### Mass Intentions

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March

6.30 p.m. Una Copeland (Month's Mind)

Annette McManus Carmel Bermingham (Month's Mind/ B'day remembrance)

Joe O'Reilly

Bridget & William O'Reilly

Sunday 21st March

11.30 a.m. Mick & Molly McCarthy

May Byrne

Michael & Ellen O'Brien

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 10.00 a.m. Peig Lee

Mary Murray

Margaret & Robert Tyrrell

Wednesday 24th March

10.00 a.m.

Friday 26th March

10.00 a.m. Norah Halpin

# With Sympathy

Our prayers and sympathy are offered to the family and friends of

Fr. David's aunt Tess Brown, Churchtown, Dublin

May she rest in peace.

## With Gratitude & Prayers ....

Thank you for the continued support and prayers for all our sick. Those at home, in hospital, in nursing homes. We continue to remember Fr Pádraig and all our loved ones and ask for their healing and God's grace and strength for their families and all who look after them at this time.



## **Temporary Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 6.30p.m.
Sunday: 11.30 a.m.
Monday: 10.00 a.m.
Wednesday: 10.00 a.m.
Friday: 10.00 a.m.

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#### Árus Lorcáin / Parish Office

Remains Closed due to Level 5 Restrictions.

We remain available by: **Phone:** 0402 31716

**Email**: office@arklowparish.ie
To Book Masses contact Fr David on
0402 32196 or simply drop a note in the

letterbox at No.2 St Mary's Road.





Closed

Your Parish needs your financial support more than ever at this time when there are no public gatherings.

You may donate a variety of ways. Click the donate button on the parish website. Return your family offering envelope to your collector or in church in the Shrine box. Make your Sunday collection donation in the envelopes provided in church. You can also drop any of the above through Fr David's letter box. Thank You for your support. It is much appreciated at this challenging time.

### Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow with St. David, Johnstown - Sunday 21st March 2021

**Fifth Sunday of Lent** 

Reflecting on the Gospel Reading

John 12:20-33



Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

#### **Mass Bookings & Cards**

As the Parish Office remains closed if you require a Mass Card or want to book an



Anniversary Mass please call Fr. David on 0402 32196 or drop a note in his letter box at 2 St Mary's Road.

5th Sunday in Lent

All via Webcam at www.arklowparish.ie

Mass: Mon; Wed; Fri @ 10am

Mass: Thursday 25th March @ 10am

 ${\it Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.}$ 

Holy Hour Adoration: Tues & Fri 7-8pm

Thought at the end of the Day Wed @ 8pm.



Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.30pm

THE

Week

Ahead

Palm Sunday Mass: 11.30am

Thursday 25th March



The Solemnity of THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD.

Mass via webcam at 10am.

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Join us via webcam each Wednesday @ 8pm for 'A Thought at the End of the Day'



The prayer Fr David prays each Wednesday to conclude:

Prayer of St Augustine
Watch, O Lord, with those who
wake, or watch, or weep
tonight, and give Your angels and

saints charge over
those who sleep.
Tend Your sick ones, O Lord.
Rest Your weary ones.
Bless Your dying ones.
Soothe Your suffering ones.
Pity Your afflicted ones.
Shield Your joyous ones,

and all for Your love's sake. Amen.

**Holy Week and Easter Services** 



The Schedule of Masses and Ceremonies for Holy Week & Easter will issue in a special Easter Newsletter available in church from Palm Sunday onward. Do pick up your copy along with your Easter Dues Envelope.

## Welcome Back!

Please remember in your prayers all our young people, their families and the entire school community as they return to the school building.



A lot feels very different this year for all involved, we pray that they may feel safe, secure and protected in God's loving embrace.