

For Masses
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic
Ministers

Ashford

Celia McWatt,
John Holly

Michael Noone
Eileen Byrne

Glenealy

Gillian Hick

Anne Lyons
Carmel Grant

Denise Collis Lee
Pat Ferguson

Noel Quinn

Vigil –6:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK



Ashford Feb 22nd 9am A Special Intention

Ashford Feb 23rd 9 am No Intention

Ashford Feb 24th 9am Michael O'Rourke

Ashford Feb 25th 9am No Intention

Ashford Feb 26th 9 am -No Intention

Ashford Saturday Vigil Patrick Byrne

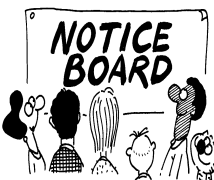
Ashford Sunday Feb 28th 11:00 am Christine Farrell M.M

Glenealy Sunday Feb 28th 9:30 am Ena Curley

Glenealy this Sunday Feb 21st Edward & Bridget Lyons& deceased members of the family), Lough Giffney



Pieta House Darkness into Light 5k Event



Pieta House 'Darkness into Light 5k Event' will take place this year on Saturday 8th May 2010 in two venues. The Phoenix Park, Dublin 7 and University of Limerick. Participants will be invited to walk or run the 5k route, starting while it is still dark and completing the circuit as dawn is breaking. This will be a symbolic event to give hope to those affected by Suicide and Self-Harm. Pieta House,

the centre for the Prevention of Self-harm or Suicide, opened its doors in January 2006. Pieta House is Ireland's first community-based centre for the prevention of self-harm or suicide. Pieta House offers one to one counseling. Services at Pieta House are free of charge. Pieta House has outreach centres in Tallaght and Finglas. They will open an outreach centre in Ballyfermot in the summer of 2010. and their first outreach centre outside the Dublin area will open in Mungret, Limerick in the summer of 2010. On line registration will be available from 15th February 2010 at www.pieta.ie

Postal registration will also be available.

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Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

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First Sunday of Lent

JUST TESTING



We tend to think of temptation in terms of a sin magnet. It's the opposite pole to where we should be and like all magnetic opposites we're attracted to it even though we know it's wrong. The cake on the plate just seems to have a power that draws us; it attracts us because that's what temptation does.

It surprises a lot of people that this is not really the meaning of temptation in the scriptures. The Greek word that we call temptation means something rather different. It means a "testing" or a "proving" of a person's fidelity, integrity, virtue or constancy. So if I tempt you, I'm not simply trying to get you to eat the cake; what I am really doing is measuring your ability to remain faithful to your principles, seeing whether you really are the person you claim to be. That's what the devil did with Jesus in the desert. He put him to the test by first getting him to doubt himself (offering him greater status and power) and then getting him to be overconfident (jumping off the roof of the temple, sure that the angels would catch him).

The point of this episode is not that Jesus didn't fancy jumping off. It's that he didn't allow himself to be deflected from being the person he knew he was. The devil tested him but Jesus didn't budge.

In a strange way temptations can be constructive things because they can become growth points in our relationship with God and other people. I can "prove" my true qualities when I am offered the choice to reject God. Of course, it's important to remember that no temptation, however repulsive to us, is ever a sin. In order to redeem us, as a human being Jesus was tempted at the roots of our human nature and yet he never sinned.

Temptation strengthened Jesus' resolve to carry out the mission he received from the Father. As we begin our Lenten journey this week can see temptations either as a threat to us or else as moments when we can reaffirm our commitment to following Christ. Why not put it to the test?



LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Offertory: € 840

Accord € 485

Planned Giving: € 1005

Maint. & Devel € 60

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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.

LENT 2010

Masses During Lent

Weekday masses will be as follows:

Ashford: Monday through Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Glenealy: Tuesday’s and Thursday’s at 10:00 a.m.

*However please note, as Fr Kevin will be away on sick leave until the

Remember man
that you are
dust and into
dust you shall
return.

second week of lent, daily mass will not be celebrated in Glenealy Church until March.. Commencing the first week of March the Lenten masses in Glenealy church will be celebrated on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10am

TROCAIRE –LENT 2010

Again this year you are offered the opportunity to take the time to use a



Trocaire box. These are available beginning this 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!**

ASHFORD I.C.A

The Ashford I.C.A are running a Table Quiz in Ashford House on Thursday next February 25th beginning at 8:30.

It will be in aid of St.Vincent de Paul Society. A table of four will be €30.

A fun night out and in aid of a very worthy organization.



Ashford & Glenealy Parish

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th June, 2009

Income



Family Offering	€49,407
Shrines & Booklets	5,269
Deposit Interest	4,826
Fundraising & Sponsorship	4,000
Donations & Bequests	2,561

Total

€66,063

Expenditure

Rent, Rates & Insurance	€5,557
Repairs, Cleaning & Maintenance	10,008
Heat & Light	5,624
Altar Supplies, Missalettes etc	8,467
Printing, Stationery, Postage & Telephone	2,566
Bank Charge & Interest	357
Salaries, Wages, Honorariums, Gratuities	16,797
Moving/Storage Costs	2,671
Audit & Accountancy	1,216
Computer costs	600
Confirmation Expenses	300
Mission, Retreat & Novena Expenses	1,269
Parish Payment to School	851
Total	€56,303

Surplus (Deficit) for year

9,760

Balance carried forward

147,050

Total

156,810

Represented by

Bank current account

€1,421

Bank Deposit account

€155,389

BODYWHYS



As part of National Eating Disorders Week-Bodywhys (The Eating Disorders Association of Ireland) will be holding an information evening in the Grand Hotel Wicklow on Wednesday 24th February at 8 pm. It is held in collaboration with Wicklow Mental Health Association

Admission to the event is free of charge and all are welcome to attend!!