

For Masses
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic
Ministers

Ashford

Des Tully ,
Maureen Stockdale

Paddy Andrews ,
Tom McHugh

Glenealy

Bill Donnelly

Marie Togher
Lucy Molloy

Ann Clarke
Gary Dowling

Marie Carroll

Vigil –6:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

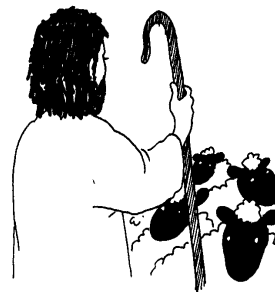
Sunday 9:30a.m.



Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

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4th Sunday of Easter

HIS MASTER'S VOICE



Two men were sitting on a bench chatting. One said, "I think my wife is crazy. She talks to herself all the time." The other man said, "Oh, my wife talks to herself all the time, too. Only she doesn't know it. She thinks I'm listening."

Sometimes in our religious practice we seem to have all the symptoms of Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD). We become distracted easily, we find it hard to concentrate, we allow

ourselves to go off at a tangent and, most of all, we think we are listening when really we're not. In his gospel John quotes Jesus as saying that he is the Good Shepherd whose sheep listen to his voice. And, clearly, if the sheep are to benefit from the shepherd's experience then they have to listen to where he is directing them.

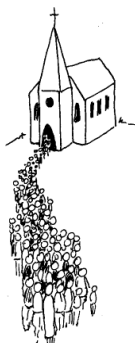
Most of us would accept that what God is trying to say to us can be found in the bible. Some might go further and say that when the bible is proclaimed in our liturgy then God is actually speaking to us here and now. We would probably accept too that the teaching of the Church is another way of knowing what God wants to communicate to us. But are there other ways of listening out for the shepherd's voice?

Christ, the Good Shepherd, speaks to us through other people. When we come across others we see the face of Jesus reflected in them, for they like us are made in God's image and likeness. Yet sometimes we see them only as physical beings rather than as mini-words of God, as glimpses into the divine. Do we hear the voice of God in other people?

What about the events of our daily lives? If we are finding things hard financially, it may be because of the recession. But do we ever think that God's voice may be prompting us to ask about whether we're in the right job, using our talents to the full, managing our lives and money properly? Conversely, if we are doing really well, do we consider that we deserve a good pat on the back or do we instinctively bless God for our prosperity? And when we hear of natural disasters such as recent earthquakes do we jump on the bandwagon of "How can a loving God allow such a thing?" or do we learn anything about our own lives and those of others by looking deeper at the consequences of what has happened?

How do we listen for the shepherd's voice?

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK APRIL 26H-MAY2ND



Ashford Monday April 26 9am Seamus McHugh
Ashford Tuesday April 27th 9am No Intention
Ashford **Wednesday April 28th 9:45 am** No Intention
Ashford Thursday April 29th 9am No Intention
Ashford Friday April 30th 9am No Intention
Ashford Vigil May 1st Pat & Nicholas Molloy
Ashford Sunday May 2nd 11 am Tom & Josie Lawlor
Glenealy Sunday May 2nd 9:30am



VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Today is Vocations Sunday, an opportunity for all of us to reflect on our Baptismal calling to live a life of grace and holiness and an opportunity to pray for and foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a Special Collection to Support the Formation of Our Students for the Priesthood on the weekend of 24th and 25th of April. This collection will replace the usual Share collection. Your support is very much appreciated.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Offertory:	€ 985
Share	€ 615
Planned Giving:	€ 355
Maint. & Devel	€ 155

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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.



SCRIPTURE UNION BIG DAY OUT

Scripture Unions **BIG DAY OUT** will take place at Ovoca Manor, near Avoca Village, Avoca on Sunday 16th May 2010 from 3pm to 6pm.

Ovoca Manor is located on R752 about half way on the left hand side travelling from Woodenbridge to Avoca village.

It will be a great day out for families to enjoy with lots of **FREE** activities like a bouncy castle, face painting, supervised

activities like a zip line, archery and climbing walls. This will also be an opportunity for the local community and parishes to find out more about the many activities of Scripture Union. In addition **FREE** tea/coffee will be provided **ALL ARE WELCOME** to attend this great day out for the whole family!



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.

ST. JOSEPH'S N.S. GLENEALY GOLF CLASSIC

St. Joseph's N.S. are organising a Golf Classic on Thursday 13th May at 3.30pm in Blainroe Golf Club.

Cost per team of 4 is €240, which includes a steak dinner.

We are also looking for tee box sponsors. Please contact the school 040444884 if you are interested in sponsoring us.




WICKLOW SUMMER FAMILY WALK 2010

The Wicklow Summer Family Walk 10 K will take place on the 13th June 3 pm starting and finishing at the Leitrim Lounge Wicklow town. All proceeds in aid of the Wicklow Hospice Foundation and will benefit the Irish Cancer Society. Sponsorship Cards are available from retail outlets or from Pat Lawless 087 2540550.



WICKLOW

MENTAL HEALTH

The Wicklow Mental Health  will be sponsoring an evening talk on

Bullying.-The impact on Children and Adolescents

It will take place in the East Glendalough School Station Road Wicklow on April 26th at 8 pm. The evening will be presented by Dr.Keith Holmes consultant child psychiatrist .It is free of charge and all are welcome. Flyers at the church doors give full details.

TIME OUT WEEKEND RETREAT FOR 18-30 YEAR OLDS

The Young Christian Workers will hold a Time Out Weekend Retreat in Glendalough. From **Fri.24th-Sun.26th Sept 2010.**

The retreat will be guided by Singer/Songwriter Gerry Keegan using the medium of music and nature to help young adults connect with each other and with their Faith.

If you'd like to attend or would like further information contact: YCW National Office, 11 Talbot Street, Dublin 1. Online Bookings: www.ycw.ie. Email: info@ycw.ie. **Please Note this event is strictly for those 18—30 years.**

The Cost for this event will not be prohibitive. Participants will be asked to make a contribution depending on their means.



ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE SEMINARY OPEN DAY APRIL 25TH

St. Patrick's College Seminary is hosting an Open Day on Good Shepherd Sunday, 25 April 2010 for men discerning priesthood. No bookings are required and the day begins at 2:30pm with a brief introduction and a film entitled '*The Day in the Life of a Seminarian*' made by the seminarians in Maynooth last year.

Testimonies and a tour of the college included. Day concludes with 5pm Mass and a supper. It is an opportunity for men discerning this sometimes confusing path, to come and meet like-minded fellows that have taken the 'plunge' and see how the formation process for priesthood works.