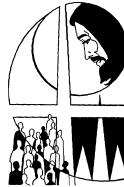
Baptisms: Ashford 1st Sunday each month after 11:00 am Mass. 3 Weeks notice required. Glenealy 3rd Saturday each month at 12:00 . 3 weeks notice required.

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.

NOVEMBER

ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

We are currently compiling the altar list of the dead for the parish. These names are remembered at all Sunday masses in November and at the First Friday masses throughout the year. If you wish to have your loved ones name included on the list please take an envelope and sheet and return it in the collection box in the coming weeks.



Youth Readers

As we are coming to the end of the current liturgical year, we begin planning for the next.

Beginning with the new liturgical year (1st Sunday in Advent) the hope is to have youth readers join the roster and lead the readings at specific youth masses throughout the year. They would have their own roster and in rotation do the readings in the same way as all other readers .

However, we need to have some indication as to level of interest amongst the parishioners and more specifically from our youth in the 12-21 age range.

Therefore we ask parents and /or youth themselves, to consider this and indicate their willingness to participate in this new initiative .

The youth who do wish to take on this responsibility would be afforded

some training regarding the use of the sound system and as well would be afforded the opportunity to practice their readings prior to the mass etc..

So we ask all to please take this on and encourage our youth to take their place in our parish community

You simply have to inform Fr. Kevin or Brendan of contact details .Based on the response we can decide if this will evolve further

Remember always it is our parish and our future.

THE EMMAUS VOCATION JOURNEY- IS PRIESTHOOD FOR YOU? :



Ordination



If you ever ponder the question in your heart...Am I being called to the priesthood?

Then this group is for you. The discernment course takes place over four Saturdays mornings in October, November, December and February and one weekend in January.

The meetings take place in Dublin city centre and the weekend in St Patrick’s Seminary Maynooth. There is no cost involved in taking part.

The Emmaus Vocation Journey is designed to allow the participants to form a kind of faith-community, in which each person will be supported by the others in the process of discernment. For that reason, participants are invited to make a commitment to the whole programme.

For more information: www.priest.ie/news If you would like to take part in this course please contact: Fr Eamonn at 0868346071 or vocations@dublindiocese.ie

Buala Bus

The following is the timetable for the East run for the week of

Monday October 10th-Friday October 14th.

Monday 10th: Kilcoole Byrnes Irish House

10am-12noon

Newcastle Community Centre 2pm-4pm

Tuesday 11th: Newtown Community Centre

9.45am-11.45pm

Ashford GAA Pitch 1pm-2.30pm (Change of Venue)

Wednesday 12th: Roundwood An Tóchar GAA 10am-12noon

Thursday 13th: Glenealy Village Hall 10am-12noon

Rathnew GAA 1.30pm-3.30pm

Friday 14th: Rathdrum Parnell Park 10am-1pm

