

For Masses
Next Weekend



Readers



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Ministers

Ashford

Joe Kavanagh
Deirdre McMahon

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Carmel Grant

Michael Noone
Eileen Byrne

Brendan Devine
Denise O'Donnell

Glenealy

Judith Byrne

To be determined at Mass

Vigil -6:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:30 a.m.



Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

9th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SOLID AS A ROCK



Build your house on rock, not on sand. When Jesus tells us this he is saying something that should be obvious but which we are prone to forget: the most important thing in life is to live well. Right living should provide the pillars on which our house is built.

Jesus has just finished the Sermon on the Mount and now he invites his listeners to make their choice.

They can carry on behaving according to what the world considers to be advantageous, or they can choose to live according to the Beatitudes.

So, building our house on rock means three things. Firstly, it means recognising our true worth. Each of us has an inestimable value because we are created by God in his own image and likeness. We have a wonderful capacity for goodness; we don't have to join the dog eat dog culture. We have the powerful ability to love, since we were made by love itself; we don't have to put ourselves first all the time since it is by giving ourselves away to others that we find our deepest fulfilment.

Secondly, we are not left to wander in the dark alone, in some sort of hit and miss approach to life. We have God's word to light up the way. Jesus promised that we would not be abandoned like orphans. In fact, he gave his word that he would be at our side until the end of the world. Our faith allows us to make judgements aimed at getting the best out of life. To be a Christian is not to cut ourselves off from enjoyment but to live life as it was intended: to the full.

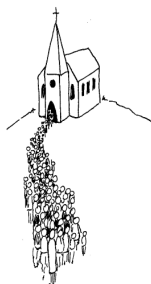
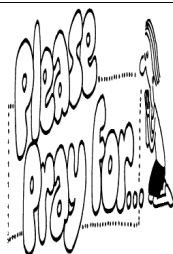
And thirdly, we have much to look forward to. The life of the Beatitudes is one which has already begun. Eternal life started for us the moment Jesus shattered the grave and rose from the dead. Although we don't make light of our problems and troubles, we are confident that our wellbeing lies in God's hands and God will not fail us. So while we weep and mourn, struggle and scrape like everyone else, we do so in the confident hope that God will never let us suffer more than we can bear and has prepared great things for us if we remain constant to the end.

Sand seems like a good idea to begin with. The foundations of the house go in so easily. But in our heart of hearts we know that only rock will do.



MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK

- Ashford Mar 7 th 9 am May Behan
- Ashford Mar 8th 9am No Intention
- Ashford Mar 9th 10:00 am Ash Wednesday
- Glenealy Mar 9th 11:00am Ash Wednesday
- Ashford Mar 10th 9am No Intention
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- Ashford Mar 11th 900 am-Anne Molloy
- Ashford Mar 12th Vigil 6pm Bridget Maloney MM
- Glenealy Mar Sunday 13th 9:30 am
- Ashford Sunday Mar 13th 11:00 am John & Madeline Dicks



CHURCH CLEANING ASHFORD

Many thanks to those who attended our meeting to discuss the best way forward regarding the cleaning of and caring for Ashford Church.

To carry out the tasks it would be ideal if we had 4 teams of four seeing to the required tasks over a month or a team a week.. Tasks include the hovering, the church in general, and once a month moving the pews to clean to floors. As well once a month pews would need polishing .along with other polishing.

With a team of four seeing to these tasks weekly, each parishioner would be offering one hour to an hour and a half per month to the cause..

BUT to accomplish this we require another EIGHT parishioners to come forward with an offer to assist.

Please think it over and if you feel you can afford to offer the church an hour -or hour and a half once a month, then please give in your name to either Fr Kevin or Fr Edward!

Again many thanks to those who have so far agreed to help. We look forward to greeting those of you who will take on the role! !

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LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Offertory: € 855

Share: € 570

Planned Giving: € 386

Maint. & Devel € 169

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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.

RECENT BAPTISMS

There were two baptisms celebrated in our parish recently. In Glenealy Church Fr Kevin baptized Jack Dempsey and in Ashford Church Fr. Long baptized Matthew Gallagher. We offer their parents and relatives our sincere congratulations.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The local conference of SVP will hold a church gate collection after all masses next weekend. Please support this worthy cause.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CLEAN CHURCH IN GLENEALY



A number of the volunteers cleaning the church in Glenealy have dropped out and we thank them for their service over the years. However this means we are looking for new volunteers to take their place if you can spare an hour or two per week for this worthy task please leave your name in the sacristy after mass. If you are already volunteering and intend to continue can you also let us know so that new care teams and a new rota can be drawn up. Many thanks.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES CANCELLED

As the response from parishioners has been extremely low, it has become necessary to cancel the planned pilgrimage to Lourdes for this June. To those who had expressed an interest we express our regrets and hope they will find some other group with whom to make this rewarding pilgrimage.



*Remember man
that you are
dust and into
dust you shall
return.*

LENT 2011

Wednesday next the 9th of March is Ash Wednesday when we begin our journey through the season of Lent. Masses on the day will be: **Ashford: 10:00 a.m., Glenealy: 11:00 am** (Blessed Ashes will be available in the churches for those parishioners who cannot attend the masses being celebrated.)

Weekday masses will be as follows:

Ashford: Monday and Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday at 9:45 am, Thursday and Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Glenealy: Tuesday's and Thursday's at 10:00 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

As was announced some time ago(Jan/10) with the mass time changes it was decided that parishioners seeking months mind Masses or first year anniversary masses would receive special consideration.; as some families were having difficulty finding free weekend masses. It was for this reason that preference has been given to those families seeking Month's Mind and First Anniversary masses over the weekend masses. I'm sure you agree that these important milestones in the grieving process should be given preference. However this means that booked anniversary masses may have to be moved or become a shared intention at a particular mass. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your co-operation in this matter.



DATES FOR CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Confirmation:

Next celebration 10th of April at the 11:00 mass in Ashford. The Service of Light will take place on Monday 16th of May at 7:30 p.m. The celebration of Confirmation will take place in Ashford on Friday 20th May at 11:00 a.m

First Holy Communion

Next celebrations on Sunday 27th March and Sunday 8th of May in both Churches. Celebration of Reconciliation: Glenealy Friday 11th March at 1:45 p.m. and in Ashford on Tuesday 29th March at 7:30 p.m.

First Holy Communion:

First Holy Communion Ashford on Saturday 14th May at 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon and in Glenealy on Sunday 22nd May at 11:30 a.m. Please pray for the children preparing to celebrate these Sacraments.

ASHFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

At the Feb 26th draw the following were the winners: € 300 Patsy Quinn €150 D.Hone €100 Jenny Quinn €50 Rod Devlin. Our congratulations to these winners and let's get ready for the next draw at Chester Beatties on March 26.