

For Masses
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic
Ministers

Ashford

Joe Kavanagh,
Deidre McMahon

Vigil –6:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Children Readers

Glenealy

Judith Byrne

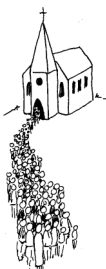
Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Donal Dunne,
Sr.Mary

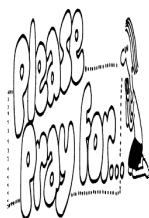
Brendan Devine
Denise O'Donnell

Noel Quinn

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK



Ashford Feb 8th 9am A Special Intention
Ashford Feb 9th 9 am Christine Farrell
Ashford Feb 10th 9am Christine Farrell
Ashford Feb 11th 9am Dan & Nicholas Molloy
Ashford Feb 12th 9 am -Seamus Grant
Ashford Saturday Vigil Frances and Jack Ward
Ashford Sunday Feb 14th 11:00 am Pat Stephens
Glenealy Sunday Feb 14th 9:30 am Jean Manley



MASSES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY LENT 2010 A CHANGE

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday which this year is celebrated on Wednesday February 17th. On that day Masses will be :

Ashford 9 am. Glenealy 7:30 pm.

Mass in Ashford will be celebrated daily at 9 am. However, as Fr Kevin will be away until the second week of lent, daily mass will not be celebrated in Glenealy Church until March.. Commencing the first week of March the Lenten masses in Glenealy church will be celebrated on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10am.



School Enrolment- St. Joseph's Glenealy

Enrolment for junior infants starting in St Joseph's NS in 2010 takes place on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th February in the school between 9.20 am and 2pm.



Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate.

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Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

www.ashfordparish.com
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

DEEPER WATER



We all like to feel comfortable and we all have our own little ways of doing things that we've got used to. That's because by nature we're creatures of habit. We

don't like to be put out or troubled by having to learn new ways. We like a quiet life.

Religious people sometimes use their faith in the same way.

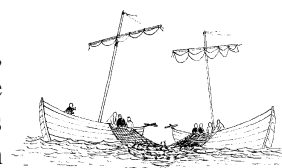
It becomes a comfort and a crutch, a way of doing things that makes them feel secure and unthreatened. Faith becomes the spiritual insurance policy that guarantees peace of mind.

But at the heart of faith is risk. Faith involves making that leap, walking along the path with no signs, trusting when you know that everything could go wrong. Faith is an invitation not to remain where we are but to seek ever new and more enriching pastures, to stretch ourselves, to be challenged in ways that we cannot even suspect but which will carry their own rewards. Christian faith, in particular, is not an anesthetic but an adventure.

In today's gospel we see Jesus telling Simon Peter to put out the boats into deeper water. Normally you don't catch many fish by the edge of a lake; you have to be bold and move into the middle. And, sure enough, having fished all night long and caught nothing, it was when the disciples obeyed Jesus' request to put out into deeper water that they not only caught fish but netted a catch that astounded them.

The deeper the water the more uncomfortable people feel, because you can't touch the bottom. But the deeper the water the greater the catch. Our sluggishness encourages us to remain static in faith. We're content to catch fish when Jesus promises us that we could be catching people, encouraging men and women to come to Christ. We're prepared to do the basic minimum in our faith, to enjoy the view close to the shore, when Jesus promises us a magnificent experience on the high seas.

Today's liturgy challenges us to be bolder in our relationship with God and with others, to grow in faith and trust, to move to areas in our lives that are as yet uncharted. Yes, we're bound to have doubts about our safety. But God does not promise us a calm passage...just a safe landing.



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Offertory: € 1050
Share € 590
Planned Giving: € 650
Maint. & Devel € 180

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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.

HAITI APPEAL



Archbishop Diarmuid Martin has announced that there will be a special collection at all Masses in the Archdiocese of Dublin

this weekend Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th February to contribute to relief assistance and the reconstruction in Haiti.

While most of the collection will go towards relief work it is hoped it will also be possible to provide support for parishes and religious institutions which have been destroyed. This can be done through some religious communities which have Irish links.



Recent Baptism

On Sunday January 16th Fr.Eddie Griffin celebrated a the

baptism of:

Andrea Erin Doyle at St.Jospeh's Church in Glenealy.

We extend toher parents and relatives our sincere congratulations on this very happy occasion.

May her faith grow stronger with each passing day!

THE ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR ACCORD NEXT WEEKEND

The Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on the weekend of 13th and 14th February 2010. The Collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection. ACCORD Dublin throughout the diocese offers: Marriage Preparation Courses

Counselling for couples and individuals

Marital Sexual Therapy.

A Relationship and Sexuality Programme in Schools.



Recent Death

On Monday February 1st Fr.Edward offered funeral Mass for Christine Farrell of Ashford. We extend to her family relatives and many friends our sincere condolences at the sad time.

May she rest in peace



Exploring Death And Loss of Our Loved Ones

Residential Weekend led by

Fr. Myles O'Reilly S,J. and

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group



You are welcome to take a leaflet which offers full details and booking forms for this event.

ASHFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

At the most recent draw the following were winners:

€300- Daniel & Robert

€150 Mrs.Collier

€100 Patsy Murphy

€50 Jamie Shortt

We extend congratulations to the winners and wish everyone else much success at the next draw due to take place on Feb 27th at Chester Beatties.

WHAT'S ALL
THE CHATTER?



MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY IRELAND NATIONAL AWARENESS DAY-FEB 14



As a pre -Lent treat why not purchase two Lily O'Brien's Chocolates for just € 2.00 and at the same time help fund services and research into muscular dystrophy. They provide information, Respite Services, Family Support, Transport & Youth Services to those suffering this condition! It's a voluntary organization with approximately 500 individuals and families as well as an active network nationwide.

For information contact:

MS Ireland, -ph 353 01 8721501, or info@mdi.ie

A very deserving cause indeed!.