

## Weekly Notices

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>  
March, 2017



### 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/

### PARISH FAST for MUTOMO HOSPITAL

on **GOOD FRIDAY April 14<sup>th</sup>** Fast Cards are  
available in all Church Porches. *Thank you for your  
continued support. By your support you make the  
difference between life and death for many,  
especially mothers and children.*



Pope Francis has personally chosen Dublin to be the host diocese for the World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018. Planning for this great national and international celebration of faith is well underway. Hosting this important event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding. In this regard a second national collection will be held on the weekend of 1 and 2 April 2017. Your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated.

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March**  
6.30 p.m. Patricia O'Leary  
James Sheehan  
Jimmy Prestage (Month's Mind)

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March**  
8.30 a.m. -  
11.30 a.m. Michael & Margaret Kenny  
Mick & Molly McCarthy  
Tommy McLoughlin  
Thomas & Gertrude Dempsey  
7.00 p.m. Betty McCarthy  
Willie Walker  
Tom Maloney

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March**  
8.00 a.m. -  
10.00 a.m. Sam & Julie Dixon  
Special Intention  
7.30 pm. -

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**  
8.00 a.m. -  
10.00 a.m. Peter Hallam (*burial in UK today*)  
7.30 pm. -

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March**  
8.00 a.m. -  
10.00 a.m. -  
7.30 pm. -

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March**  
8.00 a.m. -  
10.00 a.m. -  
7.30 pm. -

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**  
8.00 a.m. -  
10.00 a.m. Tommy Martin (*recently deceased*)  
7.30 pm. Frank & Alice Carroll and deceased  
family members

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April**  
10.00 a.m. Aidan Doyle

*With Sympathy:* Sympathies are

extended to the family and friends **Sheila Farrell, Leonard Hughes, Patricia Sherwood, Peter Hallam, Tommy Martin & Betty O' Toole** who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Thank you for supporting last weekend's **Annual Collection for CROSSCARE Youth Services**. A total of €1876 was raised in our parish.

There will be **three Masses** each week day during Lent, Monday to Friday 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Saturday will be as usual at 10a.m. and 6.30p.m.

**Morning Prayer of the Church for Lent** is at 9.45 a.m. on weekdays during Lent. In the event of a funeral it will be at the earlier time of 9.40a.m.

**Arklow Music & Arts** are holding a Fashion Show in the Arklow Bay Hotel on Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup>. The evening begins at 7.30p.m. with a prosecco reception and the fashion show begins at 8.00p.m. Tickets €15.00

The **Revival Gospel Choir** are currently recruiting new members. They are looking for musicians and singers to join their multi denominational choir. If interested please contact Carol on 087-6266070 or email [rgcarklow@gmail.com](mailto:rgcarklow@gmail.com).

A **Table Quiz** in aid of Peace & Justice in Hungary will take place on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March in the Old Ship, starting at 8.30p.m. €20.00 for a table of 4. Raffle on the night.

**Arklow Kynoch Factory Centenary Commemoration 1917-2017**. Illustrated Public Lecture by Pat Power, Historian in Arklow Library on Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.30p.m. All welcome. Admission Free.

**Arklow Cancer Support AGM** – Arklow Cancer Support is holding our AGM on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30p.m. All are very welcome to attend.

### *'A Lenten Talk on Bereavement'*

with Sr. Fiona Galligan will take place  
in Árus Lorcaín, Castlepark on  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 8.00p.m.

### *Fr. David's Post Communion Prayer*

Dear Jesus, in whose life I see all that  
I long but fail to be.  
Let your clear light forever shine,  
To guide and shape this life of mine.

Join us for a family fun walk/climb  
on **CROGHAN MOUNTAIN**  
Annual walk in memory of Tony Barron, Founder of NANDRI



**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Lorcaín (0402-31716)

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

### **A Coffee Evening /Morning & Cake Sale for Mutomo Mission Hospital**

will take place after the 6.30p.m. Mass on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April and  
after the 11.30a.m. Mass on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April. If you would like to  
donate / bake cakes or donate any unwanted gifts as raffle prizes,  
it would be greatly appreciated.



**Family Offering Renewal:** The Family Offering is a very important part of the Parish Finances. Over the past number of years total contributions had been steadily declining, whilst the cost of running the Parish continues to rise. Fortunately, the response to our appeal last year for new and increased contributions has resulted in a healthy increase. Total contributions for 2015 amounted to €93,535.40. Total contributions recorded for 2016 reached €125,459.40. Thanks to all Parishioners who contributed and helped out in any way to make this a reality.

A personalised statement is due to be dispatched shortly to all contributors, detailing your total contribution to the Family Offering and also Easter and Christmas Dues. In the past, all such statements were compiled manually. Currently an Archdiocese-wide initiative is assisting each Parish put standardised accounting systems in place to do this in a more efficient manner for future years. A lot of work is happening in an attempt to have a standardised Pastoral Management System in place in each Parish rather than many varied administration systems. Compliance with The Charities Act 2009 has also resulted in an increased and demanding workload and the need for a signed Parish Declaration indicating full compliance with a Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP). This entire project has been a priority and its initial implementation is now nearing completion.

When the new systems are up and running we will be better placed to issue more timely personalised statements and fuller details of the Parish Finances.

Again, sincere thanks to all who do great work and continue to give encouragement and support to this important challenge of funding, maintaining our Parish Services.

*Aidan O'Connor Chairperson, Parish Finance Committee  
Fr. Martin Cosgrove, Moderator, Arklow Group of Parishes.*