

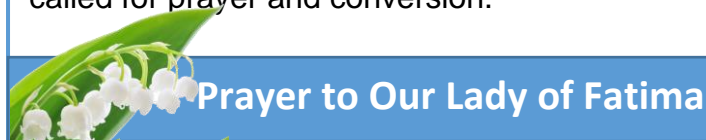
May
the month of Mary



'The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother' St. Therese of Lisieux

On Wednesday 13th May we celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima.

The apparitions to the three children of Fatima took place in the summer of 1917. Beginning on 13 May when the 'Lady' asked them to pray for sinners and an end to the World War. In the final apparition on 13 October, the 'Lady' identified herself as Our Lady of the Rosary and called for prayer and conversion.



Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima

O Most Holy Virgin Mary,
Queen of the most holy Rosary,
you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message.
We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary.
By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.

Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow with St. David's Church, Johnstown Notices Sunday 10th May 2020

Mass Intentions

Saturday 6.30p.m.	9th May Robert Randle
Sunday 8.30 a.m.	10th May -
11.30 a.m.	Des & Kathleen Brehony Dermot Byrne Elizabeth Ebbitt Mary Hagan Maureen Holly
7.00 p.m.	-
Monday 8.00 a.m.	11th May -
10.00 a.m.	Pauline Littlefield
Tuesday 8.00 a.m.	12th May -
10.00 a.m.	-
Wednesday 8.00 a.m.	13th May -
10.00 a.m.	John & Phil Murphy
Thursday 8.00 a.m.	14th May -
10.00 a.m.	James McDonald & deceased family members
Friday 8.00 a.m.	15th May -
10.00 a.m.	-
Saturday 10.00 a.m.	16th May -



In a Letter for the Month of May, Pope Francis is encouraging the faithful to pray the Rosary during the month of May, "when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary". Pope Francis also proposes two new prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary, which can be recited at the end of the Rosary. In his letter, he assures the faithful that he too will be reciting those prayers throughout the month of May, "in spiritual union with all of you".

First Holy Communion

St David's Parish Johnstown. 

Saturday 10th May the children in Johnstown should have been receiving First Holy Communion. We remember them and their families in our prayers over this weekend.

The children have been so wonderful in keeping every one safe by staying at home, **we thank them with grateful hearts.** When we can all gather again we will celebrate your First Holy Communion day.



POPE FRANCIS' SECOND PRAYER

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God."

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes toward us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

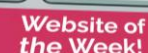
Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.



Website of the Week
www.tarsus.ie

Good biblical resources, reflections, Zoom lectures from Fr. Kieran J. O'Mahony an Augustinian friar and biblical scholar. He lives in St John's Priory, Thomas St., Dublin.

Parishioners can participate in Mass via the church radio and parish webcam.



www.arklowparish.ie or www.mcnmedia.tv
The church will be closed during Mass times.

With Sympathy

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of
Drew Loughlin
Elizabeth Clare
Catherine Leonard
(recently deceased in the UK)

who died recently.

May they rest in peace.



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