

Gathering Hymn:
CHRIST IS ALIVE, WITH JOY WE SING

Christ is alive, with joy we sing;
We celebrate our risen Lord,
Praising the glory of his name.

R/ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

He is the grain of wheat that died,
Sown in distress and reaped in joy,
Yielding a harvest of new life. **R/**
He is the vine set in the earth,
Sharing our life, becoming man,
That man might share in God's own
life. **R/.**

Recessional Hymn:
A NEW HYMN OF PRAISE
A new hymn of praise let us sing to the
Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

This is the day the Lord has made;
Ransom for sin his life he gave. **R**

To save us He was crucified,
Raising our hearts when hope had died. **R**

Bringing him gifts of bread and wine,
We receive back, his life divine. **R**

So live within us, make us one
Stay with us Lord till life is done.

Wednesday 25th April is the Feast Day
of St. Mark, Evangelist



Better than a phone call! 'Happy 91st
Birthday Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI!

Ad multos annos!

Mass Intentions

Saturday 6.30 p.m.	21st April Mary Molly O'Reilly John O'Reilly Christopher O'Reilly Thomas Mitten Derek Gaddren Alice (Siss) O'Reilly
Sunday 8.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	22nd April - Rose Doyle Martin & Peter Mulligan Claire Brennan-Larmour (Month's Mind) Edna Hudson
7.00 p.m.	James Byrne The White Family
Monday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	23rd April - Jack & Kathleen Byrne
Tuesday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	24th April -
Wednesday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	25th April -
Thursday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	26th April - Alice O'Connell (recently deceased)
Friday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	27th April -
Saturday 10.00 a.m.	28th April Mother Kevin Kearney (Birthday remembrance)

Archdiocese of Dublin

Collections at Sunday Mass

Common Fund:

The first collection supports the priests of our parish, sick and retired priests, priests in low-income parishes, and priests working in special ministries throughout our Diocese.

Share Collection:

The Share Collection provides essential pastoral services supporting all parishes. Share also provides support to low-income parishes and contributes to initiatives of the Irish Bishops' Conference.

Weekly Notices for the Churches of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow & St. David, Johnstown
Commencing Sunday 22nd April 2018

This Sunday is **Vocation Sunday**. This day is set aside each year to pray for vocations, especially to the Priesthood and Religious Orders. The SHARE collection will be replaced at all Masses with a collection for the support of Dublin Diocesan Students preparing for Ordination to the Priesthood.

Thank you to all parishioners who have returned **Easter Dues**.

All donations for **Trocaire** can be returned now to the Parish Office. Thank you.

Choose Life 2018: Every week, the Catholic Communications Office circulates a double-sided newsletter 'Choose Life 2018' which promotes the Church's position on unborn human life and encourages family discussion on this important subject. This week's edition is available in all church porches.

There will be a **Holy Hour** of reparation in St Peter and St Paul Church Kilanerin on Tuesday 24th April at 8:00pm. Led by Fr Denis Browne, the hour is filled with prayer, silent and sung adoration followed by Solemn Benediction. All are welcome to join us in this grace filled hour.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: All are welcome to Sts. Mary & Peter's church on Friday 27th April 2018 at 8.00p.m. for an ecumenical prayer service, the theme of which is 'All God's Creation is Very Good' Refreshments afterwards in Árus Lorcaín.

Word Meeting
of Families 2018



Rosary at the Rock - Sunday May 13th at 2.30pm
Join us praying for families at the Rock. We will be creating a RAG TREE where petitions will be left. All are welcome the car park will be open.

Family Bake Off - 19th and 20th May

Families are invited to bake a cake with the theme of FAMILY incorporated. The cakes will be displayed after all Masses in Arus Lorcaín and judged by local bakers. Prizes for most creative on the theme of families and WMOF 2018. More information next week.

Parish Art and Poetry Competition

Children and young people are participating in different art projects and poetry writing through their school on the theme of family. Please chat to them at home about their entry.

Presentation of certificates for St Patrick's Day Parade and Guess the number of Sweets in the Jar.
Sunday 28th April 6.30pm Family Mass



YOUTH HUB

A space where young people can come together for fun, faith and food. Next session **Friday May 4th in Arus Lorcaín 7.30pm-9.00pm**. Registration forms to become a member of the Youth Hub available from the parish office.



Best wishes to all the boys and girls from the Gaelscoil and their families as they prepare to make their **First Holy Communion** next Sunday 29th April.



The **Ceremony of Light** for Confirmation candidates and their parents takes place on 7th June 2018 at 7.00p.m. Please bring Baptismal candle.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – October 2018

Please note that all places are now booked for this pilgrimage. We have a cancellation list so if still interested please contact the Parish Office on Tel: 0402-31716 or email office@arklowparish.ie

There is a selection of gifts and cards for many occasions including Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation now available in the Parish Office.