

**Morning Prayer of the Church & the Rosary** on Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday at 10 a.m. All Welcome.

**Gathering Hymn:**  
**Sing Praise to Our Creator**

Sing praise to our Creator,  
O sons of Adam's race,  
God's children by adoption,  
baptised into his grace.

**R/ Praise the Holy Trinity,  
undivided unity,  
Holy God, mighty God,  
God immortal, be adored.**

To Jesus Christ give glory,  
God's co-eternal Son:  
As members of his body we live  
in him as one. **R/**

Now praise the Holy Spirit  
poured forth upon the earth:  
Who sanctifies and guides us,  
confirmed in our rebirth. **R/**

**Recessional Hymn:**

**Sweet Heart of Jesus**

Sweet heart of Jesus!  
fount of love and mercy,  
Today we come Thy blessing to  
implore; Oh touch our hearts, so cold  
and so ungrateful and make them,  
Lord, Thine own for evermore.

**R/ Sweet heart of Jesus, we  
implore, oh, make us love Thee  
more and more.**

Sweet heart of Jesus!  
Make us pure and gentle,  
And teach us how to do thy blessed  
will, to follow close, the prints of thy  
dear footsteps,  
and when we fall,  
Sweet Heart oh love us still. **R/**



Sympathies are  
extended to  
the family and  
friends of

**Alice Nolan and Rose Myler**

who died recently.  
May they rest in peace.

**Weekly Notices for the Churches of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow  
& St. David, Johnstown Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Annual Collection for CROSSCARE Youth Services** at all Masses this weekend, replacing the SHARE collection. Thank you for your continued support. *Crosscare provide a wide range of focused supports and programmes aimed at empowering young people.*

Monday is a **Bank Holiday** there will be one morning Mass at 11.00 a.m.

**Choose Life 2018 - Resources for Parishes** Every week, the Catholic Bishops circulate a double-sided newsletter **Choose Life 2018** for people in parishes. It explains the Church's position on human life and encourages family discussion on this important subject. Issue seven is available today in the porches as you leave the church.

**Revival Gospel Choir:** Currently recruiting new members and looking for singers and musicians. They practise every Thursday evening 8pm to 10 pm in Árus Lorcáin. If interested please contact 087 6266070 or rgcarklow@gmail.com

**Coffee Morning** in aid of St. Mary's College Transition Year Students trip to Belarus takes place today Sunday 18th March at 12 p.m. in Arus Lorcaín. Your support is much appreciated.

Tubberpatrick, Castletown – Outdoor service at **St. Patrick's Holy Well** at 3p.m. today, weather permitting.

**Arklow Library – 'Way with Words' Festival:** 22nd March at 7.30pm - Michael Harding and on Friday 23rd March at 7.30pm Audrey McGee and Eoin McNamee. [www.waywithwords.ie](http://www.waywithwords.ie)

**'Who Wants to be A Thousandaire'** hosted by St. John's Senior School takes place in the Arklow Bay Hotel on Friday 20th April at 8pm, Tickets €15 each or 4 for €50. For tickets phone 0402-32545.



*Palm Sunday – 25th March, 2018*

**11.30a.m. Mass:** Please be seated at 11.20 a.m. for next Sun Solemn Procession with Palms.

**Mass of Chrism, Holy Thursday  
Pro Cathedral at 10.00 a.m.**

The Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Sick and Holy Chrism are blessed for use in the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year. Please contact Fr. Pádraig if you would like to attend, only 2 spaces available so first come first served.



**YOUTH HUB:** Following on from our Youth Forum in January we invite young people from 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> years to join us in Arus Lorcaín on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 7.30pm- 9.00pm. We will discuss **'Where do we go from here?'** There will be food and refreshments. If interested please have a parent/guardian form completed.

**Arklow Group of Parishes – Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – 23<sup>rd</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October:** In Lent, many people read the scriptures and pray the Stations of The Cross. People are trying to get to know Jesus better, to follow him closer. Would you like to walk in the actual footsteps of Jesus? A quote in the Holy Land says "Five gospels record the life of Jesus, Four you will find in books, and one you will find in the land they call Holy. For further details log onto [www.arklowparish.ie](http://www.arklowparish.ie) where there is a link to the itinerary, photos and information or [www.maptravel.ie](http://www.maptravel.ie).

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday**

6.30 p.m.

**17th March**

Eileen & Larry Tomkins  
Joe & Eileen Carley  
Margaret, Edward & Hugh  
Canavan  
Wiliam Gregory

**Sunday**

8.30 a.m.

11.30 a.m.

**18th March**

Eddie & May Byrne  
Peadar Dunne,  
Paddy & Martin Doyle  
Seany Allen  
Johnathan Martin & Anna  
Martin

7.00 p.m.

Sheila Farrell

John Kinsella

James O'Neill & son

James O'Neill

John O'Neill

**Monday**

11 a.m.

**Tuesday**

8.00 a.m.

10.00 a.m.

7.00 p.m.

**Wednesday**

8.00 a.m.

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**Friday**

8.00 a.m.

10.00 a.m.

7.00 p.m.

**Saturday**

10.00 a.m.

**19th March**

Paddy Roach

**20th March**

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**21st March**

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**22nd March**

Mary Murray

Joe Weadock

Peter, Annie & Joe Weadick

**23rd March**

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Elizabeth O'Toole

Spencer Dial

**24th March**

**World Meeting of Families 2018**

**Save the date!**

Sunday 15th April 3pm Family Bingo in Arus Lorcaín. Spot prizes and refreshments. Bring the whole family it will be great fun. Surprise guests.



**Lenten Space: Our word from the gospel this Sunday is 'GLORIFY'**

To "glorify" God means to give glory to God. The word *glory* as related to God in the Old Testament means greatness and splendour. In the New Testament, it means "dignity, honour, praise and worship. The angels, the Church, nature and art glorify God, **The glory of God is a person fully alive.** (St. Irenaeus)

How fully alive are you as a human being? Being fully human involves how you live each day physically, intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually. Spend a few moments reflecting on how you are living today:

- **Physically:** Have you eaten some nutritious food? Have you had enough rest? What about exercise?
- **Emotionally:** What feelings are you experiencing? Are you happy, sad, bored, or what? Why? Who or how have you loved?
- **Intellectually:** What thinking have you done today? What reading have you done? Have you shared your ideas with others?
- **Spiritually:** Have you been aware of God's presence in your life today? Have you prayed? Have you loved? What has inspired you?
- **In other words,** have you given glory to God by being alive, really alive?



**St Patrick's Parade Arklow:** The parish theme was our favourite book The Bible based on the Holy Family, Noah & the animals 2 by 2, Abraham our Father in Faith with Sarai his wife. Moses and Lazarus Mary and Martha. Thanks to Blueprint for their creative work.



**Tour of the Church:** First Holy Communion children are having guided tours of their parish church over the next few weeks.



Spring Sale and Coffee Morning  
24th March 2018 From: 11:00 to 15:00  
St. Saviour's Hall, Arklow – All are welcome