

For Masses
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic
Ministers

Ashford

Maureen Stockdale
Des Tully

Eileen Byrne
Michael Noone

Glenealy

Lizzie McElhinney

Marie Togher
Lucy Molloy

Denise Collis Lee
Pat Ferguson

Noel Quinn

Vigil –6:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:30 a.m.



Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

www.ashfordparish.com
Fifth Sunday of Lent

FAULTY JUDGEMENT



If you commit the crime you should do the time. This is something we hear a lot today, along with suggestions that some people should be locked up and the key thrown away.

For all our pretence at civilisation and sophistication, we find ourselves in a society that is

very far from the values of Jesus and particularly the core Christian value of forgiveness. Sidelining forgiveness allows us to be judgemental. It allows us to make comments about other people as if we were better than them, as if we were never guilty of sin ourselves; yet all our judgment is faulty, for we have all sinned. This is the pitiful scene that Jesus faced when they brought a woman who had been caught committing adultery. Jesus seems not to be dismayed by the woman's sin (and her partner who we never meet). What does dismay him is the arrogance of the scribes and Pharisees who presume a "holier than thou" attitude towards the woman. And so, despite the carefully prepared trap to get him to be at odds with the Law, Jesus first sets about dismantling the judgemental hypocrisy of the accusers rather than tackling what the woman has done.

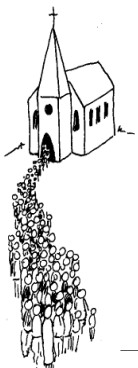
It's worth noting that forgiveness is not ours to give. Forgiveness comes from God and all we can do is to pass it on, just like love. God is love and our love is merely a sharing in his perfect love. God is forgiveness and when we forgive we are simply holding up a mirror to the God who has first forgiven each of us. "Our" forgiveness is simply a reflection.

Of course, if we refuse to forgive then we cannot expect forgiveness for our trespasses. This has always been the simple message of the Our Father. Very often when we judge others it is because we see the same fault in ourselves, and condemning the other person allows us to expiate our own frailty. Of course, Jesus did not praise the woman for what she had done; he told her to go away and sin no more. But what he did do is to prevent her from being judged by people who were as weak as she was but pretended to be better. Ring any bells?



MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK MARCH 22ND-MARCH 28TH

- Ashford March 22nd 9am A Special Intention
- Ashford March 23rd 9 am No Intention
- Glenealy March 23rd 10 am No Intention
- Ashford March 24th A Special Intention
- Ashford March 25th 9am No Intention
- Glenealy March 25th- 10 am No Intention
- Ashford March 26th 9am No Intention
- Ashford Saturday Vigil No Intention
- Ashford Sunday March 28th 11:00 am Margaret Crean
- Glenealy Sunday March 21st 9:30 am



PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE FOR LENT

The Parish celebration of the Sacrament of Forgiveness will take place in Ashford church on Wednesday next the 24th of March at 7:30 p.m. We encourage you to use this opportunity to celebrate the sacrament



NAMES FOR THE ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD AT THE EASTER MASSES

We ask you to send in the names of the deceased you would like prayed for during the Easter Masses, in Ashford and Glenealy, **as soon as possible**. Please indicate the time of the Mass. Much appreciated



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION & ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Offertory:	€ 990
Share	€ 615
Planned Giving:	€ 995
Maint. & Devel	€ 220

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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.

MASS TIMES HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Holy Thursday: 1st of April

Mass at 7:30 p.m. in both Churches

Good Friday: 2nd April

Stations of the Cross at 12:00 noon in both churches.

3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord’s Passion in both churches.

**Holy Saturday: 3rd April,
Vigil in Glenealy at 7:30 p.m.**

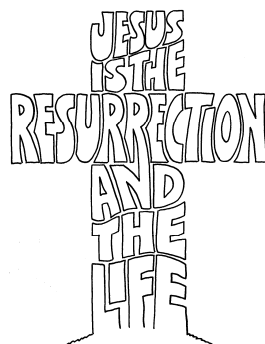
Vigil in Ashford at 9:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday 3rd April

Mass in Ashford at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Mass in Glenealy at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Easter Week: 5th to 9th April Mass at 10:00 a.m. Ashford



Confessions:

Penitential Service on Tuesday 24th March 7:30 p.m.

After Masses on Monday and Tuesday 29th and 30th of March

After the Stations of the cross on Friday 2nd of April

From 12 noon till 12:30 p.m. in both churches on

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION



The local conference of the St. Vincent de Paul will hold its spring Church gate collection on the weekend of March 27/28th. Depending as they always do on your tremendous generosity. They would be very grateful for your support in their work to alleviate the stress and distress affecting so many families in our locality in these difficult economic times. Please show your strong support to this very worthy organisation.

ASHFORD CHOIR



As we begin to focus on Easter we also begin to focus on the celebration of the season in music and song!

In preparing for Easter, the adult choir in Ashford welcome all who would like to take part. The practices will commence on Tuesday March 23rd in the Church beginning at 7:30p.m. If you wish to join please come along on the night. All are welcome!!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A COUNSELLOR WITH ACCORD?



Are you interested in becoming a counsellor with Accord? Accord Dublin are currently inviting applications for the Diploma/ Higher Diploma in Marriage and Relationship counselling. Commencing September 2010. For full information log on to www.accord.ie Closing dates for applications 31st March 2010.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS

The bereavement service at Our Lady’s Hospice, Harold’s Cross is recruiting for bereavement support volunteers. The volunteers will provide bereavement support to adults attending the bereavement service.

Good communication skills and an interest in working with bereaved people are essential requirements.

No previous training is required as full training will be given to successful applicants.

For more information please contact Ann D’Arcy, Bereavement Co-ordinator on 01-4068794 or Julia Brent, Administrator in bereavement 01-4068849.



