

Mass Times FOR the coming Week.

Mon, Tues & Fri. Mass at 9.00am

Wed Mass at 9.45am

Thurs Prayer Service at 9.00am



LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

Offering €735 Share €440 Family Offering €420 Maint. & Dev. €150

GOOD SHEPARD SUNDAY

This weekend of 11 and 12 May, we celebrate *Good Shepherd Sunday*. This Sunday will continue to be an irreplaceable occasion to reflect on the importance of the ministerial priesthood and on prayer for vocations to the priesthood. This is an urgent call for the future of our diocese.

In his message for the World day of Prayer for Vocations Pope Francis says that there can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! He encourages us, especially the young, not to be deaf to the Lord's call. *'If he calls you to follow his path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Do not yield to fear, which paralyses us before the great heights to which the Lord points us.*

ADVANCE NOTICE

Next weekend, 18/19 May, we will for the first time hold a new collection which will be called the *Ministry Sunday Collection*.

This new annual collection will replace the Share Collection and will be devoted to support the building up of new forms of lay ministry in our parishes. The work of spreading the Gospel of Jesus in our changing religious culture will require more lay men and women working in various ways alongside our priests at the heart of parish communities.

The *Ministry Sunday Collection* is about ensuring that we will have the people we need - men and women who will be to the fore in making our parishes vibrant faith communities into the future.

While many of those involved will be volunteers, we will have to equip and train leaders and provide facilities for formation. We want to work towards a situation where all parishes in this Archdiocese benefit from their gifts and expertise. The new collection is one-step in that process.

Readers for the next 2 weeks in Ashford.

Vigil

18/19 May	Des Tully, Patricia Holohan	Michael Noone, Jill Clancy Harrold
25/26 May	John Holly, Celia McWatt	Tom McHugh

Eucharist Ministers for next 2 weeks in Ashford.

Vigil

18/19 May	Marie Togher, Carmel Grant	Denise Collis Lee, Pat Ferguson
25/26 May	Luvy Molloy, Derek Connolly	Ann Clarke, Gary Dowling

Sunday

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BRING FLOWERS TO THE RAREST

Bring flowers to the rarest,
Bring blossoms the fairest,
From garden and woodland and hillside and dale;

Our full hearts are swelling,
Our glad voices telling,
The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale.
Oh Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the angels and Queen of the May.
(x2)

Their Lady they name thee,
Their mistress proclaim thee,
Oh grant that thy children on earth be as true,

As long as the bowers,
Are radiant with flowers,
As long as the azure shall keep its bright hue.
O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the angels and Queen of the May,
(x2)

RECEIVE O FATHER

Receive O Father in thy love,
These humble gifts of bread and wine.
That with ourselves we offer thee.
Returning gifts already thine.
Behold this host and chalice Lord,
To thee on high the gifts we raise.
Through them may we our honour pay,
Our adoration and our praise.

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me,
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.
T'was grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved,
How precious did the grace appear,
The hour I first believed.
Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come,
T'was grace that brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home.

HAIL QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Hail Queen of Heaven, the ocean star
Guide of the wanderer here below.
Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care,
Save us from peril and from woe.
Mother of Christ, Star of the sea.
Pray for the wanderer, pray for me.
O gentle chaste and spotless maid,
We sinners make our prayers through thee.
Remind thy Son that he has paid
The price of our iniquity.
Mother of Christ, Star of the Sea,
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

Our organist Frank and his family known as Classic Harmony, who sing here in Ashford Church on many occasions are travelling to Los Angeles in July to compete as part of Team Ireland in the World Championships of the Performing Arts. They are holding some concerts to help raise funds for Team Ireland; the first is on Saturday May 11th in the Community and Heritage Centre at 8:00pm. Admission - €10 and there will also be a raffle. The programme will be a lovely mix of Summer Sounds from the Classical, Jazz and Popular genres with some Traditional music as well! Tickets available at the door. If you can't go but would like to support please contact Frank on 086 4013711.

Further concerts are as follows: On **Friday, May 31st** we will perform at the **Mermaid Arts Centre** in Bray at **8:00pm**. Our special guest that evening will be the wonderful Bray Soprano, **Sarah Power** and our M.C. will be the well-known actor and presenter **Aonghus McAnally**. Tickets @ €20 available from the Mermaid Theatre: <https://www.mermaidartscentre.ie/whats-on/events/world-championships-of-performing-arts>.

On **Saturday, June 8th** we will perform at the **Whale Theatre** in Greystones at **8:00pm**. Our special guests that evening will be **Alan Smale (Violin)** and **Ruby Ashley (Oboe)**. Tickets @ €18 available from the Whale Theatre: <https://whaletheatre.ticketsonline.com/shows/873602005>. If you can't go but would like to support please contact Frank on 086 4013711.