

Mass Intentions

Saturday 6.30 p.m.	2nd September Charles Byrne Jamie Campbell Rose and James Grant and their daughters Ann & Rose Stephen Lane (B'day remembrance)
Sunday 8.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	3rd September - John Tyndall Betty Walsh Elizabeth Killeen
7.00 p.m.	Ben O'Reilly (Month's Mind)
Monday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	4th September Special Intention -
Tuesday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	5th September - Elizabeth Killeen
Wednesday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	6th September Lourdes Pilgrimage -
Thursday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	7th September - Jimmy Hickey
Friday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	8th September - Jimmy Barnes
Saturday 10.00 a.m.	9th September -

Gathering Hymn: **Praise to the Lord**



Praise to the Lord, the almighty,
the king of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is your health and salvation.
All you who hear,
now to his altar draw near,
Joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,
oh let all that is in us adore him!
All that has life and breath,
come now in praise before him,
Let the Amen sound from his people again,
Now as we worship before him.

Recessional Hymn: **How Great Thou Art**

O Lord my God!
When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the works thy hands have made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling
thunder, thy power throughout the
universe displayed.

**R/ Then sing my soul,
my Saviour God to thee;
How great thou art,
how great thou art!
Then sings my soul,
my Saviour God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!**

When through the woods and forest
glades I wander, and hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees: When I look
down, from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook and feel the gentle
breeze: **R/**

And when I think, that God his Son not
sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can
take it in. That on the cross, my
burden gladly bearing, he bled
and died, to take away my sin. **R/**

Weekly Notices for the Churches of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow & St. David, Johnstown **Commencing Sunday 3rd September, 2017**

Mass of Thanksgiving

Sincere thanks to all who contributed in any way to Fr. Martin's Mass of Thanksgiving and to all who attended and supported him on the night. Thank you too to all parishioners who have kindly sent cards and good wishes.

Fr. Martin will be with us until mid- September.

NOTICES

The usual weekday (Monday to Friday) Mass times, 8.00 a.m. and 10.00a.m. will resume this Monday 4th September.

Best Wishes to the **Arklow Parish Lourdes Group** on their annual pilgrimage. We wish them a safe and enjoyable trip.

Congratulations to Michael and his team on building 'Diligent Joe' in Arklow Marina which will be leaving for Plymouth. Well done to all concerned on a magnificent job.

Remembering Kynoch's: A Centenary Concert will take place on Thursday September 21st 2017 in the Church of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow. The concert starts at 7.30. Tickets €15 are available from Kavanagh's, Wexford Road, Kenny's of the Harbour, McMullan's and Kustom Kids.

This weekend's readings.....

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

The prophet Jeremiah has been called to speak God's message into a culture that is hostile and largely unresponsive. Being a prophet is costly. He is tempted to choose an easier path. He even accuses God of seducing him into accepting a call that has brought him only 'derision and reproach' yet because of the divine spark within him he will not yield to the temptation.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

St. Paul appeals to Roman Christians to remember 'the mercies of God' and to worship God by offering their bodies 'as a living sacrifice'. He reminds them that their behaviour as Christians must be different from that seen in the world around them. How they live their lives will determine their ongoing discovery of God's will for them.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-27

A typical Matthean pattern is notable in today's Gospel: teaching follows incident or event. The incident here is Peter's misunderstanding of the first prediction by Jesus of this forthcoming passion, death and resurrection. Peter remonstrates with Jesus: 'Lord, this must not happen to you'. But Jesus sees things differently. He must follow the path of suffering marked out by God. Peter's well-meant remark is not a help but a hindrance – a stumbling block, in fact. After this comes a teaching applicable to all who follow Jesus. The journey will demand self-sacrificing love. Discipleship is costly. There is no easy route. The disciple will follow the Master.

World Meeting of Families Dublin has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018, guided by the theme "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World".

Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church.

If you would like to volunteer, information leaflets are available in all church porches.