

For Masses  
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic  
Ministers

### Ashford

Celia McWatt  
John Holly

Anne Lyons  
Carmel Grant

Vigil –6:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Children Readers

Brendan Devine  
Denise O'Donnell

### Glenealy

Sunday 9:30a.m.

Margaret O'Neill

Phillip Carroll



# Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

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5h Sunday of Easter



## SOMETHING COMPLETLEY NEW

**O**ften the closer we are to something, the less clearly we see it. We might go on holiday to a beautiful island paradise only to find that the locals take the sunshine, the palm trees and the gentle pace for granted. It's not uncommon for Parisian or Roman taxi drivers to consider the Arc de Triomphe or the Colosseum as mere traffic islands to be negotiated with difficulty at rush hour. We tend not to appreciate the wonders around us when we see them every day.

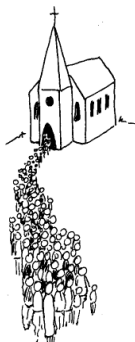
The same can be true for Christians who live cheek by jowl with their faith. We can end up downsizing the importance of what we believe because we package it into sound-bites such as "God is love" or "Love your neighbour as yourself". And if our faith and religion is reduced to maxims then it has to compete with all other political, commercial and recreational claims on our time and talent. And thus it becomes relativised.

So Christianity is in danger of being seen as just one way of spending our spare time, along with party politics, sport, caravanning, bird-watching or knitting. And we get sucked into thinking that tolerance demands of us that we make no greater claim for our faith than we do about our hobbies and our interests. After all, it would be indecent to make a lot of noise about our faith, wouldn't it? Especially if faith is a private thing. But Christians don't think like that. We don't consider our belief in Jesus Christ to be a take-it-or-leave-it affair.

It's not merely like being a member of a wine club or a social networking group. For Christians, faith in Jesus is massive; it is the single most important factor in our lives because it determines who we are and how we behave. To be a Christian is not simply a "nice" thing; it's totally consuming because it informs every aspect of our living and breathing. In today's scripture God says, "Now I am making the whole of creation new". The resurrection of Jesus changes everything. The old order is wiped away, death and evil have lost their power to keep us held captive, and we are offered a radically new and eternal life that has already begun now and that will come to fulfilment the other side of the grave. There is nothing "same-old" about our Christian faith. It's something that can transform the whole of creation.



## MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK MAY 3RD-MAY 9TH



Ashford Monday May 3rd 10 am No Intention  
Ashford Tuesday May 4th 9am No Intention  
Ashford Wednesday May 5th 9:45 am  
Ashford Thursday May 6th 9am Deceased members of  
Courtney & Johnston families  
Ashford Friday May 7th 9am & Glenealy 10am First Friday  
Ashford Vigil May 8th No Intention  
Ashford Sunday May 9th 11 am William Crean  
Glenealy Sunday May 9th 9:30am



## TAX RECLAIM FOR OUR PARISH



**F**orms were sent out a few weeks ago to those who qualify under this scheme we ask that you return the signed forms as soon as possible to Fr. Kevin. The revenue in the parish is down over 20% this year and this claim can be a very useful source of income for our parish.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND



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

## LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Offertory:	€ 980
Share	€ 520
Planned Giving:	€ 400
Maint. & Devel	€ 190

## Parish Information

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Glenealy- Eleanor O’Neill 0404-44469

**Baptisms: Ashford 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month after 11:00 am Mass. 3 Weeks notice required.**

**Glenealy 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Saturday April 24th Fr Joe Brennan S.J baptized Joanna Merkides Hanrahan in Ashford Church. We offer her parents and relatives our congratulations on this happy occasion.

## FIRST COMMUNION

The children of the Glenealy National School celebrated their First Communion on Sunday April 24th at 11:30.

The children from the Ashford NS and Nun’s Cross N.S. will celebrate their First Communion Saturday May 8th.

We congratulate them on this wonderful moment and we pray for our children as they reach this joyous moment in their faith journey!!



*Love one another as I have loved you*

## ST. JOSEPH’S N.S. GLENEALY GOLF CLASSIC



**S**t. 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.

## MONDAY BANK HOLIDAY



**Monday May 3rd** is a bank holiday. Mass will be celebrated in our Ashford Church at 10 a.m. on that day.



## FIRST FRIDAY

**F**riday next May 7th is First Friday. Masses will be celebrated for the Altar List of the Dead in Ashford at 9 am and in Glenealy at 10 am. The Eucharist will be brought to those confined to their homes after the masses.

A silent hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in place commencing after the 9 am Mass in Ashford and the 10:00 a.m. mass in Glenealy. The rosary will be recited before the 9:00 a.m. mass in Ashford on that 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:

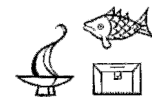
The celebration of Confirmation will take place in Ashford on Friday 21st May at 11:00 a.m. and in Glenealy on Sunday 23rd May at 11:30 a.m. Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers in the coming weeks



*The voice of the Lord is over the waters.  
The voice of the Lord is mighty,  
the voice of the Lord is majestic*

## WICKLOW SUMMER FAMILY WALK 2010

**T**he 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.



## ORLAGH BIBLE WEEK

**P**rovides people with an opportunity to deepen their understanding and love of the bible. This year the theme of Bible Week is The text of Meeting: Encounters with the Living Word. The week runs from 10am Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> to 2pm on Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Costs €375 (residential) and €220 (non-residential) For bookings contact Fr John Byrne, Orlagh Retreat Centre, Old Court Road, Dublin 16. TEL (01) 4958193; Email: [info@orlagh.ie](mailto:info@orlagh.ie)

## ASHFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

At the most recent draw the following were winners:  
**€ 300- Bernie Shortt,**  
**€150 Peter Vickers ,**  
**€100 Audrey Melia**  
**€50 Peter Farrell Jr.**  
The next draw due to take place on May 29th at Chester Beatties!