

For Masses  
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic  
Ministers

**Ashford**

Easter Vigil Readers of the  
Word

Easter Vigil Ministers of  
Eucharistic

Vigil –9:00 pm

Easter Sunday Readers of the  
Word

Easter Sunday Ministers of  
Eucharistic

Sunday 9& 11:00 a.m.

**Glenealy**

Easter Sunday Readers of the  
Word

Easter Sunday Ministers of  
Eucharistic

Sunday 9:30& 11:30  
a.m.

**MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK MARCH 29TH-APRIL 4TH**

Ashford March 29th 9am A Special Intention

Ashford March 30th 9am No Intention

Glenealy March 30th 10am No Intention

Ashford March 31st 9:00am No Intention

**Ashford & Glenealy April 1st 7:30 both Churches**

**Holy Thursday Mass- No Intention**

**Ashford & Glenealy April 2nd 3:00pm both Churches**

**Celebration of Our Lord's Passion-No Intentions**

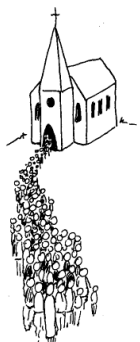
**Ashford April 3rd 9:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass-Easter Mass Intentions**

**Glenealy April 3rd- 7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass Easter**

**Mass Intentions**

**Ashford Sunday April 4th 9:00am & 11am Easter Masses Intentions**

**Glenealy Sunday April 4th 9:30 & 11:30am Easter Masses Intentions**



**NAMES FOR THE ALTAR LIST OF  
THE DEAD**

**FOR 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**. The deadline for receiving the names is Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Please indicate the time of the Mass.

*Much appreciated*



**PLEASE NOTE THERE  
WILL BE NO  
NEWSLETTER FOR THE  
NEXT TWO WEEKS**

**LOST AND FOUND**

A ladies purse, was found recently in the church. Is it yours?

If you think it is please call to the sacristy after any of the masses.

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# Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

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Passion( Palm ) Sunday



**GOING WITH THE FLOW?**

**W**hen the word “crowd” is used in the gospels it’s almost as if it is some sort of audience. The crowd follows Jesus here and there wanting to relish the cut and thrust of the arguments between him and the authorities; it’s there for something to eat in the desert, to see the scribes and the Pharisees put in their place or to enjoy a good miracle. Jesus says it’s like sheep without a shepherd. And most of all it’s fickle. It can change allegiance as quickly as the wind can change direction.

So on Palm Sunday we see the crowd gathering to watch its hero as he approaches Jerusalem. The people even spread their coats on the floor in front of him and cheer him as their great white hope in shining armour, even though he is unarmed and riding on donkey. But by Friday the mood changes and the crowd bays for his blood. Offered the chance of releasing a prisoner they choose Barabbas, a well-known criminal. Never trust a cheering crowd.

But before we get on our high horses and throw scorn at the crowd, let’s admit that we’re just the same. We have our moments of great faith and devotion and then the next minute we behave in ways that are far from the gospel.

During this Holy Week we are inevitably going to be in the crowd, but we are offered the opportunity of standing out from it, of not simply going with the flow. On Maundy Thursday we are given the chance of pledging ourselves once more to service of each other, symbolised by the Washing of the Feet, a service that culminates in Eucharist. On Good Friday we praise God for the victory of the cross and offer ourselves to be taken, broken and used in whatever way God chooses to use us. And on Holy Saturday, as the Easter event becomes clear, we celebrate the core of our faith that Jesus has conquered all evil and that he invites us to share life to the full. Singing our alleluias means that we are signing on the dotted line to be permanent witnesses of this by our lives.

So let’s take our place in the crowd. But let’s not simply go with the flow.



**LAST WEEKEND’S  
COLLECTION**

<b>Offertory:</b>	€ 895
<b>Share</b>	€ 540
<b>Planned Giving:</b>	€ 550
<b>Maint. &amp; Devel</b>	€ 180

## Parish Information

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**Baptisms: Ashford 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month after 11:00 am Mass. 3 Weeks notice required.**

**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 March 20 Fr. Kevin baptized Mary Kathryn Twohig- Harkin

in Glenealy Church. On Sunday March 21st he welcomed **Conor Patrick O’Brien** at his baptism which was celebrated in Ashford Church. We extend to their families and relatives our sincere congratulations.

### TABLE QUIZ IN AID OF WICKLOW MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Wicklow Mental Health Association is holding a **Table Quiz** in the Leitrim Lounge, Wicklow at 8.30pm on Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010. All are welcome.



### 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.

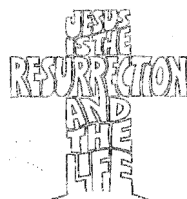
Easter Week: 5th to 9th April Mass at 10:00 a.m. Ashford

### Confessions:

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 Saturday 3rd of April.



### ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

**THIS WEEK..**

The local conference of the St. Vincent de Paul will hold its spring Church gate collection this weekend March 27/28th. Please show your 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 continue on Tuesday March 30th in the Church beginning at 7:30p.m. If you wish to join please come along on the night. All are welcome!!



### AN ECUMENICAL MEMORIAL SERVICE



Coombe Women and Infants University Hospital will host an **Ecumenical Memorial Service to remember all babies who have died**

before or around the time of birth will be held in Church of Our Lady of Dolours, Dolphins Barn on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 3.00pm. This is a unique and special way for families to remember their babies. As always, the participation of parents, families, friends and staff makes the service truly meaningful.

### NURSING HOME SUPPORT SCHEMES:



A new scheme of financial support for long-term nursing home care has recently been introduced by the HSE. If you or a loved one is in need of nursing home care, or if you would simply like to find out more about the new scheme, please call the HSE Info- line on 1850 24 1850 and ask for information on the Nursing Homes Support Scheme, A Fair Deal. Alternatively, log on to [www.dohc.ie/issues/fair\\_deal](http://www.dohc.ie/issues/fair_deal)

### PIETA HOUSE DARKNESS INTO LIGHT 5K EVENT



Pieta House ‘Darkness into Light 5k Event’ will take place this year on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2010 in two venues. The Phoenix Park, Dublin 7 and University of Limerick. Participants will be invited to walk or run the 5k route, starting whilst it is still dark and completing the circuit as dawn is breaking. This will be a symbolic event to give hope to those affected by Suicide and Self-Harm.

On line registration are available at [www.pieta.ie](http://www.pieta.ie) For any enquiries contact Marie Freeman at 01-6010000 or email [marie@pieta.ie](mailto:marie@pieta.ie)