

**Saturday 1st November
6.30pm**

Denis (Dinny) Bulman
(4th Anniv)
Máire McCarthy (Anniv)
Tom & Rosemary Feely
(Anniv)
Grainne Long (Anniv)
Mary Sharpe (Anniv)
Joe & Eileen Hickson (Anniv)
Krystyna Eugeniusz Kosciczy
(Anniv)

Sunday 2nd November

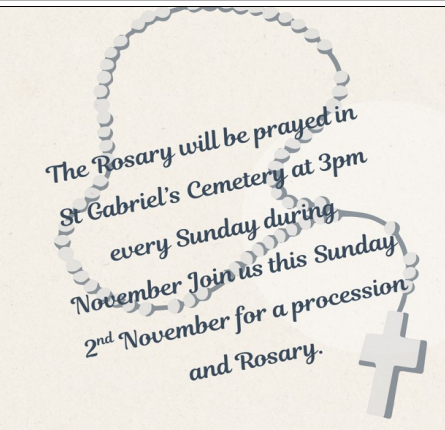
11.30am

Lal (Laurence) Kelly
(Month's Mind)
Elizabeth Giblin (Birthday
Remembrance)
Gerry Jenkinson (Birthday
Remembrance)
Larry O'Brien (10th Anniv)
John Byrne (Anniv)
Nicky Finn & Martin Fogarty
(Anniv)
John Byrne (Anniv)

Johnstown

**Sunday 2nd November
10am**

Gabriel Carthy (Month's Mind)
Tony Collins (5th Anniv)



NOVEMBER – WHY BOTHER HAVING A FUNERAL MASS? WHY NOT JUST GO STRAIGHT TO THE CEMETERY AND LEAVE OUT THE FUNERAL MASS?

In times gone by every Catholic who died automatically came to the Church for their funeral. In the recent times some families bypass the Church and do not bring their dead to the Church for the Requiem or Funeral Mass. Instead they go straight to the cemetery or Crematorium. In doing so they leave Jesus out. They forget that we are not merely individuals, we are part of a community of friends of Jesus called the Church. It is sad to see people who loved the Mass and came to Mass regularly not being brought to the church and giving their friends and fellow Christians in the parish a chance to mark their passing with the greatest gift God has given us, the Mass.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO HAVE A FUNERAL MASS?

Every Catholic is baptised into God's Holy Trinity, uniting themselves with Jesus and His Church. We are baptized into the Death and Resurrection of Jesus from the dead because Jesus has conquered death and opened for us the way to eternal life. So it does not make sense to leave Jesus out of the equation. Jesus is the whole reason for Baptism, and especially for the Mass. We expect to meet Jesus when we die. The funeral Mass is the heart of our funeral – Jesus gave us the Mass at the Last Supper just before He died on the Cross. The Mass only makes sense because Jesus conquered death and evil by rising from the dead on Easter Sunday. Remember the acclamation at the Solemn consecration of the Mass "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again". In the funeral Mass we offer our dead to the Father as Jesus did for us on the Cross. The funeral Mass asks God to admit the dead Catholic to the Paschal fullness of the table of the Kingdom.

Through Baptism we become part of God's family – the parish community. It is by the Mass and Holy Communion that the community of the faithful, especially the family of the deceased, learn to live in communion with the one who "has fallen asleep in the Lord," by communicating in the Body of Christ of which he is a living member and, then, by praying for him and with him.

For Christians to forget about the church funeral for the dead is to leave out the main player, Jesus Christ, who is our Saviour. The greatest act of love you can do for your loved one who dies is to give them the gift of a Catholic Funeral with the complete rites of the Church in accord with God's wish for each and every member of His Church when they die.

**Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow
with St David's Johnstown
The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed
2nd November 2025**



Share Appeal Sunday
Next weekend Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th of November is Share Appeal Sunday.

All Souls
"Indeed, the Church in its pilgrim members, from the very earliest days of the Christian religion, has honoured with great respect the memory of the dead; and "because it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins"(2 Mac 12 46) she offers her suffrages for them. These consist, primarily, in the celebration of the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist, and in other pious exercises, such as prayers for the dead, alms deeds, works of mercy and the application of indulgences to the souls of the faithful departed'.

With Sympathy
Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of
Rosemary Brennan (née O'Reilly)
Anthony (Aidy) Doyle
Gerry Sheehan
&
William (Willie) Doyle
May they rest in peace.

Liturgical Calendar November	
Monday 3rd	St Malachy
Tuesday 4th	St Charles Borromeo
Thursday 6th	All the Saints of Ireland
Friday 7th	St Willibrord



Family Mass
Saturday 8th November
6.30pm
Sts Mary & Peter Arklow
All are welcome

Church Gate Collection for Rise & Shine at all Masses 15th & 16th of November Please support.



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 live my life to them Whom shall I send? R