

For Masses  
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic  
Ministers

**Ashford**

Brendan Devine  
Margaret Stephens

Sr Valery  
Ray Kinsella

Vigil –6:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Tom McHugh  
Paddy Andrews

Denise Collis Lee  
Pat Ferguson

**Glenealy**

Sunday 9:30a.m.

Lizzie McElhinney

To be decided at Mass.

**MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK NOV 1ST-NOV 7TH-**

**Ashford Oct 31st 730 Vigil All Saints**

**Glenealy Monday Nov 1st All Saints 10am**

Glenealy Tuesday Nov All Souls 2nd 9 am

Glenealy Wednesday Nov 3rd 9:00 am Chris Twigh

Glenealy Thursday Nov 4th 9 am

Glenealy Friday Nov 5th 9am First Friday

Ashford Vigil Nov 6th 6 pm Pat Clarke

Glenealy Sunday Nov 7th 9:30am James & Elizabeth O'Brien.

Ashford Sunday Nov 7th 11 am Ellen Manley



# Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

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**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## MAKING THE FIRST MOVE

There was a sign outside a church that read, “Don’t let your funeral be the next time you come and visit us!” We can understand what it meant; it was encouraging people to think about the place of God in their lives and their



Respons to God’s workings.

But, actually, the sign is fundamentally flawed. Why? Because it encourages people to think that they are the ones who must make the first move. It gives the impression that God is sitting back waiting for them to decide to start doing something about their lives. And that simply isn’t true!

The amazing thing about God’s dealings with us is that he always makes the first move. Think of Zacchaeus in today’s gospel. He’d heard all the rumours about

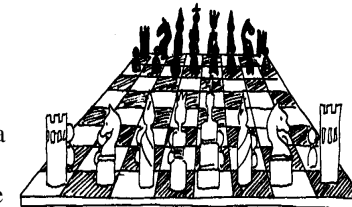
Jesus and wanted to see for himself. Being a small man he

climbed up a sycamore tree to get a good view. But before he could say anything, before he could make his mind up, it was Jesus who made the first move and told him he was coming home with him to stay for a while.

When Zacchaeus heard what Jesus had to say he was immediately moved to repent and give half his property to the poor. (He’d cheated people by charging them too much tax and then keeping most of the money himself.)

God never ceases reaching out to us. We find this hard to cope with because we think that God is so concerned with weighty global problems that he has no time for us and our particular situations. Yet the opposite is true.

When we feel drawn to God it is only because God’s grace has been offered us in the first place. Our lives are a response to Christ’s example of sacrifice and love; our response comes from hearing God’s word; our actions are inspired by God’s Spirit working in us, if only we take the time to discern it.



At the eucharist we thank God for never abandoning us and for continually offering us the chance to enjoy the life that Christ promised. Amazingly, God never stops leading us on to deeper trust and love. And all he asks in return is that we respond.

## CYC

The annual collection for CYC ( the Diocesan Youth Services) will be held at all Masses on the weekend ( 13th/14th November)It will replace the normal SHARE collection

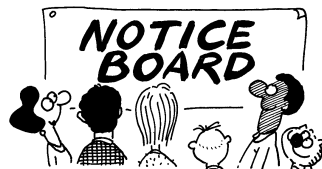
CYC supports and services youth work and ministry throughout the Dublin Diocese. Through their various services and programmes to young people and youth groups, they reach out to many of the most marginalised young people in the Dublin Archdiocese.

Please give them your support



## 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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## LAST WEEKEND’S COLLECTION

Offertory:	€ 710
Mission Sunday	€ 1160
Planned Giving:	€ 555
Maint. & Devel	€ 100

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Glenealy- Eleanor O’Neill 0404-44469

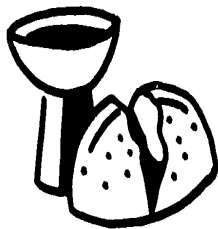
**Baptisms:** Ashford 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month after 11:00 am Mass.

**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.

## FIRST FRIDAY

Friday next November 5th is First Friday.



As work might still be ongoing in our church in Ashford Mass will be celebrated for the Altar List of the Dead in Glenealy Church only at 9 am . The Eucharist will be brought to those confined to their homes after the mass.

A silent hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in place commencing after the 9 am Mass in Glenealy

The rosary will be recited before the 9:00 a.m. mass in Glenealy on that day.

## NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD



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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 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

## Feast of All Saints And All Souls

Due to the ongoing works in our Ashford Church we will be making a slight change to the Mass schedule for these Feast days Masses

**On All Saints , we will celebrate a vigil Mass in Ashford Church on Sunday October 31st at 7:30, and celebrate a day Mass on November 1st in Glenealy Church at 10 am**

For the feasts of All Souls we will have mass in Glenealy only at 9 am.

## CLOCKS BACK

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour this Saturday night as we move into daylight savings time once again!! TIME



FLIES!!!

Sunday Mass goes....Sorry for the late reminder.