

For Masses  
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic  
Ministers

**Ashford**

Maureen Stockdale  
Des Tully

Anne Lyons  
Carmel Grant

Vigil -6:00 pm

Dick Fitzpatrick  
Fintan Fanning

Teresa Bourke  
Ronnie Connolly

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

**Glenealy**

Lizzie Mc Elhinney

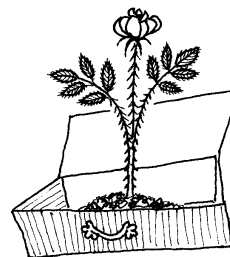
To be determined at Mass

Sunday 9:30 a.m.



# Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

## 5th Sunday of Lent



### THE DEADENING EFFECT

When the teacher asked her if she was looking forward to heaven, Molly replied that she wasn't sure. "The problem is, Miss, if it goes on for ever it might get boring."

We can't quite get our minds around the idea of everlasting life. We automatically think about years, months, days, hours, minutes and seconds. Well, the life after death is certainly eternal and will go on for ever. But when Jesus offers us

everlasting life he is as much concerned with the quality of life as with its duration.

From a human point of view we can feel sorry for Lazarus who was called back from the grave to face more years of humdrum domestic life with Martha and Mary. No matter how happy we are with our family and friends, with what we do at work or in our leisure time, most of us still feel a deep down yearning for something else. We are content up to a point but there is always something out there calling us to a better quality of life. This richer form of life is life with God, and what we yearn for, if only we knew it, is union with God.

The bible is littered with people who in various ways have become hidebound in their own little circles and whom God is able to release and unbind so that they can live life to the full. So when Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead it is to point out that God can unbind us from the shrouds that we choose to wear daily. It's to show us that there is a more fulfilling and exciting life than sometimes we are led to believe.

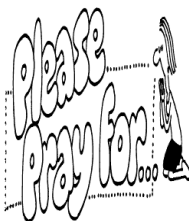
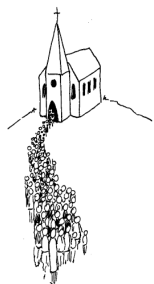
Lent reminds us that to be raised in Christ is to enjoy the really good things of life, to taste the very sweetness of existence. And it reminds us that money, sex, power and applause can have a deadening effect on life. There is more to life than all of these and Christians measure success in different terms. For them, eternal life has already started.

If you want to live life now at a deeper level, an enduring or eternal life, then live the life that Christ offers. It sets you free from the shroud of competition, anxiety and outward appearance. And it's so devoid of deadening influences that it lasts for ever.



### MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK

- Ashford Apr 11th 9 am No Intention
- Ashford Apr 12th 9am No Intention
- Glenealy Apr 12th 10:00am
- Ashford Apr 13th 9:45 am Francis Doyle
- Ashford Apr 14th 9:00 No Intention
- Glenealy Apr 14th 10am
- Ashford Apr 15th 9 am Ester Carthy
- Ashford Apr 16th 6 00 pm-Laurence Byrne
- Glenealy Sunday Apr 17th 9:30 am
- Ashford Sunday Apr 17th 11:00 am Fr.David Heale



### CHANGE IN CONFESSION TIMES HOLY WEEK

**D**ue to the transfer of Fr. Barry it is necessary to change the times of Confessions in the parish.

The Parish Penitential service will take place in Ashford Church on Wednesday 13th at 8:00 p.m.

**IN GLENEALY CHURCH** confessions will take place on Tuesday 19th April after the 10:00 a.m. Mass and Friday 22nd April after the Stations of the Cross at 12

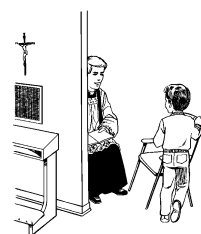
Noon

**IN ASHFORD CHURCH** confessions will take place on

Monday the 18th April after the 9:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday the 22nd April from 12 Noon until 12:30 p.m.

I am sorry for any inconvenience that these changes may cause but under the circumstances it is the best I can do.



### LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Offertory: € 825

Share: € 540

Planned Giving: € 510

Maint. & Devel € 150

## Parish Information

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**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.

## NEW CARERS FOR GLENEALY CHURCH URGENTLY NEEDED

Despite several requests we regret that the response for help in looking after Glenealy church has been very poor and help is urgently needed to replace those who have dropped out after many years of service. If you can spare an hour or two a week to clean and look after your church please leave your name in the sacristy after mass.



## Baptisms

During the past week we celebrated the baptism of Lucy Horgan, Mia Delamere-Fitzgerald and Michael McCormack. We extend to their parents and relatives our sincere congratulations at this happy time



## LUISNE SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

An afternoon of prayer and reflection with some input will be offered at Luisne Spirituality Centre, Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow on Apr. 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 5:00pm. COST: €30. The theme will be Journey from Darkness into Light. Facilitators: Srs. Barbara and Miriam. Phone 2010001 to book at the latest three days beforehand.



## ALTAR LIST FOR THE EASTER MASSES

If you would like to have a loved ones name included on the altar list for the masses over Easter please leave in the list of names by Sunday 17th April. Names received after that date may not be included on the list.



## PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE FOR LENT

The Parish Lenten Penitential service will take place in Ashford church on Wednesday next 13 April at 8:00 p.m. We encourage you to use this opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Forgiveness before Easter. We especially encourage the Confirmation Candidates to avail of this opportunity as there will be no special celebration of the Sacrament of Forgiveness for them before their May Confirmation.



## MASS TIMES HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Holy Thursday April 21st

Mass at 7:30 p.m. in both Churches

Good Friday April

22nd

Stations of the Cross  
at 12:00 noon in both

churches.

3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord’s  
Passion in both churches.

Holy Saturday April 23rd

Vigil in Glenealy at 7:30 p.m.

Vigil in Ashford at 9:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday April 24th

Mass in Ashford at 9:00 and 11:00a.m.

Mass in Glenealy at 9:30 and

11:30a.m.



## FAREWELL TO FR. BARRY



Last weekend we  
heard the sad news  
that Fr. Barry was to

leave the parish after 17 years of  
service.

We wish him well as he begins his new  
ministry in Aughrim parish today and  
we pray that God will bless him in his  
new parish.

It is hoped that at sometime in the not  
too distant future we will have an  
opportunity to say a proper farewell  
to him and to show our gratitude for  
his many years of faithful service to  
the parish of Ashford and Glenealy.

## IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

There will be a blood donation clinic held on Monday April 11th and Tuesday April 12th in the Grand Hotel Wicklow

They wish all who are willing to come along to be there between the hours of 5-8:30 pm These are new hours for the clinic but the need for your support has not changed!! Please give as the life you save may be your own!!



## ASHFORD TIDY TOWN RACE NIGHT WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY 15TH APRIL at 8PM IN THE WOODPECKER PUB.

We would like to invite everyone to come along, it will be a fun night, we are raising money for Dustbins, Planters and Tools. So please join in and help make Ashford an even more lovely!!