

For Masses  
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic  
Ministers

**Ashford**

Deidre McMahon  
Joe Kavanagh

Donal Dunne

Paddy Andrews  
Tom McHugh

Anne Clarke  
Gary Dowling

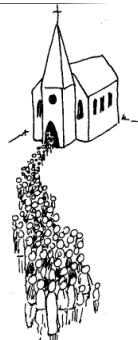
**Glenealy**

Bill Donnelly

Vigil –6:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:30a.m.



**MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK OCT. 11TH-OCT 17TH-**

Glenealy Monday Oct 11th 9am  
Glenealy Tuesday Oct 12th 9 am  
Glenealy Wednesday Oct 13th 9:00 am Mona McNabb  
Glenealy Thursday Oct 14th 9 am  
Glenealy Friday Oct 15th 9am  
Ashford Vigil Oct 16th 6 pm Kathleen Barry  
Glenealy Sunday Oct 17th 9:30am Mick Doyle  
Ashford Sunday Oct 17th 11 am Mary Quinn & Maura O'Shaughessy



**REPAIRS TO THE INSIDE OF  
ASHFORD CHURCH**

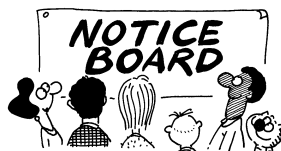
**COMMENCE ON MONDAY OCTOBER 11TH**

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.

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE FOR  
WEEKDAY MASS FROM THE 11TH OF OCTOBER**

Please note that during the repairs in Ashford church weekday mass (Monday-Friday) will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. in Glenealy church.

Masses on Saturday and Sunday remain unchanged.



# Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## THANKFUL FOR SMALL MERCIES?

We say “thank you” hundreds of times a week. Sometimes we really mean it and sometimes it just slips out as an easy way of coping with the miscellaneous social comings and goings of our everyday life. It can also be a way of not getting involved.

Every language has its own way of saying thank you. In English the word “thank” is linked to “think”. It originally meant to think thoughts of gratitude. Spanish and Italian acknowledge a grace received (gracias/grazie); French emphasises something for which to be thankful (merci) whereas the Portuguese recognise that thanksgiving is an obligation (obrigado). Unsurprisingly, we sometimes speak about being “obliged” to someone or being thankful for “small mercies”.

When Jesus cured the ten lepers it was the foreigner and religious outcast who came back to say thank you. If you read St Luke’s text you’ll find that he came back shouting thank you at the top of his voice, with the same intensity that presumably he had asked Jesus to take pity on him. Could this be Luke’s way of pointing out the complementary nature of petition and praise in prayer, of supplication and thanksgiving? This is something that touches us all. We’re quite happy to ask God for all sorts of things, big and small. Yet we resemble the other nine lepers when it comes to saying thank you. A good guide would be to ask yourself when the last time was that you said “grace” before you ate a meal. We’re taught to say thank you to others but we seem to forget about God. It’s a bit like the little boy who was given an orange by his aunt. His mother asked him, “And what did you say?” “Peel it” said the child.

For the Christian, thanks is not simply a word; it’s a way of living, an attitude of gratitude. Thanksgiving comes from our close relationship with God; it’s the natural reaction to seeing what God is doing for us day after day. It’s not so much a polite response as a state of mind.

Today as we gather round the table of the Lord we thank him for all that he does and, just as the encounter with Jesus transformed the lepers’ lives, we pray that our sharing in the Eucharist might transform us too. If it does, then we’ve something else to be thankful about.

### LAST WEEKEND’S COLLECTION

Offertory:	€ 945
Share	€ 695
Planned Giving:	€ 505
Maint. & Devel	€ 170

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**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 Baptisms

This past week Fr. Kevin welcomed into our Christian family **Joseph Harte, Niamh McGauley, Robyn Curran-Moore, Abigail Grant, Kayle Kearney, Danny McDonald** who were baptized in Ashford Church. We extend to their parents and relatives our sincere congratulations on the very happy occasion.



*From again in Christ by baptism  
you have become members of  
Christ and of his priestly people*

## NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD



**T**he 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](http://www.priest.ie)



## ASHFORD TIDY TOWNS TABLE QUIZ THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> 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. TEAMS OF 4 @ €10 EACH. 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.



## PARENTS MEETING FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**P**arents of children celebrating First Holy Communion next May are reminded that a meeting will take place 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 this meeting.



## IRISH CANCER SOCIETY

**T**his year the 10th anniversary walk/run in aid of Irish Cancer Society takes place on Sunday next 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



**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)