

For Masses
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic
Ministers

Ashford

Maureen Stockdale
Des Tully

Denis McWatt
Margaret McDermott

Vigil –6:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Dick Fitzpatrick
Fintan Fanning

Teresa Bourke
Ronnie Connolly

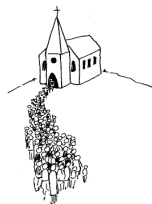
Glenealy

Pat O'Sullivan

To be determined at Mass

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK



Ashford Jan 17th 9 am No Intention

Ashford **Jan 18th 9am NO MASS**

Ashford **Jan 19th 9:45 am** No Intention

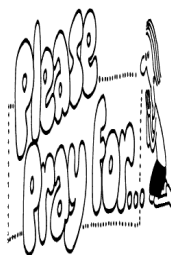
Ashford Jan 20th 9am No Intention

Ashford Jan 21st 9am No Intention

Ashford Saturday Vigil Mary Woolley

Ashford Sunday Jan 23rd 11:00 am Terri Connolly MM,
Seamus Grant A, Martine Hircfiel

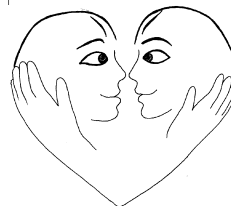
Glenealy Sunday Jan 23rd 9:30 am



Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

www.ashfordparish.com

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



NO ONE QUITE LIKE YOU

When a man and woman fall in love strange things happen. Each becomes absorbed in the other. They constantly think about each other. They want to know all about their partner and they find each other fascinating. There is nothing ordinary about your girlfriend or boyfriend because they seem special to you. So special, in fact, that you can't understand why everyone else doesn't see it. And you would do anything for them. You really love them. Is it possible, or even decent, that God should have this sort of love for us? So often when we say that God loves us we mean it in a distant sense. It's like saying that we love French people. What we really mean is that we find them pleasant and we would do nothing to harm them. But there's a very different type of love between us and the French than that which exists between lovers. Today Isaiah reminds us of how exactly God loves us. Not in some remote and general way, but in an intimate and deep sense. God has loved each one of us since the moment he allowed us to start forming in the womb. And God is fascinated with us not just as members of the human race but as individual persons. That's because God made us and wants us to be happy and prosper. Each of us is special to God because God is not some sort of principle but is a person. As a person he craves a personal relationship with us. Not a hair on our head is lost without God noticing it and being concerned for us. For he loves everything that he has made.



Part of the greatness of God is his ability to stoop down to our level and our petty concerns and worries. As a lover he is bothered about what bothers us. He knows and loves us so much that there is something he has entrusted to us that is unique. And if we are to respond to God's amorous overtures then we have to be prepared to use that uniqueness in his service. When God proposes, our response can only be that of the psalmist: Here I am, Lord. I come to do your will!

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME PARISH PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



The preparation of our children to make their first Communion will continue with this special Mass which will take place in Glenealy at 930 a.m. and Ashford at 11am on Sunday next January 23rd. The Grapevine booklets will be distributed after the Masses. Please pray for our children in this important Year for them and their families.

Enrolment Masses-Confirmation

The children to be confirmed in our parish this year will celebrate their enrolment masses on the 30th of January at the 9:30 a.m. mass in Glenealy and at the 11:00 a.m. mass in Ashford.

We pray that they continue to grow in their faith



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Offertory:	€ 725
Share:	€ 482
Planned Giving:	€ 495
Maint. & Devel	€ 215

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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.

RECENT BAPTISMS

There were two baptisms celebrated over the Christmas Season.

Baptized were Ava Morley and Lucas Lally.

We offer their parents and relatives our sincere

congratulations.



By the power of the Spirit
give to the water of
this font the grace of your
love

RECENT WEDDINGS

There were three weddings celebrated over Christmas in Ashford Church. On Dec 28th, **David Fitzgerald and Eilis McDermott** were married. On Dec 29th, **Vincent Cusack and Audrey Melia** were married and on Dec 31st, **Lee Fitzpatrick and Haley Doyle** were married. We extend to these couples, their families and friends our sincere congratulations.



May they all experience only joy and happiness in the years ahead!

RECENT DEATHS

On December 21st funeral mass was offered for Terri Connolly. As well on Dec. 26th funeral mass was offered for Ger Staunton. To their families relatives and friends we extend our sincere condolences . *May they rest in peace*



No Mass Tuesday January 18th

As Fr Kevin has to be away for a two day meeting with the Archbishop, the daily mass for Tuesday January 18th will not be celebrated. Sorry for any inconvenience caused. Mass on Wends will be at 9:45 a.m.

TAX REFUND TO ELIGIBLE CHARITIES 2010



During this past week we sent out letters to all who qualify for the Tax Refund scheme, to qualify you have to donate a minimum of €250 to the parish in any given tax year. This year 62 parishioners are according to our records eligible to participate in the scheme which is an important source of revenue to the parish. Last year the parish received €5,549 from Revenue in relation to this scheme. We ask those who receive notification to please fill in the required forms and return them to Fr. Kevin as soon as possible so that the claims can be processed. Many thanks for your help in this matter and your continued support of our parish.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be observed from the 18th to the 25th January, 2011. Its INAUGURATION in Dublin will take place at an interdenominational Service in the Church of John the Baptist (Church of Ireland), Clontarf on Tuesday, 18th January at 8 p.m. The preacher will be Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. Please see www.dublindiocese.ie for a list of events that have been organised in the Dublin Diocese. You'll find the texts for the week of prayer on the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland website (<http://www.ctbi.org.uk>).

ASHFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

At the Dec 18th draw the following were the winners: € 300 Joe Hart€150 Myles Byrne€100 Noleen Ronan€50 Oona McKiernan. As well at the Free Draw 1st prize €300 Shane Byrne 2nd Hamper Susan Melia 3rd Hamper Maura Nugent 4th 1/2 lamb Sylvia Quinn 5th 1/2 lamb Joanna Lyons 6th € 50 Carmel McHale



PLEASE HELP US TO KEEP OUR PARISH REGISTER UP TO DATE

As you may be aware, the New Year calendars and envelopes were delivered to all those who have registered their families on our parish data base.

If your calendar was not delivered and you would like to be registered you may complete a registration form which can be found at the back of the church or you can use the form found on our web site www.ashfordparish.com/forms