

For Masses
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic
Ministers

Ashford

Margaret Stevens
Brendan Devine

Paddy Andrews
Tom McHugh

Sr. Valery
Ray Kinsella

Anne Clarke
Gary Dowling

Glenealy

Billy Donnelly

Phillip Carroll

Vigil –6:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK

Ashford March 1st 9am A Favour Granted

Ashford March 2nd 9 am Betty Murray

Glenealy March 2nd 10 am

Ashford March 3rd 9am Mary, Paddy & Bill O'Neill,
Mary & Jack Byrne

Ashford March 4th 9am No Intention

Glenealy March 4th 10 am Margaret Bolton

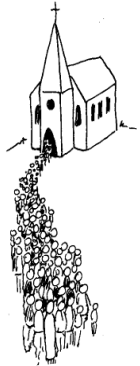
Ashford March 5th 9 am - First Friday

Glenealy March 5th 10am First Friday

Ashford Saturday Vigil Myles Byrne

Ashford Sunday March 7th 11:00 am Bill & Mary Nolan

**Glenealy Sunday March 7th 9:30 am Mary Caffrey &
Susan, Larry, Noel & Des Kinsella**



**ASHFORD NATIONAL
SCHOOL
CHILDREN'S
SERVICE**

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

**DO THIS IN MEMORY
PARISH PREPARATION FOR
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

The next 'Do This In Memory' Mass for Communion children will be next Sunday March 7th at 9:30 a.m. in Glenealy and at 11am in Ashford Church



Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

www.ashfordparish.com
Second Sunday of Lent



HANGING ON

There's an air of anxiety in our scripture readings at the liturgy today. God shows Abram (before he became Abraham) that he will stand at the top of a lineage with many descendents and that he will take possession of the land. But Abram is still worried about the future: "My Lord, how am I to know that I shall inherit it?"

And God has to reassure Abram, to keep him persevering in faith. The same is true with Peter, James and John. Jesus gives them a real boost to their faith by letting them see him being transfigured on the mountain top, talking with Moses and Elijah... a sure sign that he is from God. But Peter, like Abram, is worried that things won't always be like this and so he tries to get three booths or tents set up to preserve the atmosphere of the moment. Both Abram and Peter are privileged to be in the presence of God, yet they are worried about the road ahead and whether or not they will really see things through. Sound familiar? No matter how strong our faith is, we still have moments when we wonder what it's all about, whether we can cope with present difficulties and how we will match up to the demands of the future. Of course, that's what faith is all about. If faith were a manual of answers, an instruction book that couldn't fail, then it would no longer be faith. When we stop praying for perseverance in faith we have become muscular Christians who think they can reach heaven by religious effort.

But as we go through life we come across people and events that strengthen our faith. It seems that when everything is rumbling on in a mundane way we suddenly are given a glimpse of what lies beyond. These mountain-top experiences boost our faith because they redirect our hope and recharge our enthusiasm. Last week we began Lent by looking at the temptations that lie in wait for us as we try to follow Christ. This week we are given a shot in the arm as we glimpse something of the glory of Jesus in the Transfiguration.

So Lent isn't just about sin. It's also about faith, promise, perseverance, hope, dreams, compassion, trust, reconciliation and renewal. Have a Happy Lent!



**LAST WEEKEND'S
COLLECTION**

Offertory: € 960
Share € 595
Planned Giving: € 730
Maint. & Devel € 195

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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.

TAG ALONG

A rugby festival fundraiser will be held at Ashford N.S. next 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.

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.

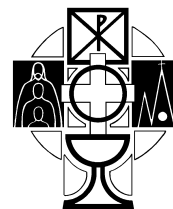
Console is a National Charity (CHY 15042) providing Professional Counselling, Support and Helpline Services to those Bereaved through Suicide as well

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.

First Friday



Friday next Mar 5th 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.

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!*



GOSPEL OF LUKE

Interested in following up on the gospel of Luke?

Tues March 2nd Favourites from Luke (Donal Neary SJ); a reflective and background look at familiar stories of St Luke, e.g. the Prodigal Son.

Tues March 16th – St Luke in Art –(Eileen Kane); how some passages of Luke are portrayed in art.

Tues March 23rd – The Passion of Christ in Luke (Fr Martin Hogan, Clontarf and Mater Dei, formerly of Corpus Christi). What’s special about St Luke’s account of the Passion?

All the above takes place in Gardiner St Church, 8-9 p.m. in Father John Sullivan Room (entrance at shop). All are welcome



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 the Phoenix Park, Dublin 7. 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. On line registration will be available from 15th February 2010 at www.pieta.ie Postal registration will also be available. For any enquiries contact Marie Freeman at 01-6010000