

For Masses
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic
Ministers

Ashford

Joe Kavanagh,
Deirdre McMahon

Eileen Byrne,
Michael Noone

Glenealy

Dawn Leanne

Donal Dunne
Sr.Mary

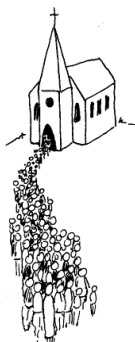
Anne Clarke
Gary Dowling

Vigil –6:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:30a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK MAY 24TH-MAY 30 TH



Ashford Monday May 24th 9 am No Intention
Ashford Tuesday May 25th 9am No Intention
Ashford **Wednesday May 26th 9:45 am No Intention**
Ashford Thursday May 27th 9am No Intention
Ashford Friday May 28th 9am No Intention
Ashford Vigil May 29th 6 pm Frank Higgins
Ashford Sunday May 30th 11 am Dick Melia
Glenealy Sunday May 30th 9:30am Eammon Deehan



**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR
EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
SUNDAY 6TH JUNE**

The Committee of the 50th International Eucharistic Congress wishes to thank you for the generous response to the national appeal which was held on the Feast of Corpus Christi last year. Preparations are going well and resources are available on our website www.iec2012.ie. A second national appeal will take the place of the Share collection at all masses on the Feast of Corpus Christi this year on Sunday 6th June.



**FINAL CELEBRATION
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF
ME**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

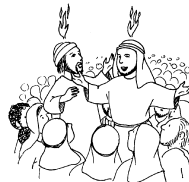
We congratulate all the children who celebrated First Holy Communion in our parish this year. And we remind them and their parents that the final celebration of the Do This in Memory of Me will take place on Sunday the 6th of June at the 9:30 mass in Glenealy and at the 11:00 mass in Ashford. This is an occasion to wear again your First Communion clothes and to fully celebrate with the whole community.



Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

www.ashfordparish.com
Pentecost Sunday

ADVOCATING CHANGE



There's a medieval song that was sung in Latin at Pentecost while the deacon carried the gospel-book in the procession at Mass, prior to proclaiming the gospel itself. It's called the Pentecost Sequence and it contains line after line that speaks about the gift of the Holy Spirit. It describes the Spirit as Lord

of Light, Father of the Poor, Best Consoler, Sweet Comfort, Healer, Giver of Strength, Renewer, etc.

In today's gospel Jesus says he will ask the Father to send the "Advocate". We tend to think of an advocate as someone who campaigns on a particular topic: an advocate for equal rights or an advocate for better housing conditions. In fact, the word advocate really means someone whom you call to stand by your side in solidarity. It's the equivalent of the other strange-sounding word, Paraclete.

Pentecost rounds off Jesus' saving work on earth as the Spirit completes the action of Jesus in taking on our humanity and humanising it to the point where it can glimpse the divine. What we see happening at that first Pentecost is that Jesus has not left us alone like orphans; he has sent the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, to be by our side. And the effects are immediate. From being a frightened bunch of weak men, huddled for safety behind a locked door, the apostles are transformed by the Spirit's presence, are emboldened to go out and confront their fears, proclaiming their faith in Christ to people from every race and nation.

Someone once said that we should pray as if everything depended on God but act as if everything depended on us. Certainly this is true of the Spirit. We are only too aware of our weakness and our inability to "go it alone" when it comes to living out our faith and telling others about it. That's why we pray constantly for the outpouring of the Spirit in our lives, that we may be transformed, strengthened, inspired and supported in our Christian lives.

One thing that we cannot do it to restrict the Spirit. If we ask for the Advocate then we agree to an adventure in faith that has no boundaries. After all, we call on the Spirit just to make us feel good; we ask for the Spirit to come and transform creation: *Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth!*

**LAST WEEKEND'S
COLLECTION**

Offertory: € 885
Share € 560
Planned Giving: € 270
Maint. & Devel € 155

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Baptisms: Ashford 1st Sunday each month after 11:00 am Mass.

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.



THE ANNUAL DOG SHOW

The Annual Dog Show in aid of the parish will take place on Sunday 25th July at 2:00 p.m. So please make a note in your diary of that date.

The organising committee of the Dog show will be meeting in Ashford school on Tuesday next May 25th at 8:00 p.m. They would welcome all those who have helped in previous years together with any other volunteers. So come along on Tuesday night and support your parish. All are welcome

REPAIRS TO ASHFORD CHURCH



As outlined in last week’s newsletter we will soon begin work to try and remedy the damp problem in Ashford church. We are delighted to say that the Ashford Churches Golf have agreed to fund the cost of the external work and we are grateful to the committee for their help in this matter.

However this help should not make us complacent because the collections are down over 20% in the parish since last November and there will be costs involved in repairing the interior of the church as well so please think about where you want your hard earned money to go and we hope that you will choose to support your local parish.

ASHFORD CHURCHES GOLF CLASSIC



The Annual Ashford Churches Golf Classic will take place on Friday 13th August in Wicklow Golf Club. Details will be given in the coming weeks.

As usual in conjunction with the Golf Classic there will be a raffle. If you could help in selling tickets or organising the distribution of the tickets your help would be much appreciated please leave your name with Fr. Kevin



WEDNESDAY MASSES ASHFORD

For the remainder of the school year, Wednesday daily Mass will be celebrated at 9:45 so as to allow the children who celebrated their First Communion this year may join in the full

celebration of our Mass.

RATHNEW ANNUAL CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

The annual procession takes place on Sunday June 6th beginning at 4 pm. Procession begins at St. Joseph's Church and proceeds around the village finishing back at the church. Everyone is welcome to take part.



CONFIRMATION

The celebration of Confirmation took place in Ashford Church on Friday 21st May at 11:00 a.m. and will take place in Glenealy today Sunday 23rd May at 11:30 a.m. We offer the Confirmation candidates our sincere congratulations on this happy occasion and special thanks to the teachers and parents who helped them as they prepared for this celebration!

RECENT BAPTISMS

On May 15 Fr. Kevin celebrated the baptism of **Oisín Tallon and Tara O'Neill** in St. Joseph's Church Glenealy. We welcome them into our Christian family and we wish them and their parents every blessing in the years ahead.



SPECIAL CEREMONY FOR THOSE TOUCHED BY SUICIDE

There will be a special ceremony of light for those touched by suicide. It will be held in the Holy Redeemer Church in Bray on Monday 24 May at 730 p.m.. Everyone welcome.



GATHERING AT GLENDALOUGH AND ECUMENICAL EVENING PRAYER



All are invited to an Ecumenical Evening Prayer which will take place in Glendalough on Saturday 5th June at 7:00 p.m.. Those participating are asked to gather in the Upper Car Park at 6:45 p.m.

“Lord you have been our dwelling place in all generations.” Psalm 90