

For Masses
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic
Ministers

Ashford

Saturday Vigil

Carmel Grant
Marie Togher

Anne Lyons
Lucy Molloy

Sunday Mass

Dick Fitzpatrick
Fintan Fanning

Anne Clark
Gary Dowling

Glenealy

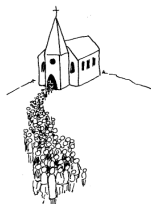
Sunday Mass

Margaret O'Neill

To be arranged

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK

- Ashford May 23rd 9 am Prayer Service
- Ashford May 24th 9am Prayer Service
- Ashford May 25th 9:00 am Prayer Service
- Ashford May 26th 9 am. Prayer Service
- Ashford May 27th 9am Prayer Service-
- Ashford May 28th Vigil Mary Redmond
- Glenealy May 29th 930 am
- Ashford Sunday May 29th 11 am John Bourke



CONFIRMATION-ASHFORD

The celebration of Confirmation took place in Ashford Church on Friday 20th May at 11:00 a.m. Fr. Kevin was the celebrant. We offer the Confirmation candidates our sincere congratulations on this happy occasion and special thanks to the teachers, sponsors and parents who helped them as they prepared for this celebration! Many thanks also to the school choir and their teachers for their wonderful and uplifting music.



SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

There 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.

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Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

Fifth Sunday of Easter

ALL RELIGIONS EQUAL?

A public figure, interviewed recently, said that if he carried rune stones around people would be interested to talk about them. If he meditated under a pyramidal dome in his dining room, practised an obscure form of Himalayan exercises, took regular colonic irrigation or sang American Indian chants under a dream-catcher whilst bathing himself in aroma-therapy oils, people would be equally tolerant. But if he were to tell them that he believed Jesus

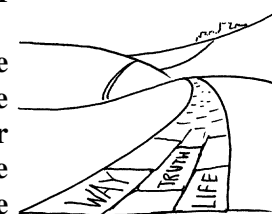


Christ was the Son of God and the saviour of the world, then they would run a mile and refuse to interview him about it.

Christianity has become the new taboo. Pop singers who make no secret of their Christian faith are rubbished as "squeaky-clean" and public figures whose faith motivates them are dismissed as "do-gooders". It's almost as if there is something dangerous about being a follower of Jesus.

At the other end of the scale it's become politically correct to be tolerant of all beliefs, no matter how implausible they may appear. Of course, there's a good side to this. No one should be mocked for what they believe or persecuted for their faith. But acceptance of every set of teachings that claims to be a religion simply means that you don't have to deal with any of them.

So it's not uncommon to hear people say that since there's only one God all religions must be equal because all people are trying to approach the same God. Or alternatively, all religions are to be shunned because there has been an element of religion in many of the major wars throughout history.



The problem is that once you stop believing in God, you don't start believing in nothing. You start believing in anything.

Today Jesus claims that there is only one way of attaining union with God and that is through him. I am the Way, the Truth and the Life: no one can come to the Father except through me. He's either telling the truth or he's a liar. The choice is yours.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

- Offertory: € 768
- Share: € 430
- Planned Giving: € 540
- Maint. & Devel € 170

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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.

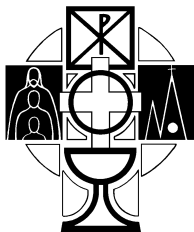
Marriages: Three months notice required by Church and the State . N.B. New Civil law Regulations require that all couples present themselves to the priest in the Church before a marriage date can be booked into the Church Diary.

MASS TIMES IN THE COMING WEEKS

As Fr. Kevin will be on retreat and taking a short break, for the next few weeks there will be no weekday daily mass celebrated in the church in Ashford. There will be a prayer service taking place each day at 9 am. We encourage you to come along and pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life on these days.

Mass times for the weekends will remain unchanged and we thank Fr. Immanuel from Zambia for agreeing to travel down from Templeogue to celebrate mass with us.

As well should there be need for a priest for sick calls etc, you may contact Fr. Jimmy in Wicklow parish at 0404 67133
Apologies for any inconvenience while Fr Kevin is away.



FAREWELL TO FR. BARRY

There will be a special mass in Ashford church on Friday the 10th June to say farewell to Fr. Barry and to say thanks for all he has contributed to parish life in the seventeen years he has served here. Details are available in letters at the back of the church.



RECENT BAPTISMS



During the past weeks there have been three baptisms celebrated in our parish. Baptized were, Kathleen Connors, Isabelle Shevlin, and Adam Hall. We offer the parents and relatives our sincere congratulations on this very happy occasion.

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 this 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.

SEAMUS HEANEY POETRY READINGS

A special evening of poetry reading with Seamus Heaney, poet writer and Nobel Laureate accompanied by Eamon Sweeney, guitar will take place at Nuns Cross Church on June 11th at 7 pm. followed by refreshments in Nun's Cross School. Details of ticket purchase are detailed on the flyers at the church doors.