

For Masses
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic
Ministers

Ashford

John Holly
Celia McWatt

Dick Fitzpatrick
Fintan Fanning

Glenealy

Bill Donnelly

Sr. Valery
Ray Kinsella

Denise Collis Lee
Pat Ferguson

To be determined at Mass

Vigil –6:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

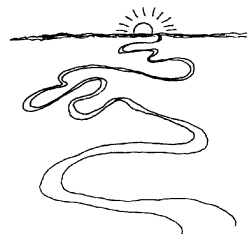
Sunday 9:30 a.m.



Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

2nd Sunday of Lent

PASTORAL LETTER ONE YEAR ON



The first anniversary of the publication of the *Pastoral Letter of Pope Benedict XVI to the Catholics of Ireland* occurs on 19 March 2010.

To mark this first anniversary the Irish bishops have published the pastoral response *Towards Healing and Renewal*. This outlines different undertakings that the bishops are making on the journey emphasised by the survivors of abuse. These steps

include:

- Prayer for the Survivors of Abuse, including a commitment on the part of bishops to dedicate each First Friday to prayer and fasting in reparation for abuse and the failure to address it adequately;
- A commitment to listening with sensitivity and care to the experiences of those who suffered abuse;
- spiritual support to survivors of abuse who wish to avail themselves of it, including the opportunity for spiritual direction;
- ongoing commitment to creating a safer future for children in the Church in accordance with *Safeguarding Children*;
- a review of Dioceses, Religious Congregations and Societies by the National Board for Safeguarding Children; continued financial support for the work of safeguarding and care.

Towards Healing and Renewal also includes ways in which parish communities can play their part in assisting the process of healing for survivors of abuse.

In February 2011 bishops, the Conference of Religious of Ireland and the Irish Missionary Union have launched a new counselling and support service which continues the important work of *Faoiseamh*, supports survivors of abuse in a professional and caring environment by providing a wide range of services, including Helpline and face-to-face Counselling and a bridging service designed to link survivors of abuse to other services relevant to their needs, such as the health, local authority, educational and social welfare services.

Over the last year, and prompted by Pope Benedict's *Pastoral Letter*, listening and consultation exercises have been taking place in dioceses. These are continuing and are an important step on the journey of healing and renewal for the Church in Ireland.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

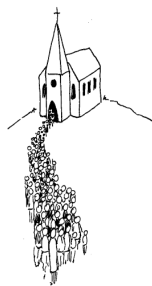
Offertory: € 850

Share: € 600

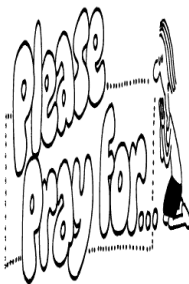
Planned Giving: € 415

Maint. & Devel € 150

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK



Ashford Mar 21st 9 am Special Intention
 Ashford Mar 22nd 9am A Special Intention
 Glenealy Mar 22nd 10:00am
 Ashford Mar 23rd 9:45 am Br.Batterton C.F.C
 Ashford Mar 24th 9:00 No Intention
 Glenealy Mar 24th 10am
 Ashford Mar 25th 11am Anne O'Rourke
 Ashford Mar 26th 6 00 am-1
 Glenealy Mar Sunday 27th 9:30 am



DATES FOR CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Confirmation:

Next celebration 10th of April at the 11:00 mass in Ashford.

The Service of Light will take place on Monday 16th of May at 7:30 p.m. The celebration of Confirmation will take place in Ashford on Friday 20th May at 11:00 a.m

First Holy Communion

NEXT CELEBRATIONS ON SUNDAY 27TH MARCH and Sunday 8th of May in both Churches

Celebration of Reconciliation: Ashford on Tuesday 29th March at 7:30 p.m.

First Holy Communion Ashford on Saturday 14th May at 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon and in Glenealy on Sunday 22nd May at 11:30 a.m. Please pray for the children preparing to celebrate these Sacraments.



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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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CLEAN CHURCH IN GLENEALY

A number of the volunteers cleaning the church in Glenealy have dropped out and we thank them for their service over the years. However this means we are looking for new volunteers to take their place if you can spare an hour or two per week for this worthy task please leave your name in the sacristy after mass. If you are already volunteering and intend to continue can you also let us know so that new care teams and a new rota can be



CHURCH CLEANING ASHFORD-NEXT STEPS

The final piece is now in place. The names of the volunteers have been divided into 4 teams and a Rota is now available in the sacristy for those who have offered to help.

The first team up is team D which takes on the challenge from Monday coming. They will decide (as all teams will), which day best suits to have the work done. during the assigned week. If by oversight your name has been omitted please let Fr Kevin, Fr Edward ,Brendan or a member whom you might know, know about the mistake. And again many thanks for the strong show of support for the cause!!

STEP IT OUT...FOR CASA!

Each participant must raise €2,000 minimum for this wonderful experience. All monies raised will support our respite programme ‘CASA Breakhouses’ for respite breaks for people with disabilities. For more information contact CASA 01 8725300 or 087 1518183 or e-mail info@casa.ie

For your
information

PARISH ACCOUNTS FOR LAST YEAR

Current A/C 1/7/2009	€ 1,421	Expenditure	
Deposit A/C	€ 155,389	Insurance	4,966
		Heat & Light	6,703
Income:		Repairs & Maint	29,936
Family Offering	32,858	Altar Supplies	7,351
Shrines	6,988	Office Expenses	2,961
Bank Interest	3,914	Bank Charges	372
Maintenance Fund	12,523	Salaries & honoraria	16,389
Diocesan Grant	4,000	Church Helpers	4,500
		Sundry Exp	3,598
Golf Society	20,000	Current A/C 30/6/2010	1,018
		Deposit a/c	159,299
	237,093		237,093

GLENEALY TIDY TOWNS

We would like to tell you that Glenealy Tidy Towns (revived) is now up and running since middle of last summer. Our spring newsletter, in which we tell you about our plans, is currently being distributed to all houses in the Glenealy area – If you do not receive a copy please contact any of the following numbers: Vincent 086.4002471; Lisa 44952 or Fionnuala 087. 2701599. In the meantime enjoy the beautiful daffodils.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The local confrence of SVP wish to express their sincere thanks to all who so generously contributed toward their gate collection at the masses in both Ashford & Glenelay last weekend. They raised € 2289.00 which is a very wonderful amount. So many thanks to all!!

ASHFORD TIDY TOWNS

Ashford Tidy Towns are planning a Race Night on Friday 15th April in the Woodpecker Pub, to raise funds for bins, planters and tools, They hope everyone can come along, it will be good fun. Ahead of the event , they are looking for 20 people to sell 5 Horses and Jockeys @ €20 each. Please let one of organizing committee members know if you can help, They will then contact you with more details. Indeed, if you wish to donate/purchase a horse/s & jockey/s, please contact one of the committee members: David Dodd, Hillary Madden, Pauline Flanagan, Nicola Glynn, Conor Kennedy, or Kathleen Fitzsimons