

For Masses
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic
Ministers

Ashford

Joe Kavanagh
Deirdre McMahon

Denis McWatt
Ray Kinsella

Saturday Vigil

Dick Fitzpatrick
Fintan Fanning

Brendan Devine
Denise O'Donnell

Sunday Mass

Glenealy

Gillian Hick

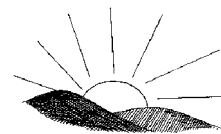
Sunday Mass



Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

LITTLE CAESARS



When the Pharisees and Herodians tried to trick Jesus (“Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”) his reply was simple. Whatever you are called on to do, your loyalty must be to God alone.

We are still faced today with lots of little Caesars, with people and institutions that claim to know what’s best for us and which demand our obedience and loyalty. It may be the State that enacts laws which no Christian conscience can accept. What do we then do? Support the government because it’s unpatriotic not to? What if we were involved in a political but unjust war? Caesar or God?

And what about the little Caesars who are experts in their field? What if they decide to play with human life, to clone or to tinker with DNA in order to eradicate what they think is undesirable, to hasten the death of the terminally ill? Caesar or God?

What about the religious and political Caesars who are so anxious to have their say in the appointment of bishops lest they relativise Caesar’s position?

On a different level, our Caesars can often be at work. Are we involved in a business that does not break the law but certainly does not offer true value to the customer or client? Would speaking out mean that we would lose our job? Caesar or God?

Even our friends. We can find ourselves caught up in company where the atmosphere and conversation usually takes a decided turn for the worst after a few drinks. But they would think we were priggish or a prude if we made any comment.

The list is endless. Caesar versus God is about making our own views known without imposing them on other people, without taking away their conscience from them. Christians are at their worst when they are pointing fingers. But what is required is a clarity in the way we proclaim our faith and values, without accusing others of being less than us.

Not everything that is legal is moral. It was St Thomas More who fittingly lived out today’s gospel when, as he went to his death, he said, “I die the king’s good servant, but God’s first.”



MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK

- Ashford Oct 17th 9:00 am Prayer Service
- Ashford Oct 18th 9:00 am Prayer Service
- Ashford Oct 19th 9:00 am. Prayer Service
- Ashford Oct 20th 9:00 am –Prayer Service
- Ashford Oct 21st 9:00 am Prayer Service
- Ashford Oct 22nd Vigil Mass
- Glenealy Sunday Oct 23rd 9:30 am
- Ashford Sunday Oct 23rd 11:00 am



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.

RECENT DEATHS



On Tuesday Oct 11th there were two funeral masses offered in our Ashford Church. At 11 am Fr. Jim McParkland offered mass for **Mick Melia**. At 2 pm Fr. Gerry Byrne offered funeral mass for **Geraldine Cullinan Keogh of Killoughter**. We extend to their families relatives and many friends our sincere condolences.

May they rest in peace!

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Offertory: € 880
Share: € 440
Planned Giving: € 945
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.

A Farewell Wish For Sr.Valery

On Friday Oct 14 Sr Valery moved to Magheramore the Motherhouse of her order the Columban Sisters..She leaves us after many years of faithful service in our community. Her many friends about Woodview and indeed all across our village will miss her cheerful presence As well we will miss her valued contribution to the Church and community We join in wishing her much happiness in the years ahead. No doubt she will maintain her friendships here and will make regular visits back to us!



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.

Glenealy Hurling Fund Raiser

They are holding a fundraising 'Scrap Saturday' on 5th November from 9am to 3pm at The GAA pitch, Glenealy. They are looking for clothes, shoes, handbags and also scrap metal, old washing machines, dishwashers (sorry no fridges), iron gates - in fact any metal that you would like to get rid of. They can arrange collection. Just contact Sheila Driver 086 8683395. Full details on our new website www.glenealy.gaa.ie



MISSION SUNDAY OCT 23rd

The theme for World Mission Sunday in Ireland this year is *Together in Faith*

Support is needed by prayer as well as financially.

In his message for Mission Sunday this year, Pope Benedict XVI, wrote, "Missionary activity renews the Church, revitalizes faith and Christian identity, and offers fresh enthusiasm and new incentive. Faith is strengthened when it is given to others!" And he goes on to add, "It is in commitment to the Church's universal mission that the new evangelization of Christian peoples will find inspiration and support".

Mission Sunday Annual Collection - 23rd October 2011

Luisne Centre Kilcoole

New workshops starting soon at the Luisne Spirituality Centre in Kilcoole include:



Oct. 22nd from 9:30 – 1:00pm: A half day Retreat on Centering Prayer. The retreat provides an excellent introduction to this particular form of meditation which was developed by the Cistercian monk Thomas Keating.

Oct 22nd from 1:30 – 5:30pm: Sacred Mandalas for Healing and Insight (no art experience necessary). This workshop includes meditation and will be similar to a retreat experience.

Oct. 27th from 7:30 – 10:00pm: A Night at the Films (Babette's Feast) includes the film, quiet reflection and discussion, with an emphasis on social/religious implications.

Nov. 7th for FIVE Mondays from 8:00 – 9:30pm: Raw Foods for Healthy Living – an education in nutrition and an experience of essentially tasty and healthy foods. Many courses are ongoing on a drop-in basis. Please check www.luisne.ie for information, booking and directions.