

# ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

11th February 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

RCN 20016166

*Fr Donal Neary, S.J ~ Gospel Reflections for the Year B.*

### **People make a Difference**

Any story involving leprosy is a story of inclusiveness with Jesus. The people whom nobody wanted were deep in his heart. Jesus wanted to make his life better and in this case, the man was cured. The news spread of this new religious man, a prophet maybe, but one who went where nobody else would go.

Jesus sees into the heart and there he finds a home, because God his Father lives in each of us. His motivation is his deep relationship with all of us. He will cleanse any of the unacceptable sides of ourselves so that we see ourselves as image of God, forgiven and clean. Can we see others like that?

Who would be those he would reach today like this? Maybe the people who want to change their lives from condemnation by self and others. We can name them often, and our society can be cruel on prisoners and their families, abusers of any sort, prostitutes, victims of AIDS and many others. He offers a way out of condemnation and that is often through the goodness and care of another. When we come to him, we meet his followers, and that also can make a difference.

*Recall someone who made a difference in your life at a bad time.*

*Give thanks for it*



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	This week we remember	Next week we remember
SATURDAY 6.00pm ASHFORD	<b>Caroline Donaldson Sheila &amp; Brendan Quinn Aileen Synnott</b>	
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY	<b>Sadie Douglas-Months Mind Bridie O Brien</b>	

## World Peace

Our thoughts are with the suffering people of the Middle East and Ukraine. We pray that peace will come to these troubled lands. Remember those who are suffering, displaced and fearful because of war. Enlighten world leaders; make them wise in their decisions. Make all of us instruments of your peace.



## *The Pope's Intention for February*

*For the terminally ill.  
We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.*



## ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

4th February 2024

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	-	€665
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	-	€740
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE	- goes towards Diocesan Administration	-	€375
MAINTENANCE	- goes towards Parish upkeep	-	€200

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

## NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

To reflect on the readings please check  
[catholicireland.net](http://catholicireland.net) / [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie) / [universalis.com](http://universalis.com)

**First Reading : Genesis 9: 8-15**

**Psalm : Ps 24**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22**

**Gospel: Mark 1:12-15**

Here are some useful Apps to help with prayer and meditation.  
They are available from the App Store on your phone or other device:-

### Pray As You Go - Daily Prayer

This is a lifestyle app which can be downloaded for free. For the past 16 years this app has provided a daily journey and encounter with God for millions of people around the world.

It will support your prayer life each day with a short contemplative prayer session and an invitation to go deeper with other prayer tools, series, retreats and resources. It lasts between 10 and 13 minutes and combines music, scripture and some questions for reflection.

### Universalis

This app helps you to follow the Mass each day. The "Mass Today" page merges the Order of Mass with the Readings and Prayers for the day, so you can follow the Mass right through without having to jump here and there through a missal. It costs approximately €12.

# Building Hope

Archdiocese of Dublin

## JUST LENT 2024

The Just Lent 2024 initiative, is in conjunction with parishes and partnerships of parishes, focusing on the Social Justice quadrant of the Building Hope Framework for Renewal.

Each week will be a different Social Justice topic.

Followed by the same prayer and a connection with the Sunday scriptures, with a short reflection. There is also a key quote connecting to the theme.

*During Lent you are invited to six weekly sessions in the Parish House Ashford, on Tuesdays at 8pm starting 13th February.*

*Please text/WhatsApp 087 2342 355 to register your interest.*



# Active Retirement Activities & Trips

Now with 105 members, we are one of the largest Groups in Ireland

Tuesday morning meetings 10.45am.

Conversational Irish Tuesdays at 10.00 am

Line Dancing Tuesdays 12.00 to 1.00pm

Walking on the Murrough Wednesdays at 11.00 am

Choir Fridays 3.00pm—4.00pm

Trip to Sive at the Gaiety Theatre on Wednesday 28th February

Spring holiday to Killarney from the 14th April to 18th April.

Follow us on our facebook page: **Wicklow Active Retirement**

If you would like to join active retirement or find out more, please do feel free to ring Pauline on 087 227 6760

*You will be sure of a Céad Míle Fáilte*

## WICKLOW COPD GROUP

**COPD Exercise class to help improve your breathing every Monday in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre.**

**Fully qualified Instructors**

**Further information from Denis Teevan on 086 8174 703**

Your contribution to the Church is your appreciation for your parish. If you would like to become a regular contributor to the Parish, please fill in this slip and return to Parish Office or Sacristy

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**“For one to have complete satisfaction from flowers, you must have time to spend with them.”**

**GRACE KELLY**