

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 6.30 p.m.	<b>19<sup>th</sup> August</b> James Sheehan Mary Kenny
<b>Sunday</b> 8.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	<b>20<sup>th</sup> August</b> Bridie Ann Carolan Margaret Fortune Esther & Seán Hayes and their sons Philip, Patrick and Michael
7.00 p.m.	Frances Wolohan
<b>Monday</b> 10.00 a.m.	<b>21<sup>st</sup> August</b> Mary Tyrrell
<b>Tuesday</b> 10.00 a.m.	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> August</b> Betty Brough
<b>Wednesday</b> 10.00 a.m.	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> August</b> -
<b>Thursday</b> 10.00 a.m.	<b>24<sup>th</sup> August</b> -
<b>Friday</b> 10.00 a.m.	<b>25<sup>th</sup> August</b> -
<b>Saturday</b> 10.00 a.m.	<b>26<sup>th</sup> August</b> -

## With Sympathy

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of

**Billy Nolan, Abbey Terrace**

**George Long**  
(recently deceased in New York)

**Vincent Dempsey, Jr. Main Street**

who died recently.  
May they rest in peace.



## JOHNSTOWN COOLGREANY GYMKHANA & FIELD DAY Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Equestrian events beginning at 10 a.m. and Field Day at 2 p.m.

For further information please see Facebook page.

## 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 serving,  
Give me love in my heart I pray.  
Give me love in my heart,  
keep me serving,  
Keep me serving till the end of the day.

## Recessional Hymn:

CITY OF GOD

Awake from your slumber!  
Awake from your sleep!  
A new day is dawning for all those  
who weep.  
The people in darkness have  
seen a great light,  
The Lord of our longing has conquered  
the night.

R/ Let us build the city of God,  
May our tears be turned into dancing.  
For the Lord our light and our love,  
Has turned the night into day!

We are the sons of the morning; we are  
daughters of day.  
The one who has loved us has  
brightened our way.  
The Lord of all kindness has called us to  
be, a light for his people to set their hearts  
free. R/

## Weekly Notices for the Churches of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow & St. David, Johnstown Commencing Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2017



## Mass of Thanksgiving

Fr. Martin will soon be taking up his new appointment as Moderator for the Rathfarnham, Churchtown and Ballyroan Group of Parishes.

Fr. Martin will celebrate a **Thanksgiving Eucharist** on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** in the **Church of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow.**

All are most welcome and then afterwards in Árus Lorcáin.

## Marriage Celebrations

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, Arklow parish will host its annual celebration of **Christian Marriage**. Couples celebrating their Silver, Ruby, Golden and Diamond Wedding Anniversaries will be invited to attend a special Mass and afterwards in Árus Lorcáin.

Any couples who were married outside the parish but are living in the parish are also welcome to attend. If you would like to attend please contact the Parish Office (tel: 0402-31716) as soon as possible.

## NOTICES

**Countdown Begins!** Only one year to the opening of the **World Meeting of Families 2018** and a hoped for visit by Pope Francis. We invite you and all your family to come along to the launch of the one-year programme of preparation for World Meeting of Families 2018, which will take place at the Knock Shrine, County Mayo, on Monday 21st August 2017, the Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady. This day of celebration will include the celebration of the Eucharist, workshops and faith and fun activities for all the family. The WMOF2018 Icon will be presented at Mass in the Basilica at 3pm and then begin its journey around the Dioceses of Ireland. **Registration & Tickets for WMOF2018 Registration** for the World Meeting of families in 2018 is now open. Visit the Tickets Section on [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie) to access information on the different type of tickets and registration available. Accommodation booking is also available online at time of registration through the same booking form on the website.

The **African Chaplaincy of Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin** is celebrating its 10th Anniversary and cordially invites the general public to the following events: Choral Night on Saturday 2nd September at 6pm in Westmanstown Conference Centre, Blanchardstown. 10th Year Anniversary Holy Mass & Thanksgiving with Archbishop Martin at 2pm Sunday 3rd September in St. Peter's Catholic Church, Phibsborough, Dublin.

**Would you like to join a free course in Digital Skills?** A number of free courses in Digital Skills are being offered in Avoca Community Hall beginning shortly. Each course lasts five weeks, two hours per week, and there are places for 10 people on each course. The course is designed for people not accustomed to working on line and is delivered at a helpful pace. The scheme is part of the government's 'Getting Citizens Online' programme. It is geared to people aged 45 and over, also those with a disability or currently unemployed. It may be of particular interest to an active retirement group. To know more, or to enrol, phone Third Age on 046-9557766, email [nationaloffice@thirdageireland.ie](mailto:nationaloffice@thirdageireland.ie), or log on to [www.thirdageireland.ie](http://www.thirdageireland.ie)

**First Reading (Isaiah 56:1,6-7)** The Hebrews were God's chosen people, chosen in God's plan to be the context in which his son would take flesh. Over time, consciousness of God's choice led them to believe that this God was theirs exclusively. Isaiah points out that this is not so. It is a suitable prelude to this weekend's Gospel.

**Second Reading (Romans 11:13-15,29-32)** Distraught at the refusal of his own people to adopt Jesus as the Promised One, Paul strenuously points out that this does not mean their total rejection by God, more certainly since some Jews have accepted Jesus as their Rosen Saviour. The tragic failure of his own people is not necessary to allow room for the Gentiles as both are priorities in the plan of Salvation.

**Gospel (Matthew 15:21-28)** This Gospel reading seems to be an intrusion into the story of Jesus formation of Peter by strengthening his faith (last Sunday) and giving him the keys (next Sunday). In between these two momentous religious experiences, we have an insertion of ordinary daily living, a woman with a sick child looking for help for her little girl.

