

For Masses
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic
Ministers

Ashford

John Holly
Celia McWatt

Anne Lyons
Carmel Grant

Vigil –6:00 pm

Dick Fitzpatrick
Fintan Fanning

Teresa Bourke
Ronnie Connolly

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

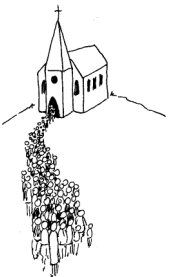
Glenealy

Marie Phelan

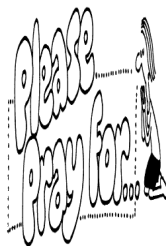
Eleanor O'Neill

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK



Ashford Jan 18th 9am No Intention
Ashford Jan 19th 9 am No Intention
Ashford Jan 20th 9am Special Intention
Ashford Jan 21st 9am No Intention
Ashford Jan 22nd 9 am No Intention
Ashford Saturday Vigil Billy Clarke
Ashford Sunday Jan 24th 11:00 am Eileen McHugh MM,
Balty & Nan Merigan
Glenealy Sunday Jan 24th 9:30 am Margaret Byrne



**TEA AND
BISCUITS
NEXT SUNDAY
AFTER THE
11:00 MASS IN
THE SCHOOL**
Our
monthly
get
together after
11:00 Mass takes
place next Sunday
Jan.24th in the
school.
All are welcome



CHANGE IN MASS TIMES

As was announced some time ago the mass times in our parish changed from the first weekend of the New Year. This means that some people are having difficulty booking Month's Mind and First Anniversary masses on the dates they desire. It is for this reason that preference will be given to Month's Mind and First Anniversary masses over the weekend masses, I'm sure you agree that these important milestones in the grieving process should be given preference however this means that booked anniversary masses may have to be moved or become a shared intention at a particular mass. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your co-operation in this matter.



Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

www.ashfordparish.com
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

AN ALL-SINGING ALL-DANCING SAVIOUR



Someone once said that the definition of a Puritan is a person who has a constant nagging feeling that someone, somewhere, is enjoying themselves!

We laugh, but actually it's quite easy to be taken for a Puritan when in fact you're simply a Christian. That's because we Christians have sometimes allowed ourselves to be painted into a corner where we're thought of as stuffed shirts or kill-joys. Rightly or wrongly we've taken on the image of censorious people who view pleasure

with suspicion and whose first words are usually "Thou shalt not..." rather than "Oh, that looks good; can I have a go?"

Why should we be thought of as disapproving when our saviour was quite clearly at home eating and drinking, singing and dancing? Why should we want to reduce the glorious Middle Eastern nuptial festivity to a grape-juice Temperance affair?

Could it be because at heart we find it hard to believe fully in the incarnation? Yes, we accept that God took flesh in the person of the baby Jesus. But to accept that Jesus was identical to us in that he enjoyed a good day out, singing and dancing, eating and drinking...? Are we going too far here?

Are we uncomfortable thinking that Jesus actually provided more wine when the guests had already quaffed what the family had provided? Wasn't that a bit irresponsible, encouraging alcoholism perhaps? Are we put off by the tone of voice that Jesus uses for his mother, something that only a son would be allowed to get away with, something that demonstrated familiarity and mutual understanding?

Once God became a human being there was nothing about our human nature that was left unredeemed. The incarnation means that by becoming a man Jesus shows us how to become fully human. Jesus is God's way to be a man, God's way to be a woman.

Sometimes we need to open our eyes wide to the good things that God has put around us. We need to thank God for the wonder of life and love, for the many gifts that bless our rising and resting. Sometimes we need to take off our hair shirts, to set aside our dictionary of disapproval and simply take pleasure in what God wants us to enjoy. Why drink only water when your God wants to give you wine?

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Offertory: € 705
Share: € 485
Planned Giving: € 1720
Maint. & Devel € 95

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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

The following are some of the agencies who are asking for assistance and support in the wake of the disaster in Haiti

**Trocaire Haiti Appeal:
Viatores Christi:**

For further details, please contact:
Colette Rooney, Development Officer
Viatores Christi, 8 New Cabra Road
Phibsboro, Dublin 7.

Tel. 01-868 9986, www.viatoreschristi.com

The bank details are as follows:
Bank of Ireland, Dublin Airport.

Account Name: Our Little Brothers and Sisters
Account No. 42863621 IBAN IE23 BOFI 9007 4642 8636 21

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 for the last Sunday in this month, January 31st. Further details as to the time and location will be made available in next weeks news letter!



TAX REFUND TO ELIGIBLE CHARITIES 2009



We are in the process of writing to all who qualify for the Tax Refund scheme, to qualify you have to donate a minimum of €250 to the parish in any given tax year. This year 82 parishioners have according to our records are eligible to participate in the scheme which can be an important source of revenue to the parish. We ask those who receive notification to please fill in the required forms and return them to Fr. Kevin as soon as possible so that the claims can be processed. Many thanks for your help in this matter and your continued support of our parish.

EVANGELISATION IN CHALLENGING TIMES

An Evening with Franciso “Paco” Gavrilides



The Office of Evangelisation will host An Evening with Franciso “Paco” Gavrilides, “Evangelisation in Challenging Times.” On Thursday 28th January in University Church, St. Stephen’s Green 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Francisco “Paco” Gavrilides has served as a Catholic missionary in many parts of North America. He currently works with the Office of Evangelisation in the Archdiocese of Detroit. All Welcome. Further information, contact Office of Evangelisation, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 3. Tel:01 8378253 – ex 25. Email: evangelisation@dublindiocese.ie



PLEASE HELP US TO KEEP OUR PARISH REGISTER UP TO DATE

As you may be aware, the New Year calendars and envelopes were delivered to all those who have registered their families on our parish data base.

If your calendar was not delivered and you would like to be registered you may complete a registration form which can be found at the back of the church or you can use the form found on our web site www.ashfordparish.com/forms

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.

