

TASK FORCE

Building Hope

Archdiocese of Dublin



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To all who participate in parish life and ministry,

A year after my installation as Archbishop, I am presenting a Statement of Mission for the Dublin Archdiocese. This Statement highlights our core mission in a time of rapid change, setting out a vision for the diocese and providing values to inform our planning for the future.

This is the beginning of our more formal response to the Building Hope Task Force Report which is available on the diocesan website: [Task Force | Archdiocese of Dublin \(dublindiocese.ie\)](http://Task Force | Archdiocese of Dublin (dublindiocese.ie)). Having gathered 3,000 consultation responses from people, priests and parishes, the Task Force in its Report set out a pastoral strategy for the Archdiocese. I would ask you all to read it carefully and reflectively. It is an essential starting point in the process of renewal we must undertake together.

I am inviting Parish Pastoral Councils to give priority to the implementation of the mission, vision and values described in the Statement of Mission. I am asking all priests, deacons, parish pastoral workers and parish employees to engage wholeheartedly in planning for the future.

I have appointed a Pastoral Strategy Implementation Group to oversee the implementation of the Task Force strategy. The group will in due course provide a framework and resources to help faith communities engage creatively with this important work.

As the year progresses, parishes will be invited to participate in a process of discernment about parish life into the future. Further details will be provided in late March, for active consideration between Easter and Pentecost. This process will follow on from and build on the synodal conversations taking place in Lent, preparations for which are already well underway in the Archdiocese.

Led by the Holy Spirit, we can respond imaginatively, practically, and with Christian hope to the needs of our time and bring life and energy to the renewal we are called to in Christ.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

+ Dermot Farrell,  
Archbishop of Dublin

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

### Sunday 13th February 2022 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Mass Intentions

Saturday  
6.30 p.m.

12th February  
Bridget O'Neill  
John O'Halloran  
Brian & Orla O'Halloran  
Jack & Frances Godfrey

Sunday  
8.30 a.m.

13th February  
Jane Nicholson Fenwick  
and her husband James  
Florence Myler (Months  
Mind)  
John Cahil  
Jean Kinsella (1st Anniv)  
Mark & Breda Synnott  
John Dempsey  
George & Margaret McGrath  
Alexander (Alex) Byrne  
Dolores Grealy

11.30 a.m.

Monday

St Cyril & St Methodius

Wednesday 16th February

10.00 a.m.

Rosemary & Paul Murrin

Friday

10.00 a.m.

18th February  
Jim & Frank Fitzgerald

#### With Sympathy

Sympathies are extended to the  
family and friends of

Peter Dowling  
Margaret (Rita) New  
Sean Fitzgerald  
Ann Clare  
Mary Finn  
John O'Neill  
Luigi Cafolla  
Fr Philip Corcoran

who died recently. may they rest in peace.

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



#### Background on the Gospel Reading

Last Sunday we heard Jesus call Peter to be his disciple. Jesus then travels with Peter and the other disciples. Luke reports acts of healing (a person with leprosy and a paralytic man) and the call of Levi, the tax collector. Jesus also replies to questions from the Pharisees regarding fasting and the observance of the Sabbath. In the verses immediately before today's gospel reading, Jesus is reported to have chosen 12 men from among his disciples to be apostles. *Apostle* is a Greek word that means "one who is sent."

When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the **Ten Commandments**. As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us. As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed.

Congratulation to the following  
children who were baptised recently

Odrán Gavin Kavanagh

Jordan Anthony Croasdell

Nina Marie O'Hart

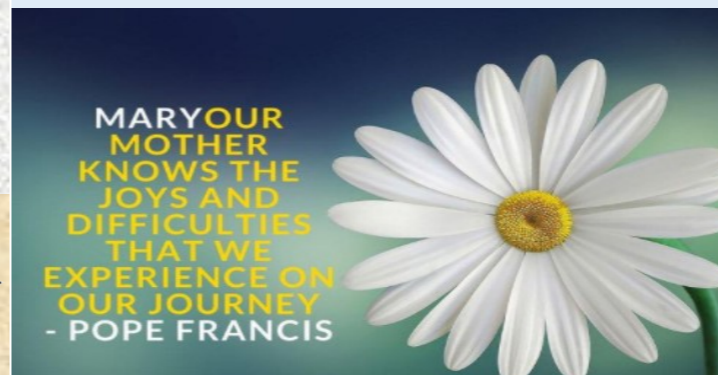
Darragh Kavanagh



I baptize you in the name  
of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit



If you would like to have your child baptised in  
Arklow, Johnstown or Castletown church you will  
need to fill in a baptism form available on  
[www.arklowparish.ie](http://www.arklowparish.ie) or call Siobhán on 085  
2534718 you will also need a copy of the your child's  
Birth Certificate.



The ANNUAL COLLECTION for ACCORD Dub-  
lin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and  
the Family, will be made at all Masses on  
this weekend of **12 & 13 February 2022**.

ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:

- Marriage Preparation courses – online, small groups.
  - Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone.
- A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.  
ACCORD Dublin needs your support this year more than ever.



**Anam Cara Wicklow**, is holding it's month-  
ly Parent Evening on Monday 21st February  
at 7:20pm in the Parkview Hotel, Newtown-  
mountkennedy, Co. Wicklow. This event is  
free and 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. Please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)  
or 085 2888 888 for any queries.



#### Knock Pilgrimage

The Archdiocese of Dublin Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on  
Saturday April 23rd. More details to follow. Subject to  
government restrictions, we hope to be able to travel to Knock  
this year. We invite expressions of interest from choirs who  
would like to participate. For more information, please email  
[knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie)

#### Bishop Edward Byrne Commemoration Project

St Gabriel's Cemetery (Old Section)

Historical Tour conducted by Pat Power

Sunday February 20th @ 2.30pm

Weather Permitting

Join Pat Power in exploring the legacy of historic St Gabriel's and  
the life of Archbishop Byrne

Archbishop of Dublin from 1921 –1941

Donations welcome toward Refurbishing Bishop Byrne's family  
grave and memorial

#### "Lets Sing"

Lets Sing is back every Thursday morning  
beginning in March in Arus Lorcaín.

Sing a variety of songs, old and new in a  
fun, non-competitive atmosphere at a cost of just €5 per week.

To register your interest, call Rosarii on (0402) 32248 or text 089  
2639242.

