

For Masses
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic
Ministers

Ashford

Carmel Grant
Colm O'Doherty

Tom McHugh
Paddy Andrews

Glenealy

Dawn Leanne

Denis McWatt
Margaret McDermott

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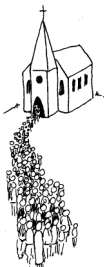
Phillip Caroll

Vigil –6:00 pm

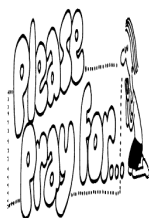
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK



Ashford Feb 1st 9am Margaret Hodgkinson
Ashford Feb 2nd 9 am Patrick & Bride Mahon
Ashford Feb 3rd 9am Alan Kinsella
Ashford Feb 4th 9am No Intention
Ashford Feb 5th 9 am -Altar List of the Dead
Ashford Saturday Vigil Jennifer Crean
Ashford Sunday Feb 7th 11:00 am Mary Shortall
Glenealy Sunday Feb 7th 9:30 am Bill Staunton



MASSES FOR LENT 2010

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday which this year is celebrated on February 17th. On that day Masses will be :
Glenealy 10 am, Ashford 9 am.

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 Monday March 4th. Commencing that week the Lenten masses in Glenealy church will be celebrated on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10am.



LUISNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS



The Winter/Spring calendar of events being offered at the Luisne Spirituality Centre located at the Holy Faith Convent , Kilcoole is available at the Church doors. Please take a booklet but more importantly, please consider taking part in one or more of the many offerings they have organized for the winter/spring ahead!



Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

www.ashfordparish.com
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



THE BILL BLOGGS SYNDROME

About fifty years ago there was a priest in Britain who did a series of unheard of things that shocked and confused many people while convincing others that he was mad. Let's call him Fr Bill Bloggs.

Fr Bloggs was a local lad and so was well known by his peers and those with whom he worked. His interest in the liturgy meant that he had studied developments in Europe which convinced him of the need for Catholics to be able to worship in their own language, and he had for a long time been a proponent of "vernacular liturgy" as it was called. His fellow clergy thought him a bit odd but harmless.

When Fr Bloggs was appointed to a new parish he began to implement changes that could be used in the future. He built an altar that was able to be used with the priest's back to the people but also with him facing them. He had a source the people but also with him facing them. He had a source of constantly running water that led to a baptistery with a pool that you could step inside. A little chapel at the side of the sanctuary had no altar but did have a plinth where the tabernacle could later be housed. Instead of a pulpit on high, he had a lectern fashioned from where the scriptures could be proclaimed. All of this only served to convince everyone that Fr Bloggs was at least a little eccentric, if not mildly deranged.

A few years later the Church throughout the world was faced with liturgical changes that were a result of the Second Vatican Council. No one was really prepared for the extent of change that was being proposed and voted in by the bishops in Rome. Suddenly there was a need for prayers in English, for new creations, for training courses for clergy and others connected with the liturgy, for re-ordering of sanctuaries, for a complete updating in the way the liturgy and the sacraments were now to be celebrated. Where were we to turn in order to be updated and educated in a new vision of worship?



When there was still time to do so, his fellow practitioners failed to seek Fr Bloggs' help because, like Jesus in today's gospel, he was just Joseph's son. He was nothing special.

Who's the son or daughter of Joseph and Mary that we're ignoring today because, like Bill Bloggs, we know where they come from and they're nothing special?

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Offertory: € 985
Haiti € 1390
Planned Giving: € 230
Maint. & Devel € 205

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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 on 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.

ASHFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

The annual Christmas party which had been planned for this Sunday January 17th has been postponed due to the current unfavourable weather conditions.

It is now re-scheduled to be held today , January 31st. It takes place in the Belair Hotel beginning at 1:30 pm!! Make certain you bring along a healthy appetite



First Friday

Friday next Feb 5th is First Friday. Masses will be celebrated for the Altar List of the Dead in Ashford at 9 am and in Glenealy at 10 am.

The Eucharist will be brought to those confined to their homes after the masses.



A silent hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in place commencing after the 9 am Mass in Ashford and the 10:00 a.m. mass in Glenealy. The rosary will be recited before the 9:00 a.m. mass in

Ashford on that day.



NEW YEAR ENVELOPES

A reminder that the planned giving boxes which have been assigned to parishioners are on the altar rails in Ashford and side table in Glenealy. These parishioners will have the same box number as last year. Also beginning this weekend, the boxes not yet assigned are available around the churches. In each box is a blank form you are welcome to fill out if you wish to become registered. We encourage you to participate in this collection because apart from the Maintenance and Development fund this is the only money that we have to pay the day to day running expenses of our parish. We ask you to complete the information sheet each box, and include it with the first envelope offering for the new year.



Many thanks for your help in this matter

THE ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR ACCORD,

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.



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