

Gathering Hymn:
CHRIST IS ALIVE, WITH JOY WE SING

Christ is alive, with joy we sing;
We celebrate our risen Lord,
Praising the glory of his name.

R/ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

He is the grain of wheat that died,
Sown in distress and reaped in joy,
Yielding a harvest of new life. R/

He is the vine set in the earth,
Sharing our life, becoming man,
That man might share in God's own
life. R/.

Recessional Hymn:
LET THE EARTH REJOICE AND SING

Let the earth rejoice and sing, Alleluia,
At the triumph of our King, alleluia.
He ascends from mortal sight, alleluia,
Reigns now at our Father's right,
Alleluia.

He who died upon a tree, alleluia,
Now shall reign eternally, alleluia,
He who saved our fallen race, alleluia,
Takes in heaven his rightful place
alleluia.

Jesus victor hear our prayer, Alleluia,
In thy triumph let us share, Alleluia,
Lift our minds and hearts above,
Alleluia, strengthen all men in thy love,
Alleluia.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 6.30 p.m.	22nd April Patrick O'Neill Annie Bermingham Martin & Peter Mulligan James Byrne Siss O'Reilly Philip & Mary Byrne Sheila Farrell (Month's Mind) Michael Conway Una Hannon
Sunday 8.30 a.m.	23rd April Mollie O'Brian Matt Burke
11.30 a.m.	Rose Doyle Sean Bonner Derek Gaddren Margaret & Bob Byrne Edna Hudson Seamus O'Reilly The White Family
7.00 p.m.	24th April
Monday 8.00 a.m.	25th April
10.00 a.m.	
Tuesday 8.00 a.m.	26th April
10.00 a.m.	
Wednesday 8.00 a.m.	27th April
10.00 a.m.	
Thursday 8.00 a.m.	28th April
10.00 a.m.	
Friday 8.00 a.m.	29th April Jack & Kathleen Byrne
10.00 a.m.	Lottie Beever (nee Cassell)

The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion:

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple.

It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.



The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

Weekly Notices for the Churches of

Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow & St. David, Johnstown

Commencing Sunday 23rd April, 2017 – Divine Mercy Sunday



NOTICES

Best wishes to all parish schools as they begin a new term on Monday.

Thank You to all the Confirmation Parent Volunteers who assisted Fr. David in planning the Confirmation Preparation Programme in the parish.

Thank you to all parishioners who have returned **Easter Dues**.

Best wishes to the children from Scoil Ghormáin Naofa, Castletown who will make **First Holy Communion** on Sunday April 30th 2017.

All donations for Trocaire can be returned now the Parish Office. Thank you.

Many thanks to all who took part and supported the **Good Friday fast for Mutomo Mission Hospital**. All cards and sponsorship can now be returned to the Parish Office.

Divine Mercy Sunday Ceremony takes place in St. Michael's Church this Sunday 23rd April at 2.30p.m. All are welcome.

A quiz night in aid of **Arklow RNLI** takes place in the Old Ship on Friday April 28th at 8.30p.m. €20.00 per table. All support is greatly appreciated.

St. John of God Hospital Occupational Therapy Department present a workshop on **'Sleep – How to get some'** on Tuesday 25th April 2017 from 6.30p.m. to 8.30p.m. For further information please contact Anne O Farrell on 01-2771472 or email anne.offarrell@sjog.ie

Join us for a family fun walk/climb on CROGHAN MOUNTAIN

Annual walk in memory of Tony Barron, Founder of NANDRI



Sunday 11th June, 2017

Free draw for a Hamper of Manuka Honey for all walkers/climbers - that'll give you buzz!

Sponsorship Cards and Information available in the Parish Office, Árus Lorcáin (0402-31716)

In aid of Fr. Michael's Charity in Tamil Nadu, Southern India.

For more information and to register please contact the Parish Office (0402-31716)

First Reading (Acts 2:42-47) Luke's description of the 'Jerusalem Spring' is an enduring vision statement. The ideal Christian community remains faithful to the teaching of the apostles; it has a common life; it celebrates the 'breaking of bread', Luke's term for the Eucharist; it makes regular time for prayer. Each of these elements, named in the opening verse, is then briefly described. The joyful witness to Christian living added to their numbers.

Second Reading (1 Peter 1:3-9) The opening lines are a blessing and follow a format that was familiar to Jewish ears. 1Peter was written in the context of the persecution of Nero, hence the reference to 'trials' and 'testing'. The letter is addressed to the generation that came after the apostles, who did not see Christ, but still loved him.

Gospel (John 20:19-31) This appearance to the disciples neatly expresses the Easter message. The Risen Jesus was a transformed person. Otherwise, how could he suddenly 'appear' in a locked room? Here, once again, John shows a preference of faith over physical signs of God's presence.