

For Masses
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic
Ministers

Ashford

Joe Kavanagh
Deirdre McMahon

Donal Dunne
Sr.Mary

Michael Noone
Eileen Byrne

Denise Collis Lee
Pat Ferguson

Glenealy

Pat O'Sullivan

Noel Quinn

Vigil –6:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

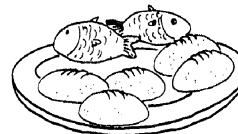
Sunday 9:30a.m.



Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

www.ashfordparish.com
3rd Sunday of Easter

BREAKFAST BY THE LAKE



When someone says the word “Eucharist” what springs to mind? Do you think of a thing, perhaps the bread and wine? Or do you think of an action, perhaps the Mass?

Oddly enough, if you go to Greece you’ll hear the word “Eucharist”, though pronounced in a slightly different way, every few minutes. That’s because it’s the Greek word for “thank you”.

So the Eucharist is really the action of giving thanks to God for creation and redemption. It’s an action first and foremost, and then a thing secondarily since we reserve the Eucharistic species of bread and wine for use with the sick and sometimes for adoration.

If you take a look at the appearances of Jesus after his resurrection, you’re bound to notice that food plays a great part in them. From the first appearance on Easter Sunday evening with the disciples on their way to Emmaus where he breaks bread, to the final appearance in today’s gospel where they have a fish breakfast on the lake shore, being with Jesus is associated with eating and drinking. Could the gospel writers be trying to give us a clue?

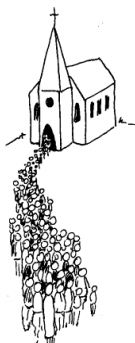
The Eucharist is the action of the Church in the power of the Holy Spirit by which we praise and thank God for the wonders he has worked for us and those he is still doing today. By calling down the Holy Spirit upon the bread and wine we effect the transformation of the elements into the body and blood of Christ. We also call down the Spirit upon ourselves so that by sharing communion we too are transformed into the Body of Christ that is the Church. In other words, we become what we eat.

We meet Christ in the words that are proclaimed from scripture, for they convey the message that his life embodied. We meet Christ in the faces of those whose paths cross ours daily, especially those in need. We meet Christ in those who minister God’s love to us through the sacraments. We meet Christ in his body, the Church, when we gather together with two or three or more to worship in his name.

But most of all, and in a special way, we meet the risen Christ in Eucharist where he invites us to eat and drink in the consummate act of thanksgiving that seals us in God’s love.



MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK APRIL 19TH-APRIL 25TH



Ashford Monday April 19 9am Fr.David Heale-A
Ashford Tuesday April 20th 9am Finbar Newsome-A
Ashford **Wednesday April 21st 9:45 am** Murphy Family-
Ashford Thursday April 22nd 9am A Special Intention
Ashford Friday April 23rd 9am Maureen Mulcahy R.D
Ashford Vigil April 24th John & Kathleen O'Connor
Ashford Sunday April 25th 11 am Ann Crean
Glenealy Sunday 9:30am



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES

The celebration of First Holy Communion will take place in Glenealy church on Sunday next the 25th of April at a special 11:30 a.m. mass.



In Ashford church the celebration will take place on Saturday the 8th of May at two special masses at 10:00 a.m. and 12 Noon.

Please pray for the children as they continue to prepare for their special day.

CONFIRMATION DATES

Service of Light:

The celebration of the Service of Light in preparation for Confirmation will take place in Ashford church on Monday the 17th of May at 7:30 p.m. and in Glenealy church on Wednesday the 19th May at 7:30 p.m.



Confirmation:

The celebration of Confirmation will take place in Ashford on Friday 21st May at 11:00 a.m. and in Glenealy on Sunday 23rd May at 11:30 a.m. Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers in the coming weeks.



LAST WEEKEND’S COLLECTION

Offertory:	€ 1005
Share	€ 630
Planned Giving:	€ 450
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 April 4th Fr. Kevin baptized **Aidan Flood and Evan Rowan** and on Sunday April 11 Fr. Harry Behan baptized **Cian Dunne** in Ashford Church. We extend to their families and relatives our sincere congratulations.

NEW EVANGELISATION WEBSITE

The Office of Evangelisation has a new website to assist the promotion of Evangelisation and the Reading of St. Luke throughout the Archdiocese www.yearofevangelisation.ie. Your adding it to your favourites page and using it would be helpful. It has information on what is happening, St. Luke and reading the Gospel, information on Parish Pastoral Councils, Facebook and much more – let us know what you would like to see on it also.



YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE TO TAIZE

This Pilgrimage will take place from July 11-18 2010 – The Office of Evangelisation is now taking bookings for our summer pilgrimage to Taize – ideal for young people who wish to experience this monastic experience of prayer, meditation and contemplate the message of the Gospel. Booking form, and information available on www.yearofevangelisation.ie – Anyone interested would need to book soon.



TAX RECLAIM FOR OUR PARISH

Forms were sent out this week to those who qualify under this scheme we ask that you return the signed forms as soon as possible to Fr. Kevin. This can be a very useful source of income for our parish,



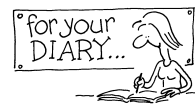
An Taisce National Spring Cleanup

There will be a clean up of our village taking place in conjunction with the An Taisce National Trust.

All you need do is meet with your fellow volunteers at the Church gates in Ashford on April 24th at 10. You are being asked to give two hours of your time to assist with this extremely worthwhile venture! Bring your work gloves and of course your enthusiasm! For full details of the event contact Pauline at 087 205 3775 or website: www.nationalspringclean.org

This is your opportunity to make a contribution

ASHFORD COMMUNITY GROUP TEA DANCE



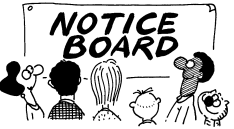
ACG is holding a tea dance this Sunday April 18th from 3-6 pm in the Bel-Air Hotel. Music will be by the Wicklow Man. Entry cost is € 5.00. Tea coffee and sandwiches will be provided. As well there will be a raffle!

ASHFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

At the most recent draw the following were the winners:
€ 300 Joan O'Reilly
€150 Jordan Doyle
€100 Ollie Kennedy
€50 Triona Snell
Congratulations to all. Next draw will be taking place on April 24th at Ashford House
Good luck to all who seek their fortunes!!

OUTINGS OF THURSDAYS

Ashford Community Group supported by Wicklow rural transport are providing a free transport service for holders of a free travel pass. It will be every Thursday to various venues e.g. shopping centres. Bus pick up from homes in Glenealy from 10 am and from the Woodpecker in Ashford at 10:15 (approximately)
To book your place contact Liam Wooley 0404-40302 or Marie Creane 086 302 9581. Please book the Monday of the week you plan to travel!!



BRAY YOUTH CHOIR



SPRING CONCERT

Bray Youth Choir presents A Spring Concert in St. Fergal's Church, Bray, Co. Wicklow Saturday 24th April at 8.15pm. Tickets: Adults: €10, Students/OAP's €5, Family (2+2) €25 Featuring: the Vivaldi Gloria with Orchestral Accompaniment & Choral Arrangements of Popular Songs, Negro Spirituals, Traditional Music & Solo Pieces. Musical Director: Frank Kelly. Tickets available from: Frank 086-4013711 (after 4pm), Philip 085-7736788. Robert 086-8403423. Limited tickets at the door,
www.brayyouthchoir.org