

For Masses
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic
Ministers

Ashford

Maureen Stockdale,
Des Tully

Fintan Fanning
Dick Fitzpatrick

Marie Togher,
Lucy Molloy

Anne Clarke,
Gary Dowling

Glenealy

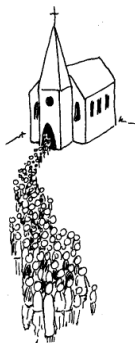
Judith Byrne

Vigil –6:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:30a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK MAY 31ST-JUNE 6TH



Ashford Monday May 31st 9 am No Intention
 Ashford Tuesday June 1st 9am No Intention
 Ashford **Wednesday June 2nd 9:45 am No Intention**
 Ashford Thursday June 3rd 9am May Welsteed
 Ashford Friday June 4th 9am First Friday
 Ashford Vigil June 5th 6 pm Patrick & Mary Waters
 Ashford Sunday June 6th 11 am Phyllis & Mick McDonald
 Glenealy Sunday June 6th 9:30am Seamus O'Brien



**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR
EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS
NEXT SUNDAY**

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
FOR FIRST HOLY
COMMUNION
NEXT SUNDAY**

We remind the children who celebrated First Holy Communion and their parents that the final celebration of the Do This in Memory of Me will take place on Sunday next 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

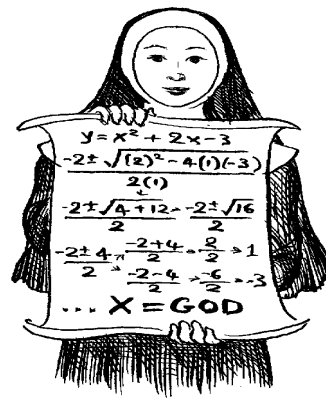
www.ashfordparish.com
The Most Holy Trinity

FAITH IN FOCUS

If we thought we could adequately describe God, then we would surely be fooling ourselves since God is too great for our limited minds to be able to grasp and process.

In fact, St Anselm's famous statement about God was that God is that being greater than which nothing can be imagined. If it takes you a while to work out what that means, then don't worry; you're not alone!

But we're still left with the problem of having to use some words to talk about God. What we tend to do is to use our daily human experience to try to come close to



what God is really like.

The bible compares God to a parent, usually to a father but sometimes to a mother. Parents are the authors of life for their children. So to call God a father is to say that he is responsible for all that lives and breathes in our universe. He is our creator. When we talk about Jesus as the Son, it does not mean that he is less important than the Father; it simply implies closeness of relationship. We speak of the Son as communicating what God is, as the loving embodiment of God who does not want to see us floundering in the ups and downs of life, but wants us to enjoy every moment of our God-given existence to the full. He is our redeemer.

The Holy Spirit is on a par with both Father and Son, and is the natural out flowing of their love. The Spirit is the daily presence of God among us, inspiring us to good, uplifting us to better things, leading us into the truth. He is our sustainer.

This is how we tend to talk about God, inductively; using our own life experiences as a measuring-stick for what God is and what God does. But it comes as no surprise to learn that each of the three persons in this Trinity is co-equal and that their activity overlaps. So if we want to be correct we cannot simply equate the Father with being the creator, because the Son and the Holy Spirit both create, the father and the Spirit redeem and the Son and the Father sustain! Maybe what we can do on this feast of the Trinity is simply to thank God just for being our God and for bothering to have us as his sons and daughters. We may never understand God until we see him face to face. But that shouldn't stop us loving him.

**LAST WEEKEND'S
COLLECTION**

Offertory:	€ 835
Share	€ 505
Planned Giving:	€ 325
Maint. & Devel	€ 120

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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.



BLESSING OF GRAVES

In Killoughter on Wednesday 21st July at 7:30 p.m.
In Glenealy on Saturday 24th July at 3:00 p.m.
Please make a note of these dates in your diary.



THE ANNUAL DOG SHOW

The Annual Dog Show in aid of the parish will take place in July. The organising committee held a very successful meeting on Tuesday May 25th. The plans are now being put in place and you can still join in and help with the various events being organized. You may make contact with either Peter O’Hanlon or Robbie Carter. All are welcome.



ASHFORD CHURCHES GOLF CLASSIC

Our Annual Churches' golf Classic will be held in Wicklow Golf Club on the Friday 13th 2010. Robert Carter organizes our Classic Raffle in conjunction with this event and needs help in the distribution and sale of tickets. We invite anyone willing to help him in this important fundraiser to contact him. The Raffle is a major contributor to the fundraising effort and needs a couple of leaders to assist Robert in keeping control over ticket sales.



FIRST FRIDAY

Friday next June 4th is First Friday. Masses will be celebrated for the Altar List of the Dead in Ashford at 9 am and in Glenealy at 10 am. The Eucharist will be brought to those confined to their homes after the masses.

A silent hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be in place commencing after the 9 am Mass in Ashford and the 10:00 a.m. mass in Glenealy. The rosary will be recited before the 9:00 a.m. mass in Ashford on that day.



Recent Wedding Ashford Church

On Friday May 21st Fr. Edward assisted at the wedding of John Coughlan & Cassandra Byrne at their wedding which took place in Ashford Church. We extend to them a sincere congratulations on the joyous occasion and wish them many happy years together!

RECENT BAPTISM

Last week Fr. Edward celebrated the baptism of Aidan Hammond in Ashford Church. We welcome him into our Christian family and we wish him and his parents every blessing in the years ahead.



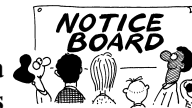
WORK ON THE CHURCH



It is hoped that the work to remedy the damp problem in Ashford church will begin on Monday June 14th, it is envisaged that the work will take about two weeks we apologise in advance for any disruption this work may cause. We thank again the committee of the Ashford Churches Golf for their kind contribution towards this work.

THE WICKLOW CHORAL SOCIETY

The Society Choir directed by Frank Kelly will perform a Requiem Eternal Light by Howard Goodall in St. Patrick's Church Wicklow this Sunday 30th May at 8 pm. Your support would be much appreciated. Full details are on the poster at the Church doors.



STEP IT OUT...FOR CASA!



Fundraising Walk on the Camino de Santiago route in Spain, August 21st to 28th Each participant must raise €2,000 minimum for this wonderful experience. All monies raised will support our respite programme 'CASA Breakhouses' for respite breaks for people with disabilities. For more information contact CASA 01 8725300 or 087 1518183 or email info@casa.ie



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