

For Masses
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic
Ministers

Ashford

Saturday Vigil

Maureen Stockdale
Des Tully

Donal Dunne
Marie Togher

Sunday Mass

Michael Noone
Eileen Byrne

Teresa Bourke
Ronnie Connolly

Glenealy

Sunday Mass

Pat O'Sullivan

As per arrangements

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK

Ashford May 9th 9 am Dec'd members Johnson/Courtney families

Ashford May 10th 9am No Intention

Ashford May 11th 9:45 am No Intention

Ashford May 12th 9 am.No Intention

Ashford May 13th 9am No Intention-

Ashford May 14th Vigil John Joe and Elizabeth Byrne

Glenealy May 15th 930 am

Ashford Sunday May 15th 11 am William Crean



FIRST COMMUNION



The children from Ashford and Nun's Cross schools will celebrate First Holy Communion on

Saturday next the 14th of May.

The children from Glenealy school will celebrate the sacrament on Sunday the 22nd of May please remember the children, their parents and teachers in your prayers during the coming days.

SERVICE OF LIGHT AND CONFIRMATION

The celebration of the Service of Light in preparation for Confirmation will take place in Ashford church on Monday the 16th of May at 7:30 p.m Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday May 20th.

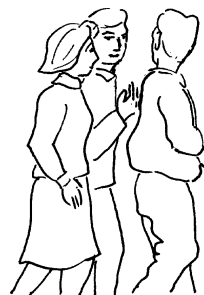
We pray for God's blessing upon our young people at this special time in their lives.



Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

Third Sunday of Easter

DAY TRIP TO EMMAUS



We're all on our way to Emmaus like the two disciples in today's gospel. We're all busy going somewhere, doing something important, our days filled with chores and charms, with pleasure and pain.

And when the journey gets long and tiresome we become dejected. We end up thinking that it all depends on us, that things are going to the dogs, that the effort isn't worth it, that other people we thought we could rely on have let us down.

Just like the disciples. They'd put great stock in Jesus, but now he was dead and the whole thing was over. And like them we fail to see Jesus approaching and walking by our side, bothered about what bothers us, encouraging us when courage falters.

And it takes the story of the scriptures to give us new heart, to remind us that God has promised to be with us to the end of time, through thick and thin, to speak the words which make life bearable, worthwhile, liveable. It takes God's word to warm our hearts once more, to make us burn with gratitude.

Then when we reach Emmaus, like the disciples, it is in the breaking of the bread that our whole lives make sense. We take the bread and wine and with it we present all our hopes and fears, our joys and tears, that God may redeem and renew us at our very core. We bless God for the indescribable tenacity with which he surrounds us with his loving care, with his never ending offer of forgiveness and new start. As we break the bread and pour the wine, we ask God to break us and use us for his purposes that we may speak the word to others.

And in sharing the food of life we become one body in Christ; in fact, we become the very thing that we eat: the Body of Christ. And all of this wonder is repeated every time we consciously set out on the journey to Emmaus. Wherever it may be, we go there daily.



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Offertory: € 866

Share: € 492

Planned Giving: € 325

Maint. & Devel € 80

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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 Baptism



On May 1st, Fr Kevin celebrated the baptism in Ashford of Hollyanne Armstrong. We extend to her family and relatives our sincere congratulations on this happy occasion.

PRAYER SERVICE MAY 13TH AND LATER IN MAY

As Fr Kevin has to attend meetings away from the parish on Thursday and Friday he will be unable to celebrate Mass on Friday May 13th.

There will be a special prayer service held at 9 am. It is also hoped that during Fr. Kevin’s extended absence at the end of May beginning of June that we will have a prayer service at 9:00 a.m. each day in our church as there will not be a priest to celebrate daily mass. At the weekends during Fr. Kevin’s absence a priest from Zambia will lead the weekend worship and if there are any emergency calls or funerals Fr. Jimmy from Wicklow will stand in. This is just part of the change that is taking place throughout the diocese and the reality is that if we want to have a daily service in our church then parishioners need to step in.

Parishioners who wish to participate in the readings etc are asked to submit their names to Fr Kevin during the week.



Fr Edward Gathering

In preparation for the special celebration to honour Fr Edward and his time in the parish, the volunteers are reminded of the special meeting which will be held in the Ashford Church on Thursday next at 7:30 pm. All interested in helping to organise this celebration are invited to attend.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Killoughter Cemetery: Tuesday 26th July at 7:30 p.m.

Glenealy Cemetery: Wednesday 27th July at 7:30 p.m. We realise that this is a change from the normal for Glenealy however due to the fact that there is only one priest in the parish it is no longer possible to have the blessing on the usual Saturday.

Please note also that the blessing of the graves will be a prayer service and mass will not be celebrated on either of the above dates in the cemeteries. We apologise for any inconvenience this change may cause but hopefully this early warning will give people a chance to plan.



Thou hast
brought
O LORD
I have said
You are my
GOD
my life is in
your hands

SUMMER CONCERT 22 MAY: WICKLOW PREMIERE KARL JENKINS

“THE ARMED MAN – A MASS FOR PEACE”

Wicklow Choral Society, under the musical direction of Frank Kelly presents a special concert consisting of “The Armed Man –a Mass for Peace” followed by a recital by the choir. The performance will be accompanied by a small orchestra and soloists.

The concert will take place on Sunday 22nd of May at 8.00pm in St. Patrick’s Church, Wicklow. The tickets, which cost €15, will be on sale at Earl’s Newsagents, Wicklow; Mooney’s Newsagents, Greystones; Post Office Newtownmountkennedy or from any member of the choir, or at the door on the night. This promises to be a very special concert which is being sung to commemorate the victims of the ‘9/11’ atrocities ten years ago.

ASHFORD COMMUNITY GROUP.

At the most recent draw the following were the winners:
€300 Margaret Fitzpatrick €150 Dona McKierian, €100Declan Long, €50Graham Mooney. The next draw will be held in Ashford House on May 28th. As well the Community group will be sponsoring a car boot sale in the Ashford House parking lot .on Sunday May 15t at 10 am cars €10 vans €15.

WICKLOW MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Wicklow Mental Health Association is holding an Information Evening on Tuesday, May 17th 2011 at 7.30pm in the Grand Hotel and we wish to invite you to attend.

The event will deal with coping skills in the areas of Anger, Bullying , Sibling Rivalry and Bereavement in children. Admission is free and all are welcome to attend