

For Masses
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic
Ministers

Ashford

Saturday Vigil

Maureen Stockdale
Des Tully

Denis McWatt
Margaret McDermott

Sunday Mass

Paddy Andrews
Tom McHugh

Teresa Bourke
Ronnie Connolly

Glenealy

Sunday Mass

Lizzie McElhinney

To be arranged

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK

Ashford June 6th 10 am Prayer Service

Ashford June 7th 9:00am Prayer Service

Ashford June 8th 9:00 am Prayer Service

Ashford June 9th 9:00 am. Larry O'Toole

Ashford June 10th 9:00am No Intention

Ashford June 11th Vigil Brian Walshe

Glenealy June 12th 9:30 am

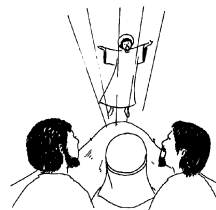
Ashford Sunday June 12th 11:00 am Mick & Phyllis McDonald



Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

The Ascension of the Lord

PASS IT ON!



Bill was a barber but wasn't one of the brightest or most tactful people around. But he always took the priest's sermon to heart. One was about the need for every Christian to witness to their faith in Jesus, at home, on the street and at work. So Bill decided to take the plunge. After he had lathered up a customer for a shave, he stood with the cut-throat razor and said, 'Are you ready to meet your maker?' The man fled

with his face covered in shaving soap!

It's amazing the number of people who think that passing on the good news ('evangelising' as it's called) is something that is for the professionals, for those who have trained for many years or those who hold prestigious degrees. Yet today in the Ascension gospel Jesus commands all of his followers to go out and meet people, to teach them, making them disciples and baptising them.

This command of Jesus is sometimes called the Great Commission. It's the most fundamental aspect of Christian life, witnessing to what we believe. If we stop witnessing then clearly we will die out. If there was no one who first introduced us to Christ, or introduced our parents and grandparents, then we would not be Christians ourselves.

Many of us feel uncomfortable about certain types of witnessing to Christ. Groups of hymn-singing Christians in the middle of the market on Saturday morning can do as much damage as good. Yet we each have a duty as Christians to bring the good news to those around us. How do we do it?

The most basic way is by example. People notice. They notice the way we do or don't talk about others, the way we are prepared to volunteer our time to help others, the way we treat others on our street or at work. And if they know that we do this out of our belief in God and our faith in Christ then this attracts others. They may then get to the point of asking us about our faith, why we bother to go to church, why we believe what we do believe. It's then that we have another opportunity to tell people the good news. If there are things that we can't explain we can always offer to put them in touch with people who can. And just in case we think that we can't cope alone, Jesus tells us today that as we undertake this spreading of this good news he will always be at our side.

**LAST WEEKEND'S
COLLECTION**
Offertory: € 850
Share € 520

KNOCK SUMMER FESTIVAL 2011:

This years Knock Summer Festival 2011 takes place the 24th-26th of June.

The festival is a three day event and is for all people between the ages of 18-35. Over the weekend we will have: Inspiring talks, Creative workshops, vibrant music, a chance to meet new people, prayer, reflection, reconciliation, chill out time, open mic nights, football, hip hop dancing, clay and pottery, art, drumming, a huge gathering to celebrate the Eucharist and loads more... This weekend is not your typical Friday/Saturday night, it is something more, something real and something that will hopefully help you along with your journey. Speakers include: Ronan Johnston, Lino Rulli, Fr. Benny Mc Hale, Fr. Sean Mc Donagh, Bernadette Purcell, Veronica O'Rourke and more.... For full details: Tel: (094) 9388100. Mobile: (087) 6927850. www.knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival Look for us on Facebook 'Knock Youth Festival'

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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.

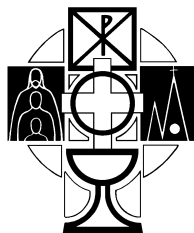
Special Collection for Eucharistic Congress

There will be a special collection at on the weekend of the 26th of June in support of the Eucharistic Congress which is to take place in June 2012.

In anticipation of this event we are asked to show our support. As we know this will be a world event and our preparation to host the many who will attend will demand our strong commitment.

Please be as generous as you can ,.

This collection will replace the SHARE collection at the masses.



St.Vincent de Paul Gate Collection

St.Vincent de Paul continues to face many many challenges in these difficult times. We are asked to assist them once again as they hold a gate collection at the churches for the weekend on June 25/26.

The Society is extremely grateful for the support shown and seeks your help to bring assistance to the many families seeking their help.

Recent Death

On Monday May 30th Fr.Tim Hannon offered funeral mass for Larry Nugent of Ballinalea Ashford. We extend to his wife children relatives and friends our sincere condolences at this sad time. We pray his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.



Glenealy Cemetery Mass-

There will be a mass celebrated by visiting priest Fr Pat Burn at the cemetery in Glenealy .on Saturday July 30th.at 3 pm.

As well ,as parishioners are aware , there will be blessings of the graves in Killoughter Cemetery: Tuesday 26th July at 7:30 p.m.and

Glenealy Cemetery: Wednesday 27th July at 7:30 p.m.

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.Anthony 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.

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 this weekend June 4/5th. Please support this very worthy cause as generously as you can!

Ashford Community Group Draw

At the most recent draw the following were the winners:€300 Kathlyn Doyle, €150 Kevin Kinsella, €100 MARY DOYLE, €50 Aisling Tarleton. To these winners we offer our sincere congratulations. as we await the next draw to be held on June 25th in Chester Beatties.

As well the Community group are holding a car boot sale on Sunday June 12 in Ashford car park. from 10 am.

Usual fees apply.-Van €15 car €10

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.

Monday June 6th is a bank holiday. Prayer Service will be held in Ashford Church at 10 am on that date.