

**Entrance Hymn**

Hail, Queen of Heav'n, the ocean star, Guide of the wand'rer here below:  
 Thrown on life's sure, we claim thy care:  
 Save us from peril and from woe. Mother of Christ, star of the sea, Pray for the wand'rer pray for me.  
 O gentle, chaste, and spotless maid, We sinners make our prayers through thee:  
 Remind thy Son that he has paid, The price of our iniquity. Virgin most pure, star of the sea, Pray for the sinner, pray for me

**Recessional Hymn  
 Queen of the May**

Bring flowers of the rarest, bring blossoms the fairest, from garden and woodland and hillside and dale.  
 Our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale.  
 O Mary we crown thee with blossom today.  
 Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.  
 O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today.  
 Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.  
 Their lady they name thee, Their mistress proclaim thee, Ah, great that thy children on earth be as true as long as the bowers are radiant with flowers, as long as the azure shall keep its bright hue.

We remember all our parishioners who are sick or in hospital at this time. We will keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

**Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow  
 with St David's Johnstown  
 12th May 2024  
 The Ascension of the Lord**

**FEAST OF THE ASCENSION -  
 12th May**

From Death to Eternal Life in Heaven  
 In the Easter season we celebrate Jesus' victory over death. After his resurrection on Easter Sunday Jesus accompanied His friends and followers for 40 special days encouraging them and teaching them till He ascended into Heaven. He celebrated the Eucharist with them, reenacting His Last Supper when He gave them His Body and Blood as a prelude to Good Friday and His death on the Cross. But the ultimate point was His Resurrection. The Mass is the great gift of Jesus to us, associating us with His victory over death. When a person dies the greatest gift we can give them is the Requiem or Funeral Mass. No other prayer service or ceremony can surpass this gift of the Mass for the eternal happiness of the person who has died. In the Mass Jesus accompanies the dead person and leads them to Himself. Remember to give those who die the gift of a Funeral Mass!

**Liturgical  
 Calendar  
 May**



Mon 13th Our Lady of Fatima  
 Tues 14th St Matthias  
 Wed 15th St Carthage  
 Thurs 16th St Brendan

**A** Celebration will take place in St David's Church Johnstown on Friday 7th June at 7pm, for all those Pioneers who have registered and will be presented with their Gold Medal. Refreshments afterwards.



**CONGRATULATIONS!!  
 COMHGHAIRDEAS!!**

During the week news reached us that our **Archbishop Dermot Farrell** has promoted Fr David to Parish Priest of Dalkey in Dublin. Dalkey's gain will be Arklow's loss. Fr David has quietly endeared himself to our parish. We will miss him (and Toby!) but we wish him well as he faces the challenges which will present themselves in the years ahead. Please keep him and all priests in your prayers. Please pray that young men will be moved to dedicate their lives to Jesus and His Church.  
**Congratulations Fr David!**



Congratulations to the Children of St Patrick's Bearna Chlé National School who received their Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday 12th of May.  
 Well done and Congratulations.

**PRAY FOR LIFE  
 NOVENA  
 23-31 MAY**  
 Feast of the Visitation  
 Join us at [www.prayforlife.ie](http://www.prayforlife.ie)  
 An initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference

Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter  
**GOLF CLASSIC**  
 Friday 14th June 2024  
 at Arklow Golf Club

Putt for the Parish!

Join us on Friday 14th June 2024 in the wonderful surrounds of Arklow Golf Club and support the Organ Restoration Project.

Tee Times 7am to 3:50pm  
 Four ball scramble  
 €180 per team  
 Goodie Bag and Top Prizes  
 Prize for the longest drive (18th hole) and nearest the pin (7th hole)  
 Social Night in the Club House  
 Bumper Raffle and Auction

To book a team and/or sponsor a hole:  
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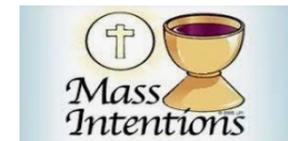
One month to go! Lines are filling up. Please contact Jimmy Lacey for a tee slot for your team of four. It will be an enjoyable day and social evening afterwards.

**Saturday 8th June 6.30pm Mass**  
**Fr Liam Dunne Celebrates 60 Years ordained a Priest.**  
 Parish Celebration Saturday evening 8th June 6.30pm Mass.  
 All are welcome to attend.  
 Refreshments after Mass in Árus Lorcáin if you are interested in attending please contact Siobhán in the Parish Office on 085 2534718 or [siobhan.murphy@arklowparish.ie](mailto:siobhan.murphy@arklowparish.ie) or drop into the office.

Anam Cara Wicklow, for parents bereaved, Monday 20th May at 7:15pm in the Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy, Free entry, open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Also now offering online meeting too. Please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

Communion Gift ideas available in Parish Office, All Communion Cards only €1 and Diamond Jubilee cards also available variety of Cards and Gifts to choose from.

*Go out to the whole world  
 proclaim the good news*  
 Mark 16:15



**Saturday 11th May  
 6.30pm**  
 Carmel Robinson (1st Anniv)  
 Conor Doyle (5th Anniv)  
**(Anniv)**  
 Peter Kenny  
 James Roche

**Sunday 12th May  
 8.30am**  
 Alec Murray (Anniv)

**11.30am**  
 Andy Condren (20th Anniv)  
**(Anniv)**  
 Kitty O'Connor  
 Mary Byrne  
 Tom Kinsella  
 Evelyn Cooke

**Monday 13th May  
 10am**  
 Mary Keating (1st Anniv)  
 Mary Leahy (Anniv)

**Tuesday 14th May  
 10am**  
 Betty Ebbitt (8th Anniv)

**Thursday 16th May  
 10am**  
 William P O'Connor (Anniv)

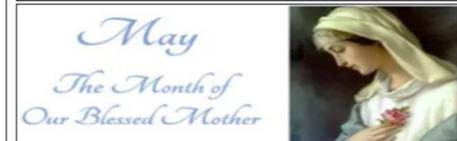
**Castletown 11th May  
 8pm**  
 Eileen Elliott (Month's Mind)

**Johnstown 12th May  
 10am**  
 Dermot Byrne (Anniv)

*Building Hope*

**Novena to the Holy Spirit**

You are invited to join us in a Novena to the Holy Spirit starting Sunday 12th of May Ascension of the Lord and through Pentecost to the Feast of Mary Mother of the Church 20th May. Prayer cards are available on the Altar rails for our period of Prayer, reflection and planning for the Pastoral year ahead.



**Sunday 12th May  
 Rosary  
 Arklow Rock 3pm  
 &  
 Scarnagh Grotto 6pm**



If you are interested in travelling with **Arklow Parish Lourdes Pilgrimage** please call into the Parish Office.

Date	Time
24th May	2-4pm
31st May	2-4pm

*With Sympathy*

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends  
 Brian Penston  
 William Sanders  
 Alan Furlong  
 Marie Dempsey  
 &  
 Ann Letts  
 May they rest in peace.