

## 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 Mile 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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Contact Number.....

Address.....

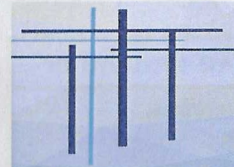
We all have our days where we feel we can't survive.

Sometimes dreams are shattered, friendships may fall apart. Loved ones may hurt us, finances may worry us. Sickness may overtake us. We may lose people we love. But God will always be there to guide us through even the toughest of times. Never lose faith.

Hold onto hope.

Trust in God always.

Kelly's Treehouse



## ASHFORD & GLENEALY PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

25th February 2024

Second Sunday of Lent ~ Year B

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## Just LENT 2

### Our Prayer

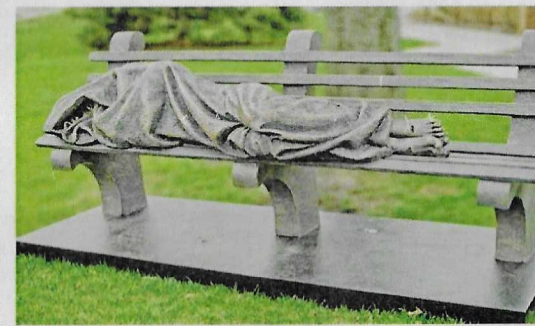
Loving God,  
in this season of Lent  
you call us to act justly,  
love tenderly  
and walk humbly with each other  
so that we can build  
your Kingdom of justice and peace,  
your Kingdom of love and truth,  
your Kingdom of holiness and grace  
in our world today. AMEN

### Sunday Scripture Link

2nd Sunday of Lent  
Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18  
Romans 8: 31-34  
Mark 9: 2-10

### Theme:

**Homelessness**



- In the first reading this Sunday we hear about the sacrifice of Abraham.
- When we look at the life of Abraham it is clear he made many sacrifices in his life. He wandered in the desert for many years trying to find a home.
- The Gospel refers to Peter suggesting that three tents are set up.
- Tents are symbolic of God's permanent presence among us, but today our towns and cities have people sheltering in tents because they are homeless.
- We as a Christian community are challenged to help them find a safe, permanent home, where they can truly feel God's permanent protecting presence.

“There is no social or moral justification for homelessness, but we can find solace and meaning in the Incarnation... The Son of God came into this world as a homeless person... The Son of God knew what it was to start life without a roof over his head.”

“We can find no social or moral justification, no justification whatsoever, for lack of housing. There are many unjust situations, but we know that God is suffering with us, experiencing them at our side. He does not abandon us.”

2015 visit to Catholic Charities in Washington D.C.  
Pope Francis

- SEE** What impact is homelessness having on your family?
- DISCERN** How can our households and parishes respond practically to the homelessness crisis?
- ACT** What homelessness projects could you get involved with?



	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>	<b>Dick Fitzpatrick</b> - Months Mind
SUNDAY 10.30am GLENEALY		

### 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 18th February 2024

- ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - €200
- 1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - €705
- 2ND COLLECTION / ACCORD - goes towards Diocesan Administration - €835
- MAINTENANCE - goes towards Parish upkeep - € 55

*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 : Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm : Ps 18

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2: 13-25

## ACCORD DUBLIN

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CARE SERVICE

Many thanks to all who contributed to this collections last week - a total of €835 was received from this parish.

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR MOBILE PHONE IS SWITCHED OFF WHILE IN THE CHURCH .**

### LOURDES

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**  
Wicklow Rathnew  
10 September 2024  
5 Nights  
€939 per person sharing

- Direct return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- 20kg bags included.
- Return Airport Transfers in Lourdes
- 5 nights accommodation in La Solitude Hotel
- Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- Full religious programme including Anointing of the Sick, Torchlight Procession, Blessed Sacrament Procession & International Mass
- Visit Places associated with the life of St. Bernadette including a guided tour of Lourdes and Bartres

For information please contact:

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# 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.*