

## **Weekly Notices for the Churches of**

# Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow & St. David, Johnstown

Commencing Sunday 14th September, 2014





## **Gathering Hymn:** Give Me Joy In My Heart

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising, Give me joy in my heart I pray. Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising, Keep me praising till the end of day.

**R**/Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to the King of Kings. Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! to the King!

Give me love in my heart, Keep me praising, Give me love in my heart I pray, Give me love in my heart, keep me praising Keep me praising till the end of day. R/

## **Recessional Hymn:** God's Spirit Is In My Heart

God's spirit is in my heart, He has called me and set me apart. This is what I have to do, what I have to do.

**R**/ He sent me to bring the good news to the poor, tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more, Tell blind people that they can see, And set the down trodden free, And go tell everyone the news that the Kingdom of God has come And go tell everyone the news that God's Kingdom has come.

Just as the Father sent me. so I'm sending you out to be My witnesses throughout the world, the whole of the world. R/

Sympathies are extended to the family & friends



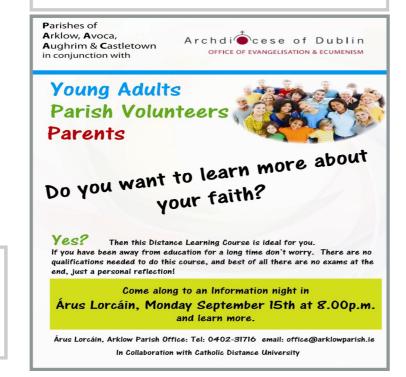
**Tom Kinch** who died recently. May he rest in peace.

Today we venerate the cross on which Jesus was lifted up and which has become the symbol of his victory over the power of evil. The instrument of humiliation, torture and death has become the instrument of our redemption.

**Reading 1.** Even after being miraculously rescued from slavery in Egypt the Israelites are guick to lose faith in God and in his servant Moses. They don't recognise their blessings until something much worse happens to them and they are exposed to the poisonous snakes. But God immediately brings a cure when they turn back to him. God uses this mysterious symbol of a snake upon a standard as the instrument of their healing.

**Reading 2.** Paul's great hymn reminds us that God understands completely our human condition including its slavery, suffering and death, because in Christ God has experienced it to the last breath. Christ took on this condition out of love for the Father and out of love for humanity became 'humbler yet'. The Father's response is the Resurrection and exaltation of Christ. Jesus Christ is acclaimed as Lord because by his love the Father is seen.

Nicodemus comes to Jesus by night and is enlightened. Only Jesus is the light because only Jesus has seen God, and unlike Moses, reflects God's glory with unveiled face. But like the fiery serpent, this light has to be lifted up to shine in the sight of all. As the Israelites who had been bitten by the snakes looked at the fiery serpent and were healed, so too those who look to Christ on the Cross and believe are also healed of their sin and offered eternal life. On the Cross God's love is made manifest and God's purpose to save the world is achieved.



#### Mass Intentions

**Saturday** 13th September 6.30 p.m. John Byrne

Sunday 14th September 8.30 a.m. Theodore Romanoff

11.30 a.m. John Tyndall

> John & Kathleen Byrne and deceased members of the Byrne Family

7.00 p.m. Jack O'Donnell (Birthday Remembrance)

15th September Monday 8.00 a.m.

10.00 a.m.

Tuesday 16th September

8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.

10.00 a.m.

Friday

Wednesday 17th September

8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. Michael McCarthy

**Thursday** 18th September Peter Power 8.00 a.m.

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**Saturday** 20th September 10.00 a.m.

### **First Holy Communion 2015**

19th September

The preparation meeting for parents / guardians of all First Holy Communion children from all parish schools will take place in

Árus Lorcáin on Monday 29th September at 7.30p.m.

Please remember to return completed registration forms on the night. Thank you.



#### **NOTICES**

The Annual Collection for CROSSCARE—the Social Care Agency of the Dublin Diocese will be held at all Masses next weekend **20th /21st September**. This will replace the normal SHARE Collection. Please give your support. *Crosscare* is involved in a wide variety of social projects in the Archdiocese of Dublin. Since it was founded over 70 years ago **Crosscare** has continued to seek to redress poverty and social exclusion. It continues to develop new and innovative programmes and to sponsor new research to help inform policies on combating poverty and exclusion.

**'Share the Good News'** ..... An online distance learning course to deepen and renew the knowledge of faith. If you have an interest in doing this course but would like to find out a bit more please come along to the Information Evening in Árus Lorcáin this Monday **15th September at 8p.m.** Veronica Jackson from the Diocesan Office of Evangelisation will be on hand to answer any questions vou may have.

The Irish Catholic is available to buy after 6.30 p.m. Mass on Saturday and after 8.30 am. and 11.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday.

Arklow Legion of Mary: The Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine, **Knock** will take place on Sunday 28th September. For further details please contact 087-2989512 or 0402-39627.

#### **Notice regarding Parking:**

Please note that we have been informed by the local Gardai that as a result of complaints by residents, anyone parking on double yellow lines / restricted areas of St. Mary's Road may be penalised. Parking should only be in designated parking areas.

**Vault Fest Opening Soon!** The Vault Fest Shop will open on 15th September in a 'pop up' shop beside the Bank of Ireland. Monies raised will be in aid of the 'The Vault' Community Youth Centre. Donations of saleable items are most welcome and appreciated! Contact Jude, Martin or Ann Marie for collections or deliveries on 0402-39646.

The official opening of WW1 Memorial for Wicklow War Dead, takes place on Thursday 18th September 5pm at Woodenbridge. All are welcome.

Parish Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 9.00 a.m.—5 p.m.,

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