

For Masses  
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic  
Ministers

**Ashford**

Margaret Stephens,  
Brendan Devine

Dick Fitzpatrick,  
Fintan Fanning

**Glenealy**

Marie Phelan

Ray Kinsella  
Sr Mary

Teresa Bourke  
Ronnie Connolly

Noel Quinn

Vigil –6:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:30a.m.



# Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

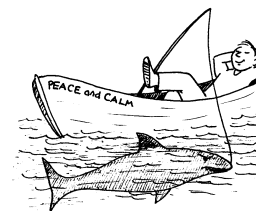
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6th Sunday of Easter

## PARTING GIFT

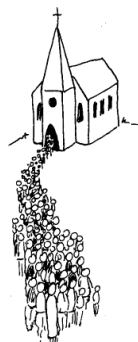


When two Hebrew-speaking people greet each other, they say “Shalom aleichem” which means “Peace be with you.” When two Arabic-speakers give the same greeting, they say “Salaam aleichem.” Shalom/salaam refers to the state of integrity, harmony, serenity and completeness within a person’s life. Peace is not merely the absence of struggle but the abiding presence of calm. In today’s gospel Jesus gives his disciples a parting gift, a gift that he says the world cannot give: peace. To have faith in Jesus and be possessed by the Holy Spirit means that we enjoy the peace of Christ.

Of course, in everyday talk, peace usually means the end of war (which often is not peace but simply truce) or the idea of peace and quiet, when we are not troubled and are allowed just to “chill out” or have a few moments to ourselves. But the peace that Jesus offers us is that deep-down sense of wellbeing that comes from knowing that we are loved by God, have been called to be God’s children in baptism and are permanently held in the hand of a God who will never let us be lost, unless we absolutely insist on it. Christian peace brings calmness. However, the peace we enjoy is not a static thing; it’s something active and dynamic. Consequently we have to work at keeping this peace alive, which is what Jesus meant when he said “Blessed are the peacemakers”. We have to work with the Holy Spirit to keep our relationship with God alive and active and then we have to work for unity among ourselves so that the gift of peace may be a reality in our communities. Some people can have a false sense of security. Others can have a false sense of peace. If our peace is just built on not being troubled by others, not having worries about our job, our family or our finances, then we are simply enjoying freedom from anxiety. If, however, our peace is built on our relationship with God, on our trust in his promises to us and the confidence that his always keeps his word, then we enjoy that peace of Christ which the world cannot give. And this is what we wish each other at every Mass when we turn to each other and say, “Peace be with you”



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



Ashford Monday May 10th 9 am A Special Intention  
Ashford Tuesday May 11th 9am No Intention  
Ashford Wednesday May 12th 9:00 am No Intention  
Ashford Thursday May 13th 9am No Intention  
Ashford Friday May 14th 9am No Intention  
Ashford Vigil May 15th John Joe & Elizabeth Byrne  
Ashford Sunday May 16th 11 am Thomas Clare  
Glenealy Sunday May 16th 9:30am Mick Cowman



## 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

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION	
Offertory:	€ 965
Seminarians	€ 1040
Planned Giving:	€ 655
Maint. & Devel	€ 185

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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.



## Recent Baptisms

On Sunday May 2nd Fr Edward baptized Adam Armstrong, Diane Byrne, and Max Harrison in Ashford Church. We offer their parents and relatives our congratulations on this happy occasion.

## Recent Death

On Saturday May 1st Fr. Edward offered funeral mass for Winnifred Cafrey in St. Joseph's Church in Glenealy. We offer our sincere condolences to her family, relatives and friends on this sad occasion. May she rest in peace.



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



St. Joseph's N.S. are organising a Golf Classic for Thursday next, 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.

## SCRIPTURE UNION "BIG DAY OUT"

Scripture Unions' BIG DAY OUT will take place at Ovoca Manor, near Avoca village on Sunday next May 16 from 3-6pm. The manor is on R752, between Woodenbridge and Avoca .( half way).

The day will be great for families with lots of free activities .Its an opportunity for local community and parishes to find out more about Scripture Union. Free tea/coffee will be provided. All are welcome!  
A great day out for the whole family.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

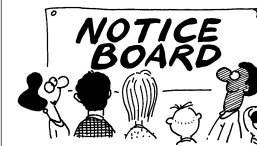
Congratulations to the children from Glenealy, Ashford and Nun's Cross national schools who celebrated their First Holy Communion in the past few weeks.

A big thank you to the teachers involved because without their massive contribution such celebrations could not take place in our parish. We say thank you also to the school choirs who made the celebrations such memorable occasions. We wish all the children every blessing as they continue along their faith journey.



*Love one another as I have loved you*

## SEVENTH ANNUAL WALK IN AID OF THE CAPUCHIN DAY CENTRE FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE



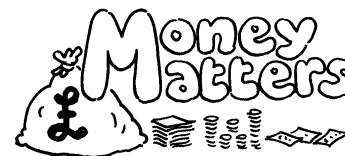
On Sunday, 6th June 2010, a small group of walkers will set out from the Glendalough Hermitage and walk to the Capuchin Friary in Church Street, Dublin, arriving for the Gospel Mass at 7pm. As in previous years, the aim of the walk is to raise awareness about the issue of homelessness. As they make their way over the Dublin Hills, they will rely on the kindness of those they meet to respond to their need for drinks and snacks. If you live on this route, please support their effort by offering water, food and maybe a place to rest. You can offer your own support by walking some of the route with them, or by encouraging them with a wave, a smile or a brief chat!!

## 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.



## TAX RECLAIM FOR OUR PARISH



Forms 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.