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<p>Parish Office - Second Sunday of Lent - 25th February 2024.</p>				
<p><b>Reflection on Abraham's story:</b> In todays first reading, God asks Abraham to sacrifice to him his only son. <i>“Then God said, ‘Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.’”</i>  God knew just how precious Isaac was to Abraham, having had to wait until he was 100 years old to have him. Yet he asks him to sacrifice his son!  <b>Lessons</b> <b>1: The greater the cost, the greater the sacrifice.</b> Abraham had all night and morning to be terrified about the coming events... and to talk himself out of it. It must have been a very difficult for him.  <b>2: Sacrifice doesn’t always come with answers.</b> There were no answers or explanations given. The response must be fast, no dilly-dallying. Unwavering obedience is required by God  <b>3: Godly obedience should be based on faith in providence.</b> When Isaac asked his dad where the lamb was, “Abraham answered, ‘God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.’” — (Genesis 22:8). Abraham believed the Lord would salvage the situation. Again faith.  <b>4: Obedience both relies on God for strength and expects God to deliver.</b> Abraham continues in obedience. <i>“He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.”—Genesis 22:9–10.</i> Imagine the anguish and horror in that moment. Envision reconciling the internal conflict of sacrificing someone you love for</p>	<p>someone you love more. Of course, we know the story doesn’t end there. God interrupts: <i>“Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.’</i> Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place <i>The Lord Will Provide.</i>”—Genesis 22:12–14  God came through, just as Abraham had expected and promised he would have “descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore.”  <b>5: What God requires, He provides.</b> In fitness training, people are reluctant to make sacrifices necessary to reach their goals: junk food, too much exercise, not enough exercise, free time, TV, alcohol, comfort zones, caffeine, accountability, and so on.  Until they give up what they want for something they want <i>more</i>, they’ll always come up short.  Has God asked you to take a knife to something? Has He asked you to put something on the altar and trust Him with it? How have you responded? Let Abraham’s example be a blueprint for your obedience to God to do his will and especially this Lent.</p> <p><b>The Stations of the Cross:</b> in Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea each Friday evening at 7pm during Lent.</p> <p><b>Confessions in Bundoran Church:</b> every Saturday from 5pm to 6pm.</p>	<p><b>Church of Our Lady, Bundoran:</b> <b>Eucharistic Ministers for March:</b> 7pm Kathy McEniff &amp; Donna Cheshire. 8.30am. Patrick McGloin. 11am Bernie Ward, Grainne McGloin &amp; P.J. Davey.  <b>March Ministers of the Word:</b> 7.00pm. Claudia Kennedy. 8.30am. John Campbell. 11.00am. Bernie Ward.  <b>March Altar Society:</b> Celia Warnock &amp; Sheila Clancy.  <b>Church Collectors for March:</b> 7pm Cindy O’Beirne, Mary Herrity &amp; Kathy McEniff. 8.30am. Kevin Garvin, Cormac Meehan &amp; Patrick McGloin. 11.00am. Donal Breslin, Padraig Davey, Jim Herrity and Grainne McGloin.</p>	<p><b>St. Joseph’s Church, Ballyshannon:</b> <b>Eucharistic Ministers for March:</b> Seamus O’Neill &amp; Yvette Morrow. <b>March Ministers of the Word:</b> Holy Family National School. <b>March Altar Society:</b> Bernie Boyle &amp; Breege Loughlin. <b>Church Collectors for March:</b> Patrick McKenna.</p>	<p><b>St. Joseph’s Church, The Rock:</b> <b>Sunday - February 25th at 10am:</b> Eileen Kennedy (Erne Dale Heights). Margaret Mannion (Ardlongfield). Reggie &amp; Pail Gallogley (West Port). Michael, Susan &amp; Dec Mbs Dolan Family (Carrickboy). Jackie, Annie &amp; John Gallagher (East Rock). Vincent Cleary (East Port). <b>Sunday - March 3rd at 10am:</b> John, Kathleen &amp; Lena O’Mahoney (Rathmore). Dympna &amp; Richie Bromley (West Rock). Hugh, Margaret &amp; Dec Mbs McGowan Family (Laughill). Mary McCaffrey (Assaroe Road).</p>