

For Masses
Next Weekend



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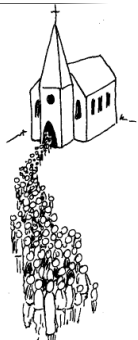
Glenealy

Marie Phelan

Vigil –6:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:30a.m.



MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK OCT. 25TH-OCT 31ST-

Glenealy Monday Oct 25th 9am
Glenealy Tuesday Oct 26th 9 am May Behan
Glenealy Wednesday Oct 27th 9:00 am
Glenealy Thursday Oct 28th 9 am
Glenealy Friday Oct 29th 9am
Ashford Vigil Oct 30th 6 pm Owen & May O'Toole
Glenealy Sunday Oct 31st 9:30am Peggy Russell.
Ashford Sunday Oct 31st 11 am Frank Woolley



RECENT BAPTISM

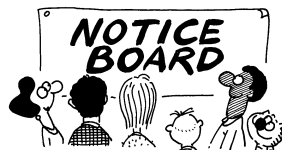


On Saturday October 16th, Fr. Liam Belton welcomed into our Christian community, Ornagh Mary McDermott at her baptism which was celebrated in our Ashford Church.

We extend to her parents and relatives our sincere congratulations on this very happy occasion.

FLOWER ARRANGING CLASSES

In a relaxed atmosphere at
Glenealy Landscape Centre
Monday mornings 10am-12am
5 classes €50
Enquiries 086 1527457



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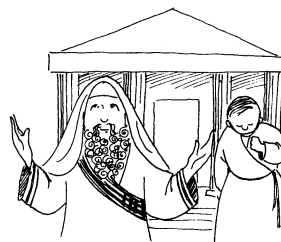


Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOW TO IMPRESS GOD



The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector is the classic “goodie” versus “baddie” tale. The Pharisee represented the pillar of Jewish society: a religious man who knew the Law backwards and observed it in all its minute details. The tax collector was the outcast of society: he collaborated with the pagan occupying army of the Romans, overcharged people for their taxes and kept a commission of the money for himself. Yet by the end of

the story Jesus reverses their roles. The story only makes two points. The first is that it is impossible to impress God. Maybe the Pharisee is not unlike people in some of our churches today. They go to be seen rather than to make genuine contact with God. They feel that they are pillars of society; they are well respected in the community; their family has always supported the parish and they live a moral existence unlike some of the other members of the congregation that they could name! Why would we want to “impress” God? Could it be that we can’t actually face up to what we are really like? Could it be that we think God will only have time for us when we improve a bit? Do we need to shape up before God will pay us any attention? Yet the reality is that God knows us even better than we know ourselves. For we can fool ourselves but we can’t fool God. And the truth is that we can only gain access to God by being totally sincere. Anything else cuts us off. The second point of the story is that we can do absolutely nothing to earn God’s mercy. The tax collector’s body language was the complete opposite of the Pharisee’s: he beat his breast and didn’t even dare to look up. He was open about two things: he was a sinner and he needed God’s mercy. And he poured his heart out. This total honesty before God frightens many people. That’s because they believe God acts on a “Brownie points” system and they find it hard to accept that God loves people for what they are not what they should be. God’s way of acting overturns any idea of merit, any thought of earning our salvation. God’s love and forgiveness are indiscriminate and open to anyone who asks sincerely. Of course, if you accepted your true condition and knew that only the free gift of grace could save you, then you’d really impress God.



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Offertory:	€ 780
Share	€ 500
Planned Giving:	€ 441
Maint. & Devel	€ 149

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Baptisms: Ashford 1st Sunday each month after 11:00 am Mass.

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.



MISSION

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

ALERT

Support is needed by prayer as well as financially. This Mission Sunday 24th October 2010 please pray for the universal missions of the Church and give as generously as you can to the Mission Sunday Collection. Every cent of the money donated to this collection goes into a universal fund and is distributed to the missions most in need. All aid is greatly appreciated by communities less fortunate than ourselves and “Together in Mission” may we continue to spread the good news in God’s name.

Mission Sunday Annual Collection -
24th October 2010



NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

The parish will be compiling the Altar list of the dead for the year ahead, in the coming weeks. As a community we pray for all the names on the list at every First Friday throughout the year and at all Friday masses in the month of November. So if you wish to have your loved ones names inscribed on the list please take a sheet and an envelope from the church exists and return it in the coming weeks.

Mass of Remembrance

The annual Mass to remember those parishioners who have died in the last year will take place in Ashford Church on Wednesday November 24th at 7:30.



As well those parishioners who have lost loved ones from outside the parish within the last year are welcome to have them remembered at this mass as well. Please make contact with Celia Mc Watt or Mary Woolly to provide details.

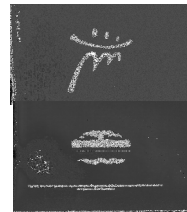
Youth Choir



The Ashford & Glenealy Church Youth Choir will be continuing Christmas Performance Rehearsals next week.. The audition/practices will be held in Ashford National School on Thursday next commencing at 6:30 pm.

New members are very welcome

TIDY TOWNS THANK YOU



Thank you to everyone who entered teams in the Ashford Tidy Towns Table Quiz on Friday 14th and to all the local Businesses who provided the prizes, the support was overwhelming. It was a great night and a huge success, we raised over €2,000. Thanks also to George, Ann and their very helpful staff in the Yew Tree Restaurant for all their hard work and to all the valuable volunteers who were there to give a helping hand. Congratulations to the winning teams we hope you all enjoyed the night. **1st Sugar Daddy's 2nd Bel Aire Babes 3rd Government Artists** Ashford Tidy Towns Official Launch night will take place on Thursday 18th November at Ashford House at 8 PM. We are inviting all local people and businesses to attend to discuss future plan. Please keep Ashford Tidy.

THANK YOU

Monday Bank Holiday

Monday October 25th is bank holiday. Mass will be celebrated in Glenealy Church only. The mass will be celebrated at 10 am.