

For Masses
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic
Ministers

Ashford

Saturday Vigil

John Holly
Celia McWatt

Marie Togher
Carmel Grant

Sunday Mass

Paddy Andrews
Tom McHugh

Denise Collis Lee
Pat Ferguson

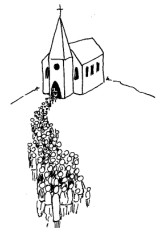
Glenealy

Sunday Mass

Bill Donnelly

To be arranged

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK



Ashford May 16th 9 am No Intentions
 Ashford May 17th 9am Kitty Kavanagh
 Ashford May 18th 9:00 am Aidan Stafford
 Ashford May 19th 9 am. No Intentions
 Ashford May 20th 9am No Intention-
 Ashford May 21st Vigil Michael Bartley
 Glenealy May 22nd 930 am
 Ashford Sunday May 22nd 11 am Frank Higgins



SERVICE OF LIGHT AND CONFIRMATION

The celebration of the Service of Light in preparation for Confirmation will take place in Ashford church this Monday the 16th of May at 7:30 p.m. Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday May 20th at 11:00 a.m.



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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN
GLENEALY**

The children from St. Joseph's Glenealy will celebrate their First Holy Communion on Sunday next the 22nd of May at 11:30 a.m. we ask you to remember them in your prayers during the coming week



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Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

Fourth Sunday of Easter

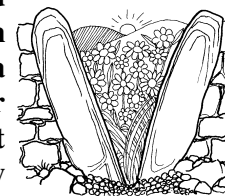


KEEP ON THE GRASS

Peter was not known for being a shrinking violet. Time and time again we see him jumping in with both feet, saying the wrong thing or reacting without (thinking things through. He doesn't seem to have changed much after Christ's death, for today we catch a glimpse of him in action preaching to the crowd. And he comes out with all guns firing. You backed a loser, he says, by killing Jesus of Nazareth. You killed him but God raised him up and made him Lord of all things. So now you're at odds with God. Naturally, the crowd were cut to the quick and wanted to know how to make amends. Peter tells them to repent and turn their lives over to Jesus.

In many parishes throughout the world there are people who have only been Christians for the last three weeks. They were baptised or received into the Church at Easter. During this fifty-day period until Pentecost we look each Sunday at some of the consequences of being a Christian. We tease out just some of implications of turning our lives over to Jesus and we try to enter the mystery of our faith more deeply.

And so we reflect that Jesus is the gate of the sheepfold and the shepherd of the flock. Those who are new Christians can be very good teachers of those who have been around for a while. This is because they teach us about enthusiasm for faith. They can rekindle in us the old fire that we once had but which may have dimmed a little over the years. New Christians are in no doubt that if you want to find your way into the sheepfold (if you want to be in place where life makes sense), then Jesus is the way in. To seek God with all our hearts, to live according to his teaching, to follow the shepherd to springs of water and fresh pasture...this is why people become Christians. Easter is a time for remembering old truths, and we're left in no doubt why people take the plunge of baptism for Christ's sake. It's because the grass is always greener on God's side.



**LAST WEEKEND'S
COLLECTION**

Offertory: € 840
 Share: € 570
 Planned Giving: € 515
 Maint. & Devel € 120

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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.

Vocations Sunday May 15th

A special day in our diocese when we reflect on the call to serve the Lord and His people through the ministry of priest. The priest today is called to be ‘spiritual father’ in the greatest sense for his people. The primary concern for the priest is not his own well-being but the well-being of the people to whom the Lord entrusts him. Dublin needs more vocations to priesthood. On this priesthood Sunday we ask all your young people to seriously contemplate a vocation to priesthood in our diocese. The Church in Dublin NEEDS the giftedness and uniqueness of new priests. Fr Eamonn Bourke, the vocations director can be contacted @ www.priest.ie vocations@dublindiocese.ie/0868346071.



WICKLOW/RATHNEW

ANNUAL CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:

This year’s procession marks the beginning of the Parish’s preparation for the Eucharistic congress. Sunday June 26th 2011. Begins @ 4.00pm. Procession begins at St. Joseph’s Church, Rathnew & Proceeds around the Village and finishes back at the

church). Everyone is welcome to take part: Groups, Clubs and Societies are also welcome to participate.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children from Ashford and Nun’s Cross Schools who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday May 14th. A big thank you to the teachers involved, also to the school choir who made the celebrations such a memorable occasion. We wish all the children every blessing as they continue along their faith journey.



SPECIAL COLLECTION

NEXT WEEKEND

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

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.



I have hoped
in you
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.

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