

For Masses
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic
Ministers

Ashford

Colm O'Doherty
Carmel Grant

Denis McWatt
Margaret McDermott

Vigil –6:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Children Readers

Brendan Devine
Denise O'Donnell

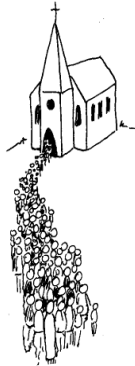
Glenealy

Margaret O'Neill

Maria Carroll

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK MARCH 8TH-14TH



Ashford March 8th 9am Mick & Betty Gegan
Ashford March 9th 9 am Dermott Cleary
Glenealy March 9th 10 am No Intention
Ashford March 10th 9am Anne Molloy
Ashford March 11th 9am No Intention
Glenealy March 11th 10am No Intention
Ashford March 12th 9 am - No Intention
Ashford Saturday Vigil Richard Brady
Ashford Sunday March 14th 11:00 am John & Madeline Dicks
Glenealy Sunday March 14th 9:30 am Julia Kavanagh



**ASHFORD CHILDREN'S
SERVICE**



The special celebration for our younger children will be held on Sunday next March 14th in the Ashford National School at 11:00 am. Parents join the children for this special celebration of our Liturgy

All welcome

**ADVANCE NOTICE
PARISH PENITENTIAL
SERVICE FOR LENT**

The Parish celebration of the Sacrament of Forgiveness will take place in Ashford church on Tuesday the 24th of March at 7:30 p.m.

We encourage you to use this opportunity to celebrate the sacrament before Easter.



Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

www.ashfordparish.com
Third Sunday of Lent



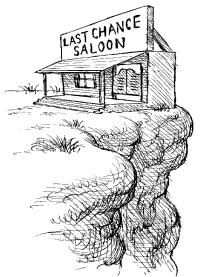
LAST CHANCE SALOON?

It always meant to sort out that kitchen shelf and now that it's crashed to the floor with all the crockery it's too late. The same goes for that little chip in the windscreen that now looks like a spider's web, and of course there's that faulty old plug on the TV set which probably caused last night's loud explosion during Coronation Street!

We love to put things off. Yes, we'll get round to them some day but at the moment I'm a bit tired, a bit busy or a bit too distracted to do anything about them. There's always tomorrow.

In today's gospel, one of the most frightening episodes according to many people, Jesus issues a real warning.

Don't think that you can put off repentance until tomorrow because repentance is a "now-thing" and, what's more, you never know what's lurking around the corner. He reminds his listeners of two awful events that had just taken place in and around Jerusalem: a murderous attack on worshippers in the Temple, and a disaster that killed eighteen people when a building collapsed on them. Do you think these people had any idea they wouldn't return home that day, says Jesus, and do you think they were more guilty than anyone else? Of course not. Then, he tells them, you too must repent now or you will perish like they did.



Lent reminds us that repentance is not a once-and-for-all action; we don't make a grand act of repentance and then sit back and relax. Repentance is a constant activity of the Christian, not continually worrying about our stance before God, but striving all the time to be as close to God as we can by the way we treat other people. Repentance means taking a regular reality check that what we are doing and saying is consistent with our desire to belong to God's family. And although we concentrate on repentance a great deal in Lent, it is something that should be a daily activity for all of us, and we need to pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit to be able to repent.

Is there something in your life that niggles at you? Something that you know you should do something about which will improve your quality of life with God and with others?

Well, don't worry about it; you can always do something about it tomorrow, after Easter, in the summer or in the run-up to Christmas.... Or perhaps not!

**LAST WEEKEND'S
COLLECTION**

Offertory:	€ 950
Share	€ 575
Planned Giving:	€ 495
Maint. & Devel	€ 235

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Glenealy- Eleanor O’Neill 0404-44469

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.

RECENT BAPTISMS



On Saturday February 27th there was one baptism celebrated in Ashford Church. On the day Fr Harry Behan welcomed into our Christian family, **Rhys**

Michael Behan, and on Sunday Fr. Edward baptised **Hazel Carroll**. We extend our congratulations to the parents and relatives on this very happy occasion.

TAG ALONG



A rugby festival fundraiser will be held at Ashford N.S. this Sunday March 7th starting at 1pm. Parents will play a tag rugby match managed by Ireland's former rugby players Mick Quinn and Ollie Campbell. Signed shirt from the Grand Slam champions for raffle, bouncy castle, hotdogs, music and free

giveaways. It promises to be a great day out whether you are a rugby fan or not.

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,

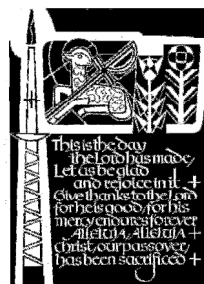
Vigil in Glenealy at 7:30 p.m.

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.



TROCAIRE –LENT 2010



Again this year you are offered the opportunity to take the time to use a Trocaire box. These are available each weekend at the Church doors. If you wish to make a sacrifice during Lent please donate it to Trocaire because it helps the developing World. *Remember those less fortunate and remember that Lent is what you do and not just what you talk about doing.*



CONSOLE NATIONAL ‘BAG PACK DAY’

The Console National ‘Bag Pack Day’ will take place on Saturday the 20th of March in all Dunnes Stores Nationwide. Console is a National Charity (CHY 15042) providing Professional Counselling, Support and Helpline Services to those Bereaved through Suicide as well as those who are Suicidal. (website: www.console.ie) Due to the mammoth task at hand, they urgently require Volunteers within the Dublin Diocese to ‘Bag Pack’ at their local Dunnes Stores.. Console require Volunteers work two hours ‘Bag Packing’ on the day. If you or a friend can Volunteer please telephone Ciaran at 01 6102638 or e-mail: ciaran@console.ie Your support will Save Lives and help in our efforts to reduce the high level of Suicide here in Ireland.

ASHFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

At their monthly draw held on February 27th the following were the winners:

€300 Ross Brennan,

€150 Breda Keogh,

€100 Joan Byrne,

€50 David O’Callaghan.

Congratulations to these successful supporters. The next draw will be held on March 27 at the Woodpecker.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate the children from 2nd class in St. Joseph’s school Glenealy who celebrated the Sacrament of Forgiveness for the first time last Friday. Many thanks to their teacher for her hard work and to the school choir for making the celebration such a wonderful occasion. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue the preparations for their First Holy Communion on Sunday the 25th



CELEBRATION OF FIRST PENANCE

FOR ASHFORD SCHOOL

The children from Ashford school will celebrate the Sacrament of Forgiveness for the first time on Monday the 15th of March at 7:30 p.m. in Ashford Church. We ask that you keep them in your prayers during the coming week. The First Holy Communion will be celebrated in Ashford church on Saturday 8th of May.

