

For Masses  
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic  
Ministers

### Ashford

Brendan Devine  
Margaret Stephens

Sr. Valery  
Ray Kinsella

Vigil –6:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Eileen Byrne  
Michael Noone

Denise Collis Lee  
Pat Ferguson

### Glenealy

Lizzie McElhinney

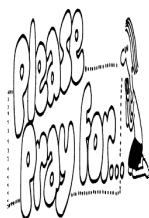
Maria Carroll

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

### MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK



Ashford Jan 25th 9am No Intention  
Ashford Jan 26th 9 am No Intention  
Ashford Jan 27th 9am No Intention  
Ashford Jan 28th 9am No Intention  
Ashford Jan 29th 9 am No Intention  
Ashford Saturday Vigil Willy Hender MM, Seamus Grant  
Ashford Sunday Jan 31st 11:00 am Patrick & Statia Behan  
Glenealy Sunday Jan 31th 9:30 am Bridie Walsh



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

### ORLAGH RETREAT CENTRE

Tel (01) 495 8190,

Email: [info@orlagh.ie](mailto:info@orlagh.ie)



Scripture Weekend: A Church in Crisis:  
Gospel Resources for the People of  
God

“Did Not Our Hearts Burn within Us?”

Luke: the Genius of a Storyteller

January 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>. Fri 5.00 pm – Sun 2.00  
pm €160 (res) €110 (non-res)

Hosted by: Kieran O’Mahony OSA

### 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](http://www.ashfordparish.com)

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



### ABOUT TO START

**I**n some of our cities we have a church on almost every street corner. But in the whole of Israel there was only one Temple and that was in Jerusalem. The priests went there to offer sacrifices for people’s sins and needs. But in every place where at least ten men could meet, no matter how small a village it might be, there was a synagogue. Every Sabbath there was a simple liturgical service that took place there and was led by the local community members. It was a plain affair with readings from the Jewish scriptures followed by a commentary on them in the form of a

homily or sermon.

It was to one of these places that Jesus went when he returned to his hometown of Nazareth. He read a text from Isaiah about being anointed to bring freedom to those who were oppressed in different ways. Then he made the incredible claim that this text was being fulfilled here and now as his audience listened.

Even though Jesus had gathered a reputation already as something of a preacher, this proved too much for his listeners and next Sunday we’ll see what happened. But for today, what was Jesus really claiming?

In a nutshell he was claiming that a new age was beginning. In the Old Testament people had been waiting for “eschatological” times, times that would usher in a new age when God’s kingdom would hold sway. There would be signs that this new age was about to begin: prisoners would be set free, the lame would walk, the deaf hear and the blind see again. Every fifty years the Jews held an amnesty year in which the slate was wiped clean, debts were settled and property returned to rightful owners. Jesus tells his audience that here and now one of these amnesties is about to start; it will be the Lord’s year of favour.

Over the next few weeks, and throughout the gospel of Luke, we will see that Jesus has inaugurated this new age of favour between God and his people. And we’ll discover that it was to last more than a year. Today as the gospel is proclaimed in our churches God still offers this favour. If you want to, you can make it happen for you even as you listen to God’s word. Or you can wait and see how the people responded next week in Luke’s gospel.

### LAST WEEKEND’S COLLECTION

**Offertory:** € 930

**Share:** € 700

**Planned Giving:** € 745

**Maint. & Devel** € 185

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Glenealy- Eleanor O'Neill 0404-44469

**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.



## 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](http://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. It takes place in the Belair Hotel beginning at 1:30 pm!! Make certain you bring along a healthy appetite



## TAX REFUND TO ELIGIBLE CHARITIES 2009

**W**e 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 are according to our records 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.



## NEW YEAR ENVELOPES



The planned giving envelopes will be made available this weekend to those parishioners who have registered their details, please note that you will have the same box number as you had last year. These boxes which are arranged by box number and name etc can be collected at the Churches.

Beginning next weekend, the envelopes not yet assigned will be made available around the churches. 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.

