



Weekly Notices for the Churches of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow & St. David, Johnstown Sunday 10th July, 2016



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:

God's Spirit Is In My Heart

God's spirit is in my heart,
He has called me and set me apart.
This is what I have to do, what I have to do.

R/ He sent me to bring The good news to the poor.

Tell prisoners that they are prisoners
no more,
Tell blind people that they can see,
And set the down trodden free,
And go tell everyone the news that
the Kingdom of God has come
And go tell everyone the news that God's
Kingdom has come.

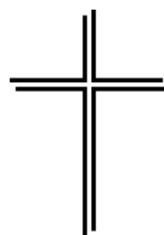
Just as the Father sent me,
so I'm sending you out to be
My witnesses throughout the world,
the whole of the world.

He sent me to bring the good news to the poor etc. R/

Mass Intentions

Saturday 6.30 p.m.	9th July Jim Russell Annie Kavanagh Paddy Doyle
Sunday 8.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	10th July Tom & May O'Reilly Tom & May O'Reilly Eileen Keogh Micheal & Bridget Fortune Billy Kinsella Doreen Duffy
7.00 p.m.	-
Monday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	11th July - -
Tuesday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	12th July - Teresa & Eddie McCarthy
Wednesday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	13th July Elizabeth (Lily) Penston -
Thursday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	14th July - Chrissie & Jim Harte Elizabeth Kealy (Birthday Rem.)
Friday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	15th July - -
Saturday 10.00 a.m.	16th July Vincent McElheron

Sympathies are extended to the family
and friends of



**Maureen Wolohan
June Lennon
Breda Chrustu**

Who died recently.
May they rest in peace.

Notices

- **Thank you for supporting last weekends annual 'Peter's Pence' collection. A total of € 1831.00 was raised in our parish.**
- **Thank you to** everyone who helped in any way with the annual Blessing of the Graves in St. Gabriel's Cemetery last weekend.
- **Christian Marriage:** On Friday 23rd September, Arklow parish will host its annual celebration of **Christian Marriage**. Couples celebrating their Silver, Ruby, Golden and Diamond Wedding Anniversaries will be invited to attend a special Mass and afterwards in Árus Lorcaín. Any couples who were married outside the parish but are living in the parish are also welcome to attend. If you would like to attend please contact the Parish Office (tel: 0402-31716) as soon as possible.
- **The Blessing of the Graves** takes place in Castletown today at 3.00 p.m.
- **Eucharistic Adoration:** We are blessed to have the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament here in our Church every Sunday 2p.m. to 5p.m. and Tuesday and Friday from 2p.m. to 7p.m. Eucharistic Adoration is for everyone, there are no set prayers, no order of service. Jesus invites you to spend some quality time in His company, come sit a while and He will give you rest.
- **Date for your Diary:** The annual Castletown Field Day takes place on Sunday July 31st. This is a great family fun day out.
- Next weekend, 16th & 17th July, **Gorta Self Help Africa** will hold their annual Church Gate Collection at St. David's Church, Johnstown and St. Patrick's Church, Castletown.
- The organisers of the coffee morning held in Árus Lorcaín on Friday 1st July in aid of **Irish Dogs for the Disabled** wish to sincerely thank everybody for their support. It was a very successful event with €610 being raised for a very worthy cause.

Alpha Course

An interdenominational Alpha Course will be held over an eleven week period commencing mid September. Alpha explores, through DVD and discussion, the deeper meaning of life and discovering the richness of Christian life. Alpha is for everyone, especially: *Those searching for meaning to life, those wanting a fresh understanding of Christianity, Newcomers to faith, Those looking to explore their faith, Those of any faith or none.* Many of you will not have heard of Alpha other than the fact that it is the first letter of the Greek alphabet, , so what is Alpha? Alpha is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed friendly setting. The Alpha course meets once per week for eleven consecutive weeks. In each session participants enjoy discussion and learning in a fun and friendly atmosphere where no question about God is seen as too silly, simple or hostile.... Questions like: Is there a God? Why am I here? Where did I come from? Where am I going? There is a social/food element to each session. Sessions will last somewhere between one hour and ninety minutes. Dr. Diarmuid Martin, our Archbishop, has this to say about Alpha: 'I commend the Alpha Course as one pathway whereby people can come to knowledge and understanding of Jesus Christ today'. Everyone is welcome and we would love to see you there. For further information look up ireland.alpha.org

