

For Masses  
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic  
Ministers

### Ashford

Des Tully  
Maureen Stockdale

Fintan Fanning,  
Dick Fitzpatrick

### Glenealy

Gillian Hick

Marie Togher  
Lucy Molloy

Teresa Bourke  
Ronnie Connolly

Philip Carroll

Vigil –6:00 pm

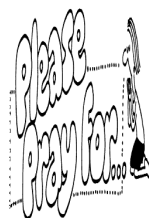
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

### MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK



Ashford Feb 15th 9am Balty & Nan Merrigan  
Ashford Feb 16th 9 am No Intention  
Ashford Feb 17th 9am No Intention  
Ashford Feb 18th 9am No Intention  
Ashford Feb 19th 9 am -Larry O'Toole  
Ashford Saturday Vigil Emily & William Clarke  
Ashford Sunday Feb 21st 11:00 am No Intention  
Glenealy Sunday Feb 21st 9:30 am Ena Curley



### THE ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR ACCORD THIS WEEKEND

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.

### School Enrolment- St. Joseph's Glenealy



Enrolment for junior infants starting in St Joseph's NS in 2010 takes place on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th February in the school between 9.20 am and 2pm.

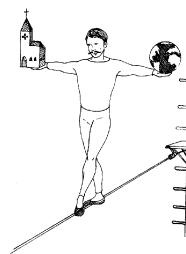
*Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate.*



# Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

www.ashfordparish.com  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### KEEPING THE BALANCE



**I**t's a tightrope. It really is. We have to walk the rope without falling off one side or the other. And today Jesus tells us that we are happy, fortunate and blessed if we manage to get the balance right.

The beatitudes are the most phenomenal promises ever made. If you are poor then you will own the kingdom of God; if at present you are experiencing hunger you will achieve complete satisfaction; if you weep now you will laugh forever.

And so on.

To believe in these promises means you are either deeply committed to the gospel message or you are mad. There can be no in-between. And that's where it starts to get difficult in daily life.

What do we do? How do we live our daily life, earning and trying to prosper, when we also want to remain poor enough to have a share in the kingdom of God? How do we enjoy a really good meal when we are told that it is the hungry who will be satisfied? And how do we reconcile our belly laughs with the knowledge that those who mourn and weep are the ones who are praised by Jesus?

You can see why many people who listened to Jesus preaching about the beatitudes were singularly unimpressed.

It's counter-cultural: it goes against everything that our world and society stands for and it asks us to refocus and downsize the values that we are supposed to take for granted and aspire to. So they simply wrote him off. What the beatitudes remind us is that there is more to life than this world. This does not mean that we should not try to eradicate poverty. Nor does it mean that we should ask starving people to embrace their hunger and oppressed nations to stop their mourning and weeping. And it doesn't mean that our laughter, feasting and prosperity are wrong.

But what the beatitudes ask of us is that we view our lives under the microscope of eternity. All our actions here and now are to be weighed against what will become of us in perpetuity. If we come down too heavily on the laughing and feasting, we'll be neglecting our deeper reasons for being on this earth. And if we keep our eyes glued on the clouds of heaven, then we'll end up missing out on this wonderful life. It's a tightrope!

### LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Offertory: € 950  
Haiti € 4720  
Planned Giving: € 575  
Maint. & Devel € 100  
Shrines/Irish Catholic Papers etc ( Jan) € 515

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## Parish Information

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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.



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

## LENT 2010 ASH WEDNESDAY

**W**ednesday next the 17th of February is Ash Wednesday when we begin our journey through the season of Lent. Masses on the day will be:

Ashford: 9:00 a.m.

Glenealy: 7:30 pm

(Blessed Ashes will be available in the churches for those parishioners who cannot attend the masses being celebrated.)

### 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 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

Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday February 17th. Again this year you are offered the opportunity to take the time to use a Trocaire box, these will be 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!



## Exploring Death And Loss of Our Loved Ones

Residential Weekend led by

Fr. Myles O'Reilly S,J. and

**The Bethany Bereavement Support Group**

You are welcome to take a leaflet which offers full details and booking forms for this event.

## MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY IRELAND NATIONAL AWARENESS DAY-FEB 14

As a pre -Lent treat why not purchase two Lily O'Brien's Chocolates for just € 2.00 and at the same time help fund services and research into muscular dystrophy. They provide information, Respite Services, Family Support, Transport & Youth Services to those suffering this condition! It's a voluntary organization with approximately 500 individuals and families as well as an active network nationwide.

For information contact:

MDI Ireland, -ph 353 01 8721501, or info@mdi.ie

*A very deserving cause indeed!.*



## NEW YEAR ENVELOPES



A big thank you to all who participate in the family or planned giving programme through envelope or standing order your support for the parish is much appreciated.

However if you do not already 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*



*prayer for the good of your soul*

*fasting for the good of your body*

*almsgiving for the good of your neighbor*

## Divine Mercy Conference-RDS DUBLIN

Friday February 19, 2010 - Sunday February 21, 2010

Venue: Hall 1

Opening Hours: Saturday: 9.00am - 9.00pm

Sunday: 9.00am - 7.00pm

Organiser's Contact Details: Divine Mercy Apostolate, 24 Elderwood Road. Palmerstown, Dublin 20