

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 6.30p.m.	<b>15<sup>th</sup> May</b> Lucy Sweeney (Anniv)
<b>Sunday</b> 11.30 a.m.	<b>16<sup>th</sup> May</b> William O'Connor (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv) Alec Murray (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv) Thomas & Elizabeth Byrne (anniv)
<b>Monday</b> 10.00 a.m.	<b>17<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 10.00 a.m.	<b>18<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> 10.00 a.m.	<b>19<sup>th</sup> May</b> Elizabeth Murray (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv)
<b>Thursday</b> 10.00 a.m.	<b>20<sup>th</sup> May</b> James & Elizabeth Morgan & their son Declan Morgan
<b>Friday</b> 10.00 a.m.	<b>21<sup>st</sup> May</b> Marie & William Byrne (anniv)



### Árus Lorcáin /Parish Office

It is with Joy we announce from Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Of May Árus Lorcáin will **reopen to the public!** To make any parish enquires contact Siobhán the Parish Secretary on (0402) 31716. [secretary@arklowparish.ie](mailto:secretary@arklowparish.ie).

We look forward to seeing you.



### Mass:

Monday to Friday 10am

Saturday 6.30pm Vigil

Sunday 8.30am, 11.30 & 7pm

Johnstown 10am

Castletown 11am

**Adoration Holy Hour** 3-4pm Tuesday, Friday & Sunday.

**Rosary** daily after 10am Mass

**Thought at the End of the Day** Wednesday @ 8pm.

## Parish of Sts.Mary & Peter, Arklow with St. David, Johnstown – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021



### The Year of St Joseph – A Reflection.

God looks on the heart (1 Sam 16:7), and in Saint Joseph he recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines. The Lord desires to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes. We greatly need these qualities nowadays, in times marked by fragility but also by the sufferings due to the pandemic, which has spawned uncertainties and fears about the future and the very meaning of life. Saint Joseph comes to meet us in his gentle way, as one of “the saints next door”. At the same time, his strong witness can guide us on our journey.

### A Social Media Prayer

Lord,  
Bless all bloggers  
Inspire all Instagrammers  
Bring wisdom and hope to all on  
WhatsApp

May faith shine through on Facebook  
May all Tweeters be temperate in tone  
May the spirit be within those who  
Snapchat and SKYPE

Give grace to all on Google +  
May those on FLICKR always be able  
to picture you  
Watch over all those on Tumblr.

Grace all digital missionaries with  
wisdom, courage,  
understanding, love,  
and trust in you.

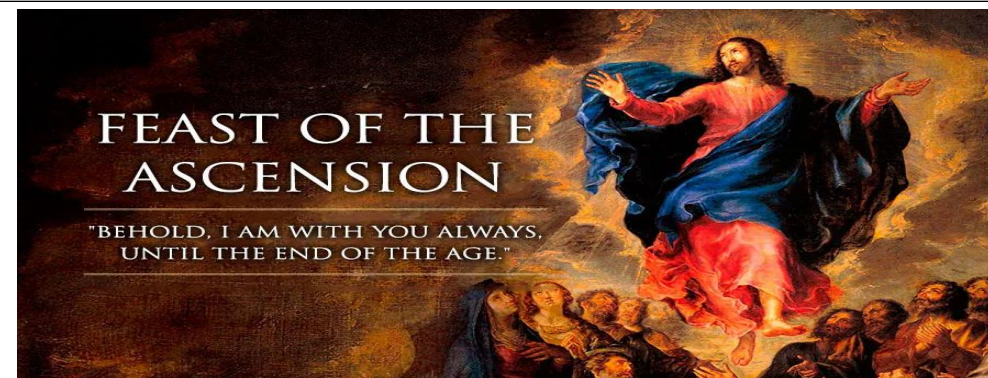
AMEN

@BrendaDrumm

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATIONS

A reminder to the Parents/Guardians of children awaiting the Sacraments from both 2020 and 2021 please go to the parish website and REGISTER YOUR CHILD. It is essential to do this as we will need to contact families outside of School Term. Regrettably, we are not yet in a position to reschedule these ceremonies as gatherings in large numbers are still under restrictions. When restrictions finally ease to a point where public ceremonies in churches become a possibility, and we have clear guidelines around such gatherings, we will proceed. Meantime,

**PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CHILD. Thank You.**



**Today we mark the Ascension of the Lord and also World Communications Day.** Pope Francis has chosen to reflect on the theme “Come and See” (Jn 1:46). *Communicating by Encountering People Where and as They Are.* This theme recalls the Gospel account of the first disciples’ initial encounters with Jesus, who invited them to “Come and see,” to enter into relationship with Him. In his message for World Communications Day, Pope Francis says Jesus’ invitation to “Come and see” is the way by which the Christian faith is communicated. That is how Christian faith begins, and how it is communicated: as direct knowledge, born of experience, and not of hearsay. Pope Francis explains that seeing something for oneself is the best way of getting at the truth of things, and “the most honest test of every message, because, in order to know, we need to encounter, to let the person in front of me speak, to let his or her testimony reach me.”



## Pope Francis establishes formal Ministry of Catechesis

Calling for formal recognition of “those lay men and women who feel called by virtue of their baptism to cooperate in the work of catechesis,” Pope Francis has instituted the Ministry of Catechist. “The Spirit is calling men and women to set out and encounter all those who are waiting to discover the beauty, goodness and truth of the Christian faith,” Pope Francis wrote in *Antiquum Ministerium* (“Ancient Ministry”), his document released at on May 11th 2021.



## A Joyful Return

It was a joy to behold as parishioners arrived to church on Monday. It marked a new moment in our gradual reopening after five months of lockdown. It was prior to Christmas 2020, when we last gathered in church as a community. As some have expressed it, ‘we have been starved of the Eucharist.’ We have waited with patience and longing for this moment, understanding the importance of protecting the health of people in our society. Now we are truly blessed and joyful in once again gathering as God’s people around the altar to partake of the Eucharist, which lies at the centre of our faith. As Scripture proclaims, ‘this is the day, the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad.’ A welcome return to one and all!

Fr Pádraig & Fr David.