

**Gathering Hymn**  
**All People that on Earth Do Dwell**

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Serve him with gladness,  
praise him well,  
Come now before him and rejoice.

Enter his gates with songs of praise,  
Come to his courts, approach with joy;  
Honour and bless him all our days,  
Gladly for God our lives employ.

Truly the Lord our God is good,  
His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood  
And shall from age to age endure.

**Recessional Hymn**  
**Praise My Soul the King of Heaven**

Praise my soul the King of Heaven,  
To his feet your tribute brings.  
Ransomed, healed, restored forgiven,  
Who am I his praise to sing?

**Praise him, praise him,  
praise him,  
praise him,  
Praise the everlasting King.**

Praise him for his grace and favour,  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise him still the same for ever  
Slow to chide and swift to bless. R/

*With Sympathy*

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of **Susan Holt-Byrne & Michael O'Reilly** who died recently. May they rest in peace.



On Thursday 15th February a **Coffee Morning** will take place in St. Saviour's Hall from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon in aid of Arklow Cancer Support. All support gratefully appreciated

**Lenten Trocaire Boxes** are available in all church porches.



**Mass Intentions**

<b>Saturday</b> 6.30 p.m.	<b>10<sup>th</sup> February</b> Mary King Oonagh Dennehy
<b>Sunday</b> 8.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	<b>11<sup>th</sup> February</b> - Alexander (Alex) Byrne Margaret Sweetman (Months Mind) Denis Kavanagh Jennie & Jim Wolohan John O'Halloran Brian & Orla O'Halloran John Dempsey Francis (Fram) O'Brien Resa Ryan
<b>Monday</b> 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	<b>12<sup>th</sup> February</b> - -
<b>Tuesday</b> 8.00 a.m.	<b>13<sup>th</sup> February</b> Jane Nicholson Fenwick and her husband James.
10.00 a.m.	-
<b>Wednesday (Ash Wednesday)</b> 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	<b>14<sup>th</sup> February</b> - - -
<b>Thursday</b> 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	<b>15<sup>th</sup> February</b> - -
<b>Friday</b> 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	<b>16<sup>th</sup> February</b> - Deceased members of Arklow Active Retired
7.00 p.m.	-
<b>Saturday</b> 10.00 a.m.	<b>17<sup>th</sup> February</b> -

**Confirmation Candidates** please invite your Sponsor to your next preparation Mass on Saturday 17th February at the 6.30p.m. Family Mass.



**Weekly Notices for the Churches of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow & St. David, Johnstown - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**The annual collection for ACCORD (Catholic Marriage Care Service) will take place at all Masses over the weekend of 17th / 18th February 2018. This will replace the usual SHARE collection. Thank you for your continued support.**

**Thank you** to everybody who contributed in any way to this weekend's Mass for Engaged Couples.

Thank you to all the boys and girls, their families and teachers for all the care and time they put into their **First Confession** during the past week.

**Mass for the Sick – Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day – today, Sunday 11th February, at 3pm** in Rathdrum Parish Church. All parishioners of Arklow, Avoca, Castletown, and Aughrim are welcome. The Sacrament of the Sick, with blessing and Anointing, will take place.

The monthly meeting of **St. Joseph's Young Priest's Society** takes place on Monday 12th February after 10 a.m. Mass in Arus Lorcaín. New members are always welcome.

The **Enrolment Day** for **SS Michael & Peter's Junior School** takes place on Tuesday 20th February 2018 from 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. All are welcome.

A **Variety Concert** in aid of Sr. Ann's Mission to Haiti takes place in the Arklow Bay Hotel on Thursday 22nd February 2018 at 8p.m. Admission €10.00

The Irish Chapter of John Paul II Foundation will meet at St Aidan's Adoration Chapel in Ferns on Tuesday 13th February, a **Holy Hour** at 7pm followed by Mass at 8pm. All are welcome.

**A Day of Reflection** takes place in Glendalough on Saturday 10th March from 10.30 to 4.00 pm. Beginning in Glendalough Hotel and then a pilgrimage to the Upper Lake. For further details email: emmausireland@emmausproductions.com

**LENT** begins this Wednesday. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at 8.00 a.m., 10.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m. Masses.



During the Season of Lent there will be an evening Mass at 7.00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

**NEWS & EVENTS**

This weekend the *Joy of Love* **Valentine Tokens and Valentine Prayer Cards** are available for couples at the porch doors. They are free of charge.

**Lenten Promise Cards** will also be available at the porch doors for €1. These cards are scratch cards and give an action to do each day of Lent. They are great for individuals and families to enter into Lent in prayer and good deeds.

**St Patricks Day Parade:** It is hoped that we will enter the parade this year under the theme of **Family**. We need **HELP**. We are looking for **an artist and a carpenter**, and people of any age who would like to be part of this project. Please contact Margaret parish worker at the parish office or on ppwarklow@gmail.com.



**VOLUNTEERING, HOSTING a family and REGISTRATION to attend the World Meeting of Families:** On **February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>** a speaker will explain the process of volunteering, hosting a family and how to register to attend the events in August at all the parish Masses. A formal announcement that Pope Francis will attend the WMOF is expected shortly. *If you would like any information on the above before that weekend please contact Margaret Parish Pastoral Worker.*

**Lenten Prayer Space:** Over the Lenten season, a Prayer Space by the shrine of Our Lady will evolve helping us to reflect on the gospels of Lent. Please visit and meditate on the scene or word in the Lenten Space. Some weeks there maybe reflections or actions for you to do at home, work or in the community. There will be something for children and adults.



**PARADE GROUND UPGRADE**

New plans have been devised for the Parade Ground. We welcome the idea that our environment be improved. We have a chance to give our comments on the proposed plan. We would like your opinion on the proposals and how we might improve them. It is important that we give our views on how these plans will affect us. You can call to the Town Offices or to the Parish Office in Árus Lorcaín, 9.30am to 4pm. **It is important that we have your views regarding the future use of the Parade Ground, Parking, Bus Stops, Pedestrian Crossings etc., by 14<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm.**

**ANNUAL ARKLOW PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

Spiritual Director: Fr. Pádraig O'Cochláin  
6<sup>TH</sup> – 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018  
**HOTEL ALBA\*\*\*\***  
**€839**  
PER PERSON SHARING  
• INCLUSIVE OF AIRPORT TAXES & FREE INSURANCE (SUPPLEMENT OF €29 FOR THOSE AGED 80-84, OVER 84 MUST OBTAIN PRIVATE INSURANCE)  
• DEPOSIT €200 PER PERSON  
• SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT €217

Please note: Lourdes city tax applies to pilgrims over 18 years staying in hotels; collection takes place during the group's stay and the payment is made directly to the hotel before the group's departure. Current rates are €190 per person per night in 4-star hotels.

FURTHER DETAILS FROM:  
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**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES (WMOF) 2018 PARISH PLANNING GROUP**

The parish planning group which included members from Aughrim, Johnstown and Castletown have had two meetings now and are in the process of putting together a programme of events which will help us journey together towards the World Meeting of Families in our parishes.

