

Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow
with St David's Johnstown
18th February 2024
First Sunday of Lent

Saturday 17th February
6.30pm

Joseph & Cecelia Kavanagh
 (Anniv)

Sunday 18th February
8.00am

Frank & Jim Fitzgerald
 (Anniv)

11.30am

(Anniv)
 Joey & Elizabeth Kealy
 Mark & Breda Synnott
 George & Margaret McGrath
 Danilo Duran & Bayani
 Supeda

Monday 19th February

9am Anna & George Hagan
 (Anniv)

Tuesday 20th February

9am All the Souls

Thursday 22nd February

9am Reinilde O'Toole
 (Anniv)

Johnstown

Sunday 18th February
10am

Deborah Kearns
 (Month's Mind)

These are prayers Fr David has been asked to share, you can cut them out to keep in your prayer book or wallet.

Keep watch Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, sustain the dying, calm the suffering and pity the distressed and all for your love's sake. Amen.

Heavenly Father, help us to:
 Count our blessings instead of our crosses, Count our gains instead of our losses, Count our joys instead of our woes, Count our friends instead of our foes,
 Count our courage instead of our fears, Count our kind deeds instead of our selfishness,
 Count our health instead of our wealth, Count on God instead of ourselves. Amen

Dear Jesus in whose life I see
 All that I long, but fail to be.
 Let your clear light forever shine
 to guide and shape this life of mine. Amen.



First Confessions 2024
Thursday 22nd February 1pm
 Castletown National School
Thursday 22nd February 7pm
 Gaelscoil an Inbhir Mhóir
Saturday 24th February 11am
 Ss Michael & Peter Junior School



With Sympathy

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends

Bridget Murphy

Gladys Lynch

Fr Brendan McCarron

&

Lilian Porter

May they rest in peace.

Faithfulness and Love

psalm 24

Liturgical Calendar
February



Wed 21st St Peter Damian
 Thurs 22nd The Chair of St Peter
 Friday 23rd St Polycarp

St. David's Church, Johnstown

Living **LENT**
MASS

Each Friday morning at 10 a.m.

Eucharistic Prayer Service
 Each Tuesday
 at 10.00 a.m.

Make this Eucharistic Prayer Service part of your Lenten journey.

The service is led by a lay member of the community and includes the scripture readings of the day and Communion.

Beginning 20th February 2024

Time for Personal Prayer
 Each Thursday
 7p.m. to 8p.m.

Spend some quiet time with God in a peaceful and prayerful atmosphere. Offer up your intentions to God and light a candle for your family and friends.

Come and spend as long or as short as you wish.

Beginning 22nd February 2024



LENT
 Pray Fast Give

The Annual Collection for Accord Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses this weekend.

Accord Dublin throughout the Diocese continues to offer:

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. Please give generously

Irish Pilgrimage Trust

Collection will take place at all Masses Weekend 2nd & 3rd of March

We are the Wicklow group of the Irish Pilgrimage Trust and we have been bringing young people (12-18 yrs) to Lourdes at Easter. Many of the young people who travel with us have extra needs and have never been away from home before. We have a full team of volunteer carers including a nurse and a chaplain who look after the young people on this pilgrimage holiday which is a week of activity, music, adventure and prayer all around Our Lady's Grotto at Lourdes. All of our volunteers pay their own fare but we fundraise to pay the fares of the children. We don't receive any grant or public funding so depend on donations from the good people of the area. If anyone would like to know more or get involved in any way, Dara Kavanagh 087 9049059 or info@irishpilgrimage.com

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Call in for quiet prayer over lent, a petition box is also available for you in the Prayer Room in Árus Lorcaín.

An Evening of Spring Song

Friday 23rd February 2024 at 8.00 p.m.
 in St. Joseph's Church, Templeraíne

Avril O'Toole
 Barbara Duffy
 Donal Duffy & Pat Brennan
 Dynamix
 Gospel Choir
 Johnny Stafford & Dinny Nolan
 Michael Flood
 St. Joseph's Church Choir
 Stephen Walker
 Walker Sisters

Tickets €20 - available from the Parish Office Tel: 0402-31943
 Fundraiser for Church Building Fund

Entrance Hymn:

'Christ be near at either hand'

Christ be near at either hand,
 Christ behind, before me
 stand, Christ with me where
 e'er I go,

Christ around, above below.

Christ be in my heart and
 mind, Christ within my soul
 enshrined, Christ control my
 wayward heart;

Christ abide and ne'er
 depart. Christ my life and only
 way, Christ my lantern night
 and day; Christ be my un-
 changing friend,

Guide and shepherd to the
 end.

Recessional Hymn

Here I am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
 I have heard my people cry,
 All who dwell in dark and sin,
 my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,
 I will make their darkness
 bright.

Who will bear my light to
 them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, is it I Lord.
I have heard you calling in
the night. I will go Lord, if
you lead me. I will hold
your people in my heart.

I the Lord of wind and flame.
 I will tend the poor and lame.
 I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save. Finest
 bread I will provide,

till their hearts be satisfied.
 I will give my life to them

Whom shall I send? R