

Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow with St. David, Johnstown

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Mass Intentions

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October**  
**10.00 a.m.** Noeleen McCarthy (Months Mind)  
**6.30 p.m.** Tom & Allen Nolan  
 Thomas (Tom) Byrne (Months Mind)  
 Peter Kinsella & Baby Emily Rose (Months Mind)  
 Breda Mills  
 Jimmie Mills  
 Jimmie Mills Jnr  
 Rose Doyle (nee Mills)  
 Paddy & Eileen Kearon

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October**  
**8:30 a.m.**  
**11.30 a.m.** Alice Byrne  
 Brady Burke  
 Myra O'Toole (nee McLoughlin)  
 Lily Keogh  
 Betty Keogh

**7.00 p.m.** Michael Gaffney (Months Mind)  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October**  
**10.00 a.m.** -  
**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October**  
**10.00 a.m.**  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**  
**10.00 a.m.**  
**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October**  
**10.00 a.m.** Sean O'Reilly (Months Mind)  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October**  
**10.00 a.m.** -  
**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October**  
**10.00 a.m.** -

**NO PUBLIC MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**  
**Masses will be on webcam.**  
[www.arklowparish.ie/webcam](http://www.arklowparish.ie/webcam)  
**PLEASE CONTACT (0402) 31716**  
**ARKLOW CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER 10:30am-7:00pm WEEKDAYS.**

This weekend is Father Michael's first weekend in his new parish of Ballyroan, Co. Dublin. He brings with him the very Best Wishes of parishioners and clergy in Arklow, Johnstown and Castletown. May God bless you in the next chapter of your journey Fr. Michael.

*Applications for Baptism can be still be submitted through the Parish Office, but Baptisms will be delayed because of the current Covid-related restrictions.*

Archbishop Éamonn Martin is asking families to pray the Rosary together for the month of October, to defeat the Corona Virus, in what is called the **Family Rosary Crusade**.

The Rosary will be recited every day at 4 p.m. in Arklow Parish Church.

*With Sympathy*  
 Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of **Richard Mills** who died recently. *May he rest in peace.*

**Parish Office Opening Hours**  
**Monday to Thursday: :10am to 12pm and 3pm to 5pm**  
**Friday 10am to 12pm and 3pm to 4.30 pm**  
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CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC MASSES

9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

As we go to print the 4 Catholic Archbishops of Ireland have requested a meeting with the Taoiseach, Mícheál Martin TD. As you are aware, the Government has moved Ireland on to Level 3 in the fight against Covid 19. Since the schools and many businesses returned the numbers of people affected has risen.

Under Level 3 churches can remain open for private worship but not for public Mass. In June the Bishops succeeded in re-opening public Mass which had not been scheduled to re-commence until August. So it was great to see the community of believers assembling to celebrate the Mass, our central act of worship.

We, in Arklow parish, have been meticulous in the measures we adopted to safeguard our people according to recommended standards. We have very dedicated, well organized teams of Cleaners, Sanitisers, and Stewards who monitor our church on a daily and hourly basis. We have cordoned off our seating to adhere to 2 metre separation, we have provided sanitizers and masks at all entrances and exits, we bring Holy Communion to people in their seats, we have revised our operation of the shrines, and we have even changed our practice of Collections. Our church is professionally cleaned on a regular basis. We have spent thousands of Euros to keep the church open and safe.

To my knowledge there has been no case of Covid 19 due to attendance at Mass or at our beautiful spacious churches in Sts Mary & Peter, Arklow and St David's Johnstown.

We are happy to continue to hold Public Mass and to operate our safety procedures to the highest standards. We ask you to pray that the Archbishops are successful in their meetings with an Taoiseach. We also request you pray the Rosary every day during October with the intention of overcoming Covid 19. We look forward to having you back at Mass as soon as possible.

In the meantime you might like to send us any ideas you have as to how we can fulfil our mission during the coming months of November, Advent, and Christmas.

Thank you for your patience and support at all times.

God bless you

Fr Pádraig  
 Moderator



**WHY the Daily Rosary ?**

- Our Lady has 117 titles. She selected this title at Fatima: "I am the Lady of the Rosary."
- St. Francis de Sales said the greatest method of praying is - Pray the Rosary.
- St. Thomas Aquinas preached 40 straight days in Rome on just the Hail Mary.
- St. John Vianney, patron of priests, was seldom seen without a rosary in his hand.
- "The rosary is the scourge of the devil" -- Pope Adrian VI
- "The rosary is a treasure of graces" -- Pope Paul V
- Padre Pio the stigmatic priest said: "The Rosary is THE weapon".
- Pope Leo XIII wrote 9 encyclicals on the rosary.
- The Rosary was Pope St. John Paul II's favourite prayer.

