

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

Sunday 19th February 2023 –Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for Temperance

Mass Intentions

Saturday 18th February
6.30pm Bessie Byrne (Month's Mind)
Joseph Weadock
Michael & Marie O'Neill

Sunday 19th February
8.30am Anna & George Hagan

11.30am Mark & Breda Synnott
Joey & Elizabeth Kealy
Elizabeth Giblin
George Cassell

Johnstown
10am Rosie Monaghan

Wednesday 22nd February
10am Reinilde O'Toole

With Sympathy

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Colm Donnelly, Susan Wain, Mary Donoghue, John Crammond & Deacon Thomas Larkin who died recently may they rest in peace.

Liturgical Calendar February

Tuesday 21st St Peter Damian
Wednesday 22nd Ash Wednesday
Thursday 23rd St Polycarp



BAPTISM

Congratulations to Ava May Hurley, Jack Joseph Wood & André Olan Gleeson who were baptised recently

Lent timetable

Ash Wednesday 22nd February

Masses 8am, 10am and 7pm

Johnstown 10am

Castletown 7pm

Mass in Arklow

10am as usual Monday to Saturday

Extra Masses during Lent

8am Wednesday in Arklow

Stations of the Cross 12 noon Fridays during Lent.

Confessions: 10.30am Saturday mornings

Mass Johnstown: 10am Friday.

Mass Castletown: 10am Monday.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Tuesday, Friday and Sunday 5-6pm

We encourage the families of sick people in the Parish to contact the Parish Office (0402) 31716 to arrange to have the Priest call to their home with the Sacrament of the Sick.

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



Ash Wednesday 22nd February

Day of Fast and Abstinence

Mass in Arklow 8am,10am & 7pm

Johnstown 10am

Castletown 7pm

In the readings today there is a great consciousness of our sinfulness, as we pray 'Haver mercy on us O Lord, for we have sinned'. There is also a sense that the time to repent and turn back is now. The gospel tells us how to approach that renewal of our lives. It puts before us the remedy in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These three strands of Lenten observance are as ancient as Christianity itself. There is no substitute for them. 'Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. If we have not all three together, we have nothing.' says St Peter Chrysologus

Fasting Ideas for Ash Wednesday and Lent.

Abstaining from meat and other food.

Abstaining from Alcohol and smoking.

Making special effort and involvement in family prayer.

Visiting the Blessed Sacrament.

Helping the poor, sick, old and lonely.

Chat N'Cha: Join us in the Árus Lorcáin after 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 18th February. All Welcome.



Special Mass in St David's Johnston on Sunday 26th of February for Godparents of the young people who are due to make their Confirmation.

Archdiocese of Dublin TURKEY & SYRIA EARTHQUAKE COLLECTION

Archbishop Farrell would like a diocesan collection to be taken up in support of the people of Turkey and Syria affected by the devastating earthquakes on Monday 5th February. The Turkey/Syria Collection will take place on 25th and 26th February, on the 1st Sunday of Lent celebrations, and will replace the SHARE collection.

The collection will be channelled through Trócaire, who are working with partners in the affected area. They have the capability to ensure that any funds raised in Ireland will be managed appropriately to meet the needs of those most badly affected.



Thursday 23rd of February Castletown National School children will receive their Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare to Receive their First Holy Communion in May.

Trócaire Boxes available in the Church please take one home.



Office of Mission & Ministry

Recommended Reading for Lent

The Beatitudes of Pope Francis Aidan Donaldson

A useful guide for exploring and understanding the Christian call in Pope Francis's 6 new beatitudes for today's world.

Each chapter can become the focus for a weekly personal reflection or small group sharing during the season of Lent.



Available from Veritas for €7.99

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 28th February 2023

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 23rd February 2023



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Pray Fast Give

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 unchanging 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