

For Masses  
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic  
Ministers

**Ashford**

John Holly  
Celia McWatt

Paddy Andrews  
Tom McHugh

**Glenealy**

Gillian Hick To be determined at Mass

Vigil –6:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:30a.m.

**MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK NOV 22ND-NOV 28TH-**



Ashford Monday Nov 29th 9am Aidan Stafford  
Ashford Tuesday Nov 30th 9 am No Intention  
**Ashford Wednesday Dec 1st 9:45 am No intention**  
Ashford Thursday Dec 2nd 9am No Intention  
Ashford Friday Dec 3rd Altar List of the Dead  
Glenealy Friday Dec 3rd 10 am Altar List of the Dead  
Ashford Vigil Dec 4th 6 pm Pat Nugent  
Glenealy Sunday Dec 5th 9:30am  
Ashford Sunday Dec 5th 11 am Thomas & Rosanna Boyce



**FIRST FRIDAY**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY  
PARISH ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE &  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL COLLECTION**

**T**he Parish Advent Penitential service will take place on Wednesday 15th of December at 8:00 p.m. we encourage you to use this opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of forgiveness before Christmas.

**T**he annual collection for St. Vincent de Paul will take place on the weekend of the 11th and 12th of December. The collection replaces the usual Share collection. They need your help more than ever this year so please be as generous as you can be.



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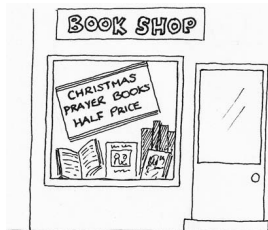


# Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

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**1st Sunday in Advent**

**RAISED VOICES**



It's so hard to hear yourself think in December. The TV screams at us through adverts that are desperate to get us to buy their products. Cosy Christmas fireside scenes, talking reindeers, food and drink, comfortable sofas, the must-have gifts: this is dangled before us as the epitome of what Christmas is all about. And when we think that we'll have a nice quiet read, the papers are packed with full-page adverts reminding us of what we've already seen for sale on TV!

There are other voices trying to get through to us in the lead-up to Christmas. One of them is Isaiah's. Today he tells us that our time of being enslaved is over. We have been set free and have been offered the greatest Christmas present of all: sharing the life of God's Son.

But Isaiah's voice clashes with the other sounds of Christmas because he tells us that if we want to go beyond the tinsel and baubles then we have to do some personal spadework. If we really want to experience the true meaning of Christmas, then we have to make sure we're not just drifting along with the Christmas crowd but instead are keeping ourselves focussed on the reason for our feast. And this means fine-tuning the way we live, resetting our spiritual compasses and going out to meet our God who is coming.

Advent is not a mini-Lent but it is a time to remember that repentance, turning back to God, is a Christian constant. "Here is your God" says Isaiah. And our God still comes to us today and everyday. Advent challenges us to find God's face in the ordinary events of our daily existence. And if there are aspects of our lives that prevent us from seeing this face, then Advent asks us to make changes.

When God comes it is not to point a finger but to lend a hand. The God we ask into our Advent lives is not the vengeful judge but the loving saviour. God always comes to set us free not to condemn us. But, of course, if we are genuinely to welcome Jesus into our lives this Advent and Christmas, then we have to know what we need to be set free from. Otherwise we might as well join just join the shopping queue.

**LAST WEEKEND'S  
COLLECTION**

<b>Offertory:</b>	€
<b>CYC</b>	€
<b>Planned Giving:</b>	€
<b>Maint. &amp; Devel</b>	€

## Parish Information

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**Baptisms:** Ashford 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month after 11:00 am Mass.

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 Saturday November 20th Fr Kevin welcomed into our Community Daisy Jolly, Alexander McKenna, Sophie O’Neill, Lucy Kilcoyne at his baptism in Glenealy Church. We extend to their parents and relatives our sincere congratulations on this happy occasion.



## ASHFORD YOUTH CHOIR PRESENTS *GIVE A CHILD A GIFT AT CHRISTMAS AND CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE*

In Aid of Our Lady’s Children’s Hospital Crumlin.  
Holy Rosary Church , Friday December 17th Ashford, Co  
Wicklow

Doors opening at 7.30 pm .

In return we are asking people to please bring a wrapped gift for the Children at Our Lady’s Hospital, Crumlin (No Furry Toys please)

Thank you for your support -

Santa will be there to receive the gifts .



## TREE LIGHTING CAROL SERVICE ASHFORD CHURCH

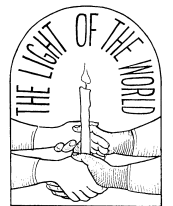


**T**here will be tree lighting carol service on Saturday December 11th at 4.30pm.

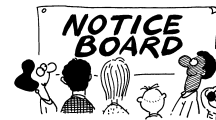
At Ashford church.

It promises to be a wonderful way to being the celebration of the Christmas. Should the weather not cooperate

we will hold the carol singing inside the church shortly after the lighting at 4:30pm. All are welcome!



## ASHFORD SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR



**A**shford NS hold their annual Christmas Fair next Sunday Nov 28th. Santa will open the fair at 2.30pm and stay until 5pm. There will be a puppet show and the usual stalls of cakes, books, toys, bric a brac and lots of prizes on the raffles and Wheel of Fortune. There will also be a room with private stalls many of them parents and also the ICA selling their crafts

## SERVICE OF LIGHT FOR THE SUICIDE BEREAVED



**T**he Console Annual Christmas Celebration of Light will take place on this Sunday the 28th of November in St Patrick’s College, Maynooth. The Service of Light commemorates the lives lost through Suicide. Speakers; Fr Aidan Troy CP & Christy Kenneally.

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St Vincent De Paul Cabaret