

For Masses
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic
Ministers

Ashford

Maureen Stockdale
Des Tully

Marie Togher
Margaret McDermott

Saturday Vigil

Michael Noone
Eileen Byrne

Teresa Bourke
Ronnie Connolly

Sunday Mass

Glenealy

Sunday Mass

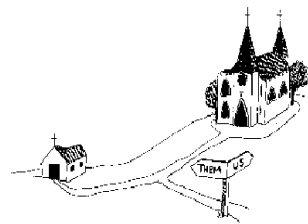


Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

Mission Sunday

UPSTAIRS-DOWNSTAIRS

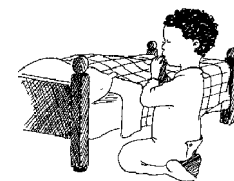
There is an English waterside town that underwent great growth in the middle of the nineteenth century. As the rather affluent people made their homes in the area, the Church began to cater for their needs and to build churches where they could worship. In one such parish, where the families were not short of a penny, they decided to build another smaller church. This was not really needed, but it catered for their servants!



The Christian message is that, whatever arrangements society may make, in the Church there can be no upstairs-downstairs divisions. In fact, although we might be tempted to think that loving our neighbour means just that, the Bible is quick to point out that our neighbour may be someone quite removed from us.

So when Jesus demanded that to love God we must love our neighbour as ourselves, he was not thinking of inviting over the Sherrington-Holroyds for afternoon tea. He would have been only too aware of how the Jewish scriptures returned time and time again to three categories of "neighbour" as the yardsticks for our love of God: strangers, widows and orphans. Strangers (or foreigners) couldn't speak the language, were disoriented from being in a different culture, and often were cheated by money exchangers. Widows and orphans were not only objects of genuine pity but were defenceless. In a male dominated society they had no one to speak up for them, depended on charity and carried no clout when it came to getting justice.

The only way we can be sure of loving God is by loving our neighbour as ourselves, by treating them in exactly the same way as we would want to be treated. And the measuring stick that is used for this love is how we treat the most vulnerable of our world (strangers, widows and orphans), those whom it is not fashionable to champion, those who can offer us nothing in return. Anyone can love "one of us". The Bible tells us to love "one of them". Maybe even the Sherrington-Holroyds!



MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK

- Ashford Oct 24th 9:00 am Prayer Service
- Ashford Oct 25th 9:00 am Prayer Service
- Ashford Oct 26th 9:00 am. Prayer Service
- Ashford Oct 27th 9:00 am -Prayer Service
- Ashford Oct 28th 9:00 am Prayer Service
- Ashford Oct 29th Vigil Mass Mary O'Toole
- Glenealy Sunday Oct 30th 9:30 am Peggy Russell & Mick Doyle
- Ashford Sunday Oct 30th 11:00 am Jack & Jane Short

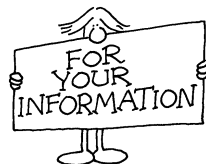


NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD



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.

Ashford National School Enrolment



Parents and guardians are reminded that the enrolment for the school year 2012 will be taking place during next week Oct 24-Oct 28. Drop by the school at any time during the day to have your child/children's place secured.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Offertory: € 890
 Share: € 460
 Planned Giving: € 480
 Maint. & Devel € 140

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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.

CD launch of the Palestrina Choir of St Mary's Pro Cathedral:

The Palestrina Choir of St. Mary's Pro Cathedral will launch their new CD "O Sacrament Most Holy" on Wednesday the 26th of October at 7.30pm. **(Note corrected time)**. The new cd is now out and available to download from iTunes. For further information log on to www.palestrinachoir.ie

Fall Day Light Savings



Oct 30

Family Fun Day



Elevation Dance presents its fundraising Family Fun Day in the Brockagh Centre from 1 to 5 pm on Sunday November 14th. Join us in lots of games and activities, see our talented students in action and be in with the chance to win amazing prizes including a free term of dance classes! There will be a sponsored Dance-a-Thon, Wii dance contest, dance performances, raffles, a bike maintenance demo, face painting, games and spot prizes, a bake sale, snacks and drinks. For more details visit www.elevationdanceschool.com or call Kate on 086-8256775

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 Annual Collection - TODAY 23rd October 2011

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".

Luisne Centre Kilcoole



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

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.