

Parish of Sts. Mary & Peters, Arklow with St. David's, Johnstown –Sunday 5th September 2021



The Season of Creation, is marked throughout the Christian world from 1st September to 4th October the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. Pope Francis established 1st September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

The theme for the Season of Creation 2021 is 'Restoring Our Common Home'. During this season we are asked to join together to celebrate creation and protect our common home (our world) through prayer, reflection and action. The global Christian family is called to awaken to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and with each other and to encourage our parish communities to do the same. Pope Francis will attend the

[United Nations Climate Change Conference \(COP26\)](#) in [Glasgow](#) in November. Scotland's Bishops confirmed the Pope's presence among other world leaders in a statement on their website.

The archbishop of Dublin has urged Catholics to help tackle the "climate catastrophe" in a 64-page pastoral letter. In his first **pastoral letter** since he was **installed** in Dublin in February, Archbishop Dermot Farrell encouraged his flock to undergo an "ecological conversion." "The purpose of this pastoral letter is to initiate a diocesan conversation about how all can contribute to the care of our common home and recognize the many dimensions attached to this challenge,"



Sod turned on Arklow Wastewater Treatment Plant

Irish Water, in partnership with Wicklow County Council, have marked the start of construction on a new state-of-the-art wastewater treatment plant that will provide wastewater treatment for the first time for the community of Arklow. When completed, the treatment plant will bring significant benefits to the local community in terms of protecting the environment and improving water quality in the River Avoca for angling, water sports and marine life. It will also act as an enabler for housing and support economic growth and development in the town.

Positive Ageing

Arklow Positive Ageing would like to welcome back all of their members, both new and existing. Following changes to public health guidelines, the committee can start to plan day trips, shopping trips and other activities. Further updates will be provided as soon as possible.

The contact number for bookings and information is Maria at 089 2555884. Alternatively, call Tony Nobbs, chair of Arklow Positive Ageing, at 087 2464243

The Week Ahead

Mass 10am Monday to Saturday.
Weekend Mass 6.30pm Sat Vigil.
Sunday 8.30am, 11.30am & 7pm.
Adoration Holy Hour Tuesday, Friday & Sunday 3 to 4 pm.
Rosary daily following 10am Mass.



Mass Intentions

Saturday	4th September
6.30 p.m.	Tom Byrne (1st Anniv) Sean Kennedy (Anniv) Roger Hewitt (1st Anniv) Peter Molloy (1st Anniv)
Sunday	5th September
8.30 a.m.	Bridget Fitzgerald (Anniv) Elizabeth & Ailish Killeen (Anniv)
11.30 a.m.	Jack Birmingham (Anniv) John Tyndall (Anniv) Elizabeth McKenna (Anniv) Michael Kirwan (Anniv) Jimmy & Nellie Eustace (Anniv) Bridget Fitzgerald & Family (Anniv)
7 p.m.	
Monday	6th September
10 a.m.	Peg Bonner (Anniv)
Tuesday	7th September
10 a.m.	John & Kathleen Byrne (Anniv)
Wednesday	8th September
10 am	
Thursday	9th September
10 a.m.	Noeleen McCarthy (Anniv) Daiva Doveikaite (Months Mind)
Friday	10th September
10 a.m.	

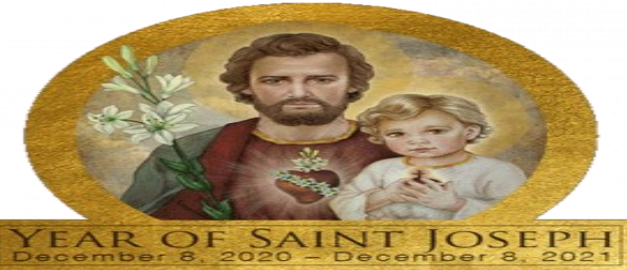
With Sympathy

Our prayers and sympathy are offered to the family and friends of
George McGrath Arklow
Teresa Redmond Gorey
Who died recently
May they rest in peace



LITURGICAL CALENDAR August

Monday 6th September -
Tuesday 7th September -
Wednesday 8th September—Nativity of the Blessed Virgin
Thursday 9th September— St Ciaran
Friday 10th September—St Peter Claver
Saturday 11th September— Blessed Virgin Mary



Let us Celebrate the Birth of Our Lady

On September 8th at 6pm please consider reciting the Rosary before an image or at a shrine of Our Lady. The Rosary intention should be for Ireland.

What better gift to give Our Lady on the great feast of her birthday.



Public submissions open for N11/M11 Improvement Scheme

Wicklow County Council is progressing the development of the N11/M11 Junction 4 to Junction 14 Improvement Scheme. An online public display event is being held to inform the public of the 'Preferred Option' identified for the scheme, the work undertaken to date and the programme for advancement of the project. Wicklow County Council will hold a three week online public display event which will be available on the project website n11m11.ie. Submissions will be accepted via the online feedback form available on the project website www.n11m11.ie, or by email to n11m11@arup.com, or by post addressed to: N11/M11 Junction 4 to Junction 14 Improvement Scheme, Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Whitegates, Wicklow Town, A67 FW96.

Congratulations to the Children who were baptised recently

Ella Bracken
Lilly Rose Mary O'Brien
Jack Richard Christie Bracken
Sam Lawrence Seamus Kelly

Dementia Social Club

The Alzheimer/Dementia Social Club meets every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon in the Arklow Bay Hotel, however, meetings are currently on hold.
For information on supports available, call Laurence Collins on 086 2722551 or Shelly Kavanagh on 087 2378389.

CROSSCARE ANNUAL COLLECTION



Parishes are reminded that the Crosscare annual social care collection will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of the **18th and 19th September 2021**.

Craft fair

Arklow Makers Craft Fair takes place in the Bridgewater Shopping Centre from noon to 6 p.m. on the first Sunday of the month and the last Saturday of the month.