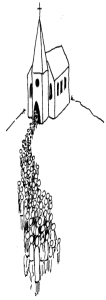


**MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK**



Ashford Mon Jan 16th 9 am  
 Ashford Tues Jan 17th 9:00 am Prayer Service  
 Ashford Wed. Jan 18th 9:00 am. Prayer Service  
 Ashford Thurs Jan 19th 9:00 am –Prayer Service  
 Ashford Friday Jan 20th 9:00 am Prayer Service  
 Ashford Saturday Jan 21st Vigil Mass  
 Glenealy Sunday Jan 22nd 9:30  
 Ashford Sunday Jan 22nd 11:00



# Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

*2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**JUST A QUICK NOTE**

Dear Mother

You're probably wondering where I've got to over the past month or so. A few weeks ago when I was out listening to John the Baptist a rabbi passed by and John pointed him out as something really special. When I heard what he had to say I was amazed. I asked him where he lived and he invited me to come and see. I stayed with him and now I just want to be around him and hear him speak.



He's not like the other religious leaders. You really get the impression he's sent by God. He's not full of himself and his teaching is so straightforward that you wonder why you never thought of it first. He cuts through all the red tape by saying that we should make sure we love God and look after our neighbours in the same way as we would like to be treated by them.

When you see him in action you soon realise that it's the ordinary people he warms to quickly. Poor people, children, widows, sick people and those whom others look down on. He has time for everyone although he's not slow to condemn hypocrisy.

His fame as a preacher is spreading because he has the knack of making you feel that there's more to life than just getting and having, more important things than what others think of you. It's as if he has the secret to living life to the full and he really makes you think.

Each time he works a miracle he doesn't wait for applause but says it's his Father in heaven that gives him this power, and he says that these miracles will seem like nothing compared with what life will be like for those who follow him. Apparently this new type of life will even last after death.

Simon has joined me along with one or two of the other fishermen, and people from every walk of life are turning up each day to listen to him. Everyone wants to be part of it. They say that if it carries on like this there'll be thousands of supporters before long. Next month he'll be back in Capernaum and I can't wait for you to meet him. What he's got to offer is too good to be missed, so make sure you don't lose out!

Your loving son  
 Andrew



**NO WEEKDAY MASS**

From Tuesday next Fr. Kevin will be taking a short break. In his absence there will be no daily mass celebrated in Ashford Church. There will be a daily prayer Service taking place at 9 am each day followed by the rosary. Arrangements have been finalized so that weekend Masses will be celebrated as usual in both our Churches.

**NEXT CELEBRATIONS FOR THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN**

Will be on Sunday the 12th of February at the 9:30 a.m. mass in Glenealy and at the 11:00 a.m. mass in Ashford. We pray for God's blessing on the children, their parents and teachers in a special year for them.



**VOLUNTEERS TO FORM FUNERAL TEAMS**

We thank Patricia who spoke to us at last weekend masses, providing an overview of how the parishes in Bray have been working to develop funeral teams so as to further encourage the parishioners in taking on a more active role in Church liturgy. We commend them for their leadership and continue to encourage those who have expressed an interest in our parish to move ahead with the commitment.

As she mentioned there will be training offered and for us this will be taking place toward the end of February. If you have a wish to take part in this training please let Fr. Kevin know, or in his absence Brendan. More details to follow!!



**LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION**  
**Offertory: € 810**  
**Share€ 535**  
**Planned Giving:€ 710**  
**Maint. & Devel € 165**

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**Baptisms:** Ashford 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month after 11:00 am Mass. 3 Weeks notice required. 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.

## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

From this weekend plan giving envelopes will be available in the Church for those who wish to use them. The Planned Giving envelope and the Maintenance envelope are the only money that remains 100% in the parish and are used to cover the costs for our running Churches. To those that already contribute we say a big thank you to the majority who do not we ask you to Please take either a weekly or monthly set of envelopes and make your donation however big or small to your parish. Your support to the parish is very much appreciated!!

The money given at the various collections are used as follows:

**1st Collection:** This goes towards the salary of the priest of the parish and also supports the sick and retired priests of our diocese.

**Share:** This money in its entirety goes to the Diocese and is used to pay the running costs of the diocese, this accounts for about 70% of the money and the rest is to support poorer parishes of the diocese.

**Planned Giving/Maintenance Envelopes:** This money remains totally in the parish and is used to pay the day to day running costs of the parish.

**Christmas/Easter Dues:** This money forms the greatest part of the priests salary for the year and also contributes to the upkeep of the sick and retired priests of our diocese.

## THIS WEEKEND

We welcome Jimmy McPartland of the St. Patrick's parish in Wicklow to our parish this weekend. His visit is part of the plan of our parishes becoming more closely associated and the sharing of resources and ministries. We extend a warm welcome to him and look forward to more visits as we move into the future!



## NIGHT OF DRAMA AND ENTERTAINMENT SATURDAY 21ST JANUARY AT 8:00 P.M. IN THE NEWLY REFURBISHED GLENEALY HALL



To celebrate the reopening of the Newly Refurbished hall you are invited to a: **Night of Drama and Entertainment** in newly refurbished Glenealy Hall, on Saturday 21st January at 8.00pm, in aid of Glenealy Hall Development Fund. All Welcome!!



## PASTORAL PROGRAMME TO PREPARE FOR THE 50<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS (IEC2012)



The 50<sup>th</sup> International Eucharistic Congress is envisaged not just as a weeklong event but as a spiritual journey of preparation and celebration. To help pilgrims along the way, the IEC2012 have mapped the journey in four stages and have developed a Pastoral Preparation Programme for the Congress, providing resources to help reflection on the Congress theme - "The Eucharistic: Communion with Christ and with One Another". Check out the pastoral resources that are available on the Congress website [www.iec2012.ie/pastoral](http://www.iec2012.ie/pastoral).

## MOBILE PHONE LESSONS

Collaiste Chill Mhantain, Wicklow, Friday Mornings 9.20 am to 10.50 am

Course starts 20<sup>th</sup> January

Dominican College, Wicklow, Tuesday Afternoons 2.10 pm to 3.30 pm

Next course starts Early Feb

One-to-one tuition: Free - Open to adults in the local community of East Wicklow

Bookings are limited to 15 places maximum per course

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