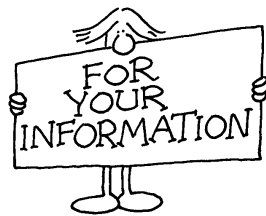


THE NEW MISSAL

From the First Sunday in Advent the new missal with the new responses will be in use throughout the English speaking world. We have been using parts over the last number of weeks but for the next two weeks we will dispense with the usual mass leaflets and use instead the printed Congregational card. We ask that this be used as well at the weekday masses until we become familiar with the new responses.



MEETING FOR PARENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN ST. JOSEPH'S GLENEALY



A meeting of the parents of children celebrating First Holy Communion in Glenealy in the coming year will take place in Glenealy school at 7:30 p.m. on Monday the 14th of November. The children will celebrate their enrolment mass on Sunday next the 20th November at the 9:30 a.m. mass in Glenealy. We ask that you remember the children in your prayers in the coming weeks and months.

MEETING FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN CELEBRATING CONFIRMATION IN ASHFORD

A meeting for parents of children celebrating Confirmation in Ashford will take place on Monday the 5th of December at 7:30 p.m. in Ashford school. The commitment mass will take place on Sunday the 11th of December at 11:00 a.m. in Ashford church. We wish the young people every blessing in this special year.



ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC YOUTH CARE THIS WEEKEND

The annual collection for CYC will be taken up at all masses this weekend replacing the usual Share collection. CYC supports and services youth work and youth ministry throughout the Dublin Diocese.

Please give CYC your support at all masses this weekend.



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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



LOST TALENT?

It would be easy to think that the parable of the talents is about making the best of what you have got so that you can get on in the world. For example, practise the piano so as to become a concert pianist, or brush up your cooking skills and end up a top-class chef. But this is so self-centred that it has nothing to do with Christ's message. Someone who didn't believe in God would do just the same.

What Christ is pointing out is that each of us is expected to make our contribution to furthering the day when the kingdom of God will be fully established on earth.

And so Abdullah had three sons. The oldest was in charge of the family oil refinery; the middle son ran the farm and the youngest made beautiful oriental rugs. On the day Abdullah flew abroad on business, war was declared against the country and he was prevented for several months from returning home.

When he eventually got back he found that the eldest son had given away many barrels of oil to help the ordinary people with their cooking and heating. The middle son had slaughtered most of the animals to feed the locals when food supplies were cut off. And the youngest son had followed the war on TV and radio; he could see no point in making rugs during a war since people had other things on their minds. Can you guess what the father, Abdullah, had to say?

The youngest son was actually the only one to preserve something of the family fortune, but he had not made use of his talents. Using our talents doesn't simply mean getting better at something or storing up wealth and fame for ourselves. God gives us talents to use for the benefit of others. That's what the two older sons had done.

What's the point of having a talent if we do not use it to seek the kingdom of God, to benefit other people? When we meet God face to face at the gates of heaven he will not mind if we have nothing in our hands to show for our lives. As long as we have given it away generously.



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Offertory: € 840

Share: € 520

Planned Giving: €410

Maint. & Devel € 150

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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

On Sunday Nov 6 there were three baptisms in Ashford Church.

Baptised were: Sophia Hynes, Jack Coughlan, and Nadine Cleary Byrne. We extend to their parents and relatives our sincere congratulations on this happy occasion

RECENT WEDDING

On Friday Nov 11 Kevin assisted at the wedding of Aoife Connolly and Gary Doyle which was celebrated in Ashford Church.

We extend our sincere congratulations to the happy couple and wish them much joy as they begin their married life together.



MASS FOR THE PARISHIONERS WHO DIED IN THE PAST YEAR

The annual mass for the deceased of the parish will take place in Glenealy church on Wednesday the 23rd of November at 7:30 p.m. If you wish to a loved one who died in the past year included on the list please leave the name with Fr. Kevin .,Celia @40790 or Mary @ 012810482



Trees of Remembrance

During November we have our “trees of remembrance” in place at both our Churches. Parishioners are invited to write the name(s) of loved ones and place the card(s) on the tree. It’s a special remembrance of those we love.

May they rest in peace



MEETING FOR PARENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN ASHFORD



A meeting for parents of children celebrating First Holy Communion in Ashford will take place in Ashford school at 7:30 p.m. On Tuesday the 13th of December the children will celebrate their enrolment mass on Sunday the 18th of December at 11:00 a.m. mass in Ashford church. We ask that you remember the children in your prayers in the coming weeks and months.

HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL ASHFORD CHRISTMAS FAIR



A date for your diary the Ashford school Fair will take place on Sunday the 27th November from 12:30 until 3:00 p.m.

Come along and enjoy the fun day while supporting your local school.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR THE 50TH INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2012



The 50th International Eucharistic Congress 2012 (IEC2012) will take place in Dublin from 10th to 17th June 2012.

Volunteers will have an integral role to play in the success of the Congress. Between two and three thousand volunteers will be needed during the week of the Congress and also to assist in preparations in the months leading up to the Congress. The Congress is now recruiting volunteers for a wide range of roles such as administration, data entry, stewards, marketing, transport, meet & greet, multimedia, pastoral preparation and much more! We need 10 people per parish from the Dublin diocese. If you would like to get involved please visit the IEC2012 website www.iec2012.ie/volunteer and fill out an online application or request an application form from the Congress office. Induction training sessions will begin 19th November in the RDS. For more information please contact the IEC2012 offices on (01) 2349900

Walk of Light:

You are invited to take part in the annual inter-church Walk of Light, on Sunday 20th November, beginning at 4pm in St. Ann’s Church of Ireland Church, Dawson Street, proceeding from there to St. Teresa’s Church, Clarendon St., and concluding at Centenary Methodist Church, Leeson Park with prayer and refreshments. A short service of prayer will take place in each of the three churches along the route. The Walk of Light is organised each year on the Feast of Christ the King by a number of churches in the south city and Leeson St area.