

Saturday 28th February 6.30pm

Sarah Farrell (Month's Mind)
Jimmie Mills Jnr (20th Anniv)
Marion Duffy (Birthday Remembrance)
Michelle Cruickshank (Recently Deceased London)

Sunday 1st March 8.30am

Liam Murphy (Anniv)
Madge Sheerin (Anniv)
Lucy Laffan (Anniv)

11.30am

Martin O'Brien (Month's Mind)
Andrew (Andy) Kinsella (Month's Mind)
Michael & Marie O'Neill (Anniv)
Bill Kenny (Anniv)
Peggy Byrne (Anniv)

Castletown 28th February 8pm

Eugene Brady (Month's Mind)

Johnstown 1st March 10am

Fr John Piert (Month's Mind)
Damien Bracken (2nd Anniv)

With Sympathy

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Fionnuala Thomas (née Gray)
Julian (Chris) Wood & Edmund McDonald (Kansas USA Formerly Ferrybank Arklow)
May they rest in peace.

Dates for the Diary

March 2026

Sunday 1st March

Polish Mass 10am
Chat N Cha after 11.30am Mass

Wednesday 4th March

Prayer Friendship with God in Lent.

Árus Lorcaín 7.30pm

Saturday 7th March

Arklow Music Festival Begins

Sunday 8th March

Johnstown Family Mass 10am
Church Gate Collection for Epilepsy Society

Wednesday 11th March

Prayer Friendship with God in Lent.

Árus Lorcaín 7.30pm

Saturday 14th March

Family Mass Arklow 6.30pm

Tuesday 17th March

St Patrick's Day

Vigil Mass Arklow 6.30pm

Vigil Mass Castletown 8pm

Johnstown 10am

Arklow 11.30am

Wednesday 18th March

Prayer Friendship with God in Lent.

Árus Lorcaín 7.30pm

Saturday 21st March

Gaelscoil an Inbhir Mhóir Ceremony of Light 6.30pm
Scoil Ghormáin Naofa Ceremony of Light 8pm Castletown

Wednesday 25th March

Prayer Friendship with God in Lent.

Árus Lorcaín 7.30pm

Sunday 29th March

Palm Sunday



Opening Concert

featuring
Arklow Shipping Silver Band
Naoimh Penston
Rose Hudson
Elaine Kearon
Eimear Harper
Stephen Walker
Bri-Elle Finn
Lucy Carolan



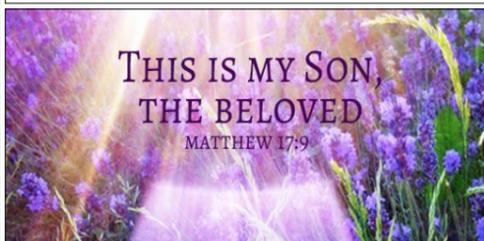
Due to the retirement of long serving volunteers, Meals on Wheels Arklow are now seeking cooks and kitchen assistants for 2-4 mornings every 3 months in the year. Training provided if required. (It may suit someone retired) If you are interested in Volunteering, please contact:



Hilary Sharpe 085 1120642

Karen Brooks 0876695719

Please ensure to leave your name and number and we'll get back to you as soon as possible.



Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow

with St David's Johnstown

Second Sunday of Lent

1st March 2026

Week Two

Week Two, getting to grips with what I am doing this Lent, and with the kind of person I wish to be...

Lord,

Be my strength as I continue to move into Lent. This week be at my side in my resolve to do your will, I ask you to bless me and to be my guide.

In your goodness help me this week to become the kind of person I wish to be.

Grant me the grace to feel free in my heart to turn to you with confidence, knowing you love me, wanting our friendship to grow.

May you guide me throughout this week, so that in spite of the demands and all the distractions that come each day this week I may keep a spiritual focus.

**I know you will be my strength.
Amen**

Liturgical Calendar March

Wed 4th St Casimir
Thursday 5th St Kieran
Saturday 7th St Perpetua
St Felicity



Prayer Friendship with God in Lent



Something Positive for Lent 2026

"Lord increase my Faith"- a unique opportunity to deepen your Prayer Life

Wednesdays of Lent - 25th February, 4th March,

11th March, 18th March & 25th March

Árus Lorcaín at 7.30pm

When you hear the word Prayer you sometimes gloss over it as if it is something boring or something you will leave till later.

But Prayer is talking to and listening to God, the God who created all living things, and who gave us His Son, Jesus.

Prayer is an exciting adventure. Lent is a time of extra Prayer, fasting and helping others. Why not give this short series of reflection as time for yourself and God by developing your prayer life for Lent and beyond. You are most welcome to attend and take part.

Extra Masses during Lent

Monday 9th March

Mass St Patrick's Castletown 10am

Friday 13th March

Mass St David's Johnstown 10am

Friday 20th March

Mass St David's Johnstown 10am

Monday 23rd March

Mass St Patrick's Castletown 10am

Friday 27th March

Mass St David's Johnstown 10am

Monday 30th March

Mass St Patrick's Castletown 10am

The Pope's Intention March 2026

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Camp Veritas

Camp Veritas is a Residential Faith & Fun Camp, Supporting Young People 12 – 17 years explore and celebrate their Catholic Faith. Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co. Kildare, June 23rd to 28th. Visit www.campveritasireland.org for more information.

Entrance Hymn:

'Christ be near at either hand'

Christ be near at either hand, Christ behind, before me stand, Christ with me where e'er I go,

Christ around, above below.

Christ be in my heart and mind, Christ within my soul enshrined, Christ control my wayward heart;

Christ abide and ne'er depart. Christ my life and only way, Christ my lantern night and day; Christ be my unchanging friend,

Guide and shepherd to the end.

Recessional Hymn

Here I am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry, All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, is it I Lord. I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I the Lord of wind and flame. I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send? R