

For Masses  
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic  
Ministers

Ashford

Saturday Vigil

-Joe Kavanagh  
Deirdre McMahon

Sr Valery  
Ray Kinsella

Sunday Mass

Michael Noone  
Eileen Byrne

Brendan Devine  
Denise O'Connell

Glenealy

Sunday Mass

Marie Phelan

To be arranged

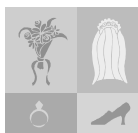
### MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK

Ashford May 30th 11 am Funeral Mass Larry Nugent RIP  
Ashford May 31st 9:00am Prayer Service  
Ashford June 1st 9:00 am Prayer Service  
Ashford June 2nd 9:00 am. Prayer Service  
Ashford June 3rd 9:00am Prayer Service-  
Ashford June 4th Vigil Mary & Edward Byrne  
Glenealy June 5th 9:30 am  
Ashford Sunday June 5th 11:00 am Michael & Mary Lawlor



### Recent Marriage

On Saturday May 21st Fr.Edward assisted at the wedding of Sinead Fitzgerald and Paudie O'Gorman which took place in our Ashford Church. We extend to them our congratulations on this very happy occasion and wish them many years of happiness into the future as they begin their married life together.



### First Communion Glenealy

Our congratulations to the children of the St.Joseph's National School in Glenealy who celebrated their First Communion on Sunday May 22. Special thanks to their teacher and parents who helped them prepare for this special day!

May they grow in faith as they continue life's journey!

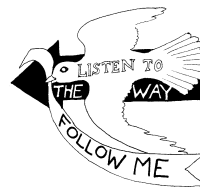
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# Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

## ON OUR SIDE



It's quite common these days to see on the TV news that someone is starting an appeal against the justice system. They believe that all the evidence did not come out, that their confession was made under duress, or that they were wrongly convicted due to a miscarriage of justice.

Usually they don't understand the law well enough, so they employ an expensive high-profile lawyer to put their case. These lawyers are paid to do two things for their clients: they act as an advocate and they appeal. An advocate is someone we call to be by our side when we are in need. (Paraclete is the same word in Greek). Having an advocate simply means that by ourselves we can't cope; the situation is too complex for us to be able to deal with it alone.

When a lawyer appeals, he or she acts on behalf of the client to ensure that the court sees the individual not in a biased light but in a sympathetic way. An appeal commends the person to the court, asks that any negative decision be removed and that the client be treated in a favourable way.

This is how Jesus describes the Holy Spirit. He asks the Father to send us an Advocate or Paraclete and he says that the Advocate will be with us for ever.

There are many situations in life that we feel we are not up to. We are daunted by the prospect of committing ourselves to a partner, of bringing up our children, of educating our family in faith, of feeding and clothing them etc. At the same time we find ourselves at crossroads in life when our decisions are going to have long-term implications for our future. This is when we need an Advocate.



Jesus tells us that the Spirit will be by our side if we call upon him. He will defend us and direct us towards the truth, he will sustain us when things prove difficult and he will put words into our mouths when we don't know how to express ourselves. But, unlike other advocates, he won't charge a fee.

### LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Offertory: € 795

Formation: € 870

Planned Giving: €215

Maint. & Devel € 95

## 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.

## 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 was one baptism in Glenealy church. On May 21st, Matthew Kelly was baptised by Fr. Kevin

We offer the parents and relatives our sincere congratulations on this very happy occasion.

## TRIDUUM -ST. ANTHONY- BRAY

There will be a triduum in honour of St. Anthony taking place in St.Fergal's Church Bray on June 10,11,12 and 13th. It will be conducted by Fr.Derek Doyle and will include Novena prayer, blessing of St.Antony at each mass and blessing of lilies on Monday June 13 at the 7:30 mass. Full details are found on the information sheets at the church doors.

## Youth 2000

The YOUTH 2000 summer festival in Clonmacnois is a four day Catholic event for youth aged 16-35. Situated in the heart of Ireland, it brings together young people from across the country to grow in faith, form new friendships, and celebrate with music and prayer. Meet some new faces during workshops and discussion groups, tune into inspiring speakers or just take some time to chill-out! August 4-7, Donation only, Bring a sleeping bag. Details, [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

## 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

## IRISH CANCER SOCIETY GATE COLLECTION

There will be a church gate collection at our churches in support of the Irish cancer Society to take place on June 4/5th. Please support this very worthy cause as generously as you can!

## DOCHAS NASAMU

Which is an Irish run, and Irish built orphanage, in Nairobi, Kenya, are holding a used clothing appeal of ladies, gents and children's clothes, shoes, household linens i.e. towels, sheets, blankets etc Also, soft toys.

This appeal will take place on Tuesday 31st May, before 12 noon, at Ashford Church car park. For further information, please contact Marie on 087 6890995