



Weekly Notices for the Churches of  
**Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow & St. David, Johnstown**  
 Commencing Sunday 21st September, 2014

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**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 praising,  
 Give me love in my heart I pray,  
 Give me love in my heart, keep me praising  
 Keep me praising till the end of day. **R/**

**Recessional Hymn:**


**God's Spirit Is In My Heart**

God's spirit is in my heart,  
 He has called me and set me apart.  
 This is what I have to do, what I have to do.

*R/ He sent me to bring the good news to the  
 poor, tell prisoners that they are  
 prisoners no more,  
 Tell blind people that they can see,  
 And set the down trodden free,  
 And go tell everyone the news  
 that the Kingdom of God has come  
 And go tell everyone the news  
 that God's Kingdom has come.*

Just as the Father sent me,  
 so I'm sending you out to be  
 My witnesses throughout the world,  
 the whole of the world. **R/**

Sympathies are extended to the  
 family & friends of  
**Kathleen Ashton**  
 who died recently.  
**May she rest in peace.**



**Theme:**

The Gospel of St. Matthew, directed to Jewish Christians, stresses that the pagans have also come to God's mercy and are to be accepted. As Christ came to call sinners, so the Church must accept them. God's thoughts of justice are beyond ours, his mercy cannot be measured. No one can be content with his own state of sanctity and despise or judge others. God's judgment may be quite different.

**Reading 1.**

We are reminded of God's willingness to forgive provided we ask for it. His ways are not our ways and it requires faith on our part to accept the 'ways of God'.

**Reading 2.**

Paul, in prison awaiting his death sentence, writes to the Christians of Philippi and shares his thoughts with them. While he would like to be with Christ, for their sake he would prefer to stay alive.

**Gospel:**

To read this parable in the light of modern industrial relations is an incorrect interpretation of its purpose. This parable stresses the essential equality before God of all members of the Church. The emphasis is on God's generosity in raising to equality all the people of God

**First Holy Communion 2015**

The preparation meeting for parents / guardians of all First Holy Communion children from Castletown, Coolgreany, Bearna Chle, Arklow BNS, St. Michael's and the Gaelscoil will take place in **Árus Lorcaín on Monday 29th September at 7.30p.m.** Please remember to return completed registration forms on the night. Thank you.



*If your child is not attending one of the above schools but would like to join the Communion Preparation Programme please contact the Parish Office.*

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday**  
6.30 p.m.

**20th September**  
George Duffy  
William McLoughlin (Months Mind)

**Sunday**  
8.30 a.m.

**21st September**  
John Sherwood Jnr & John Sherwood Snr  
Stan Myles & Russell Myles  
Jim Brauders  
Bernadette McGeary  
Maisie Redmond  
Lilly O'Toole

11.30 a.m.

7.00 p.m.

**Monday**  
8.00 a.m.

**22nd September**  
Sheila Tancred

10.00 a.m.

**Tuesday**  
8.00 a.m.

**23rd September**  
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10.00 a.m.

Kathleen Mullett

**Wednesday**  
8.00 a.m.

**24th September**  
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10.00 a.m.

**Thursday**  
8.00 a.m.

**25th September**  
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10.00 a.m.

**Friday**  
8.00 a.m.

**26th September**  
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10.00 a.m.

Rose Doyle

**Saturday**  
10.00 a.m.

**20th September**  
Ann O'Connell

**NOTICES**

The Annual Collection for **CROSSCARE**—the Social Care Agency of the Dublin Diocese will be held at all Masses this weekend. This will replace the normal SHARE Collection. Please give your support. **Crosscare** is involved in a wide variety of social projects in the Archdiocese of Dublin. Since it was founded over 70 years ago **Crosscare** has continued to seek to redress poverty and social exclusion. It continues to develop new and innovative programmes and to sponsor new research to help inform policies on combating poverty and exclusion.

**Parish Pilgrimage:** Best wishes to all travelling to Rome and Assisi this weekend as part of the Parish Pilgrimage.

**Lourdes**—Thank you to all who came to Lourdes, there were 51 people from Arklow and 44 from Castletown. Thank you all for sending in petitions, all were remembered when we lit a large candle at the Grotto in Lourdes on Saturday 20th. Thanks to all involved in organising the trip and hopefully we will go from strength to strength.

**'Share the Good News' ....** An online distance learning course to deepen and renew the knowledge of faith. Thank you to all who attended the information evening. Please note that the course fee must be paid to the Parish Office before Tuesday. Thank you.

**The Irish Catholic** is available to buy after 6.30 p.m. Mass on Saturday and after 8.30 am. and 11.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday.

**Arklow Legion of Mary** : The Pilgrimage to **Our Lady's Shrine, Knock** will take place on Sunday 28th September. For further details please contact 087-2989512 or 0402-39627.

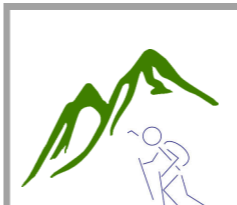
**The Revival Gospel Choir** will be at the 7pm Mass, on Sunday, 28th September, in Sts Mary & Peter's Church, Arklow. If you are a singer, or a musician, aged over eighteen and think you would like to join us and give something back to your community, please contact Barbara on 087 626 6073 for further details and information.

There are new courses starting at the **Luisne Centre** in Kilcoole, Co Wicklow. Check out [www.centreforspirituality.com](http://www.centreforspirituality.com) for course details.

**Date for your diary!**



The **Annual Harvest Festival** takes place in our church on **Sunday 12th October at 3.00p.m.** Further details to follow.



**October 25th 2014:** Sponsored climb/walk of Lugnaquilla in aid of **NANDRI** (formerly Child Aid Ireland India) & Sri Lanka. For more details please contact Fr. Michael or the Parish Office