

## 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

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....

Sometimes you face difficulties not because you're doing something wrong, but because you're doing something right.



# ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

18th February 2024

First Sunday of Lent ~ Year B

# Just LENT 1

### Our Prayer

Loving God, in this season of Lent you call us to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with each other so that we can build your Kingdom of justice and peace, your Kingdom of love and truth, your Kingdom of holiness and grace in our world today. AMEN

### Sunday Scripture Link

1st Sunday of Lent  
Genesis 9: 8-15  
1 Peter 3: 18-22  
Mark 1: 12-15

### Theme:

**Flood and Desert**



- In this Sunday's first and second readings you will notice mention of a flood.
- Flood in the Bible connects with danger and disaster, but our first reading assures us that God will never destroy the earth.
- Jesus is in the wilderness of the desert in the Gospel and he emerges from this experience proclaiming Good News from God.
- The early Christians realised that the flood of God's grace, which flows from Jesus' desert experience, is positive because it is about our Baptism.

“There is no life without water. We cannot survive without it. Sometimes we call Planet Earth, the Blue Planet. Salt water accounts for 97.5 per cent of all water in the earth; the remaining 2.5 per cent is fresh water. This 2.5 per cent sustains human life on earth – our life. In a real sense it is the foundation of all human civilisation; however, because it seems to be in such abundance, we appear to take water for granted. While fresh water is a global concern, it is always a local issue. Most people drink from the well in their own yard. In the past one hundred and fifty years, with the significant industrialisation of society and of agriculture, the demand for fresh water has increased exponentially, and the effects of vastly increased urban living can be seen in our rivers, lakes and oceans.”

#2.1 The Cry of the Earth, The Cry of the Poor  
Archbishop Dermot Farrell

**SEE** What effects of flooding are you noticing in our country and world?

**DISCERN** How much water does your household use for cooking, bathing and cleaning?

**ACT** What could you do differently this Lent to preserve water?

	This week we remember	Next week we remember
SATURDAY 6.00pm ASHFORD		<b>Cecil Ward</b> - Month's Mind <b>Jack &amp; Frances Ward</b>
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY	<b>Susan O'Toole, Kathleen &amp; Eamonn McNabb, Peggy &amp; Billy Dunne, Eileen Barnes Lough Giffney</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**  
**11th February 2024**

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - €310  
 1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - €498  
 2ND COLLECTION / SHARE - goes towards Diocesan Administration - €500  
 MAINTENANCE - goes towards Parish upkeep - €270

*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 22:1-2,9-13, 15-18**  
**Psalm : Ps 115**  
**Second Reading: Romans 8: 31-34**  
**Gospel: Mark 9: 2-10**

**ACCORD DUBLIN**  
CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CARE SERVICE

**ANNUAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

The annual collection for ACCORD Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses this weekend 17th & 18th February 2024.

ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:  
 Marriage Preparation courses - online small groups.  
 Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone.  
 A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.

ACCORD Dublin needs your support this year more than ever. Please give generously this weekend

**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/Whats App 087 2342 355 to register your interest.*

