



### TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE GREAT FEAST OF PENTECOST

Pentecost is a Greek word that means “fiftieth day.” It is celebrated fifty days after Easter. Pentecost is often known as the “birthday of the Church” because it was on this day that God’s final covenant with humankind was complete. Through the coming of the Holy Spirit, the first Christians could look back on the events in the life of Jesus with new insight and see how they fit in with all that had been foretold by the prophets of the Old Testament. Stamped with the Spirit’s approval, so to speak, they could preach confidently that “Jesus is Lord!” St. John Chrysostom said in the fifth century about Pentecost: “Today we have arrived at the peak of all blessings, we have reached the capital of feasts, we have obtained the very fruit of the Lord’s promise.”



**Mass:**  
**Monday to Friday** 10am  
**Saturday** 6.30pm Vigil  
**Sunday** 8.30am, 11.30 & 7pm  
Johnstown 10am  
Castletown 11am  
**Adoration Holy Hour** 3-4pm Tuesday, Friday & Sunday.  
**Rosary** daily after 10am Mass  
**Thought at the End of the Day** Wednesday @ 8pm.

## Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow with St. David, Johnstown – Sunday 23rd May 2021



### IRISH BISHOPS BEGIN PATH TO HOLDING A NATIONAL SYNOD

The Catholic Church in Ireland is on its way to preparing a National Synodal Assembly to be held within the next five years, with a focus on the challenges and opportunities it is facing in a rapidly changing society. The first phase will be a period of prayer, listening and discernment, involving a nationwide consultative conversation on the theme: “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission”. This will be the focus of the next Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to be held in Rome in 2022.

### Parish Family Offerings

June is the start of the new Family Offering year once again and the distribution of boxes to individual households will commence shortly.

If any Parishioners have some spare time and would be available to assist with the distribution of the boxes we would be most grateful, if you please leave your name and details with the Parish Office.

Your contributions by these weekly envelopes are the sole source of income to both maintain and run the Parish.

Again, thank you for your generosity, without these donations the parish could not survive.

**Blessings**  
Fr Pdraig Moderator  
Fr David COPP



### Pray the Rosary in May

Pope Francis encourages the faithful to engage in the recitation of the Holy Rosary during this month of May to invoke the end of the pandemic and the possibility to start social and work activities again, inviting believers to be “guided by Shrines across the world.” An initiative promoted by the Holy See in response to Pope Francis’ call for a “marathon” of prayer during the month of May “to ask for the end of the pandemic” that sees a different Marian shrine across the globe leading the recitation of the Rosary. The Rosary is prayed daily in St Mary & Peter’s church after 10am Mass.

### Mass Intentions

- Saturday 6.30p.m. 22nd May**  
Marcella Holt (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)  
Yvette Davis (Anniv)  
Betty Gregory (Anniv)
- Sunday 8.30 a.m. 23rd May**  
Michael McDonald (Anniv)  
Thomas Flusk (Anniv)
- 11.30 a.m.** Sadie Fitzgerald (months mind) and also her husband Eddie who’s 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs at this time.  
Oliver Brennan (Anniv)  
Margaret Pender (Anniv)  
Matt McCrudden (Anniv)
- 7 p.m.** Marie & William Byrne (Anniv)
- Monday 10.00 a.m. 24<sup>th</sup> May**  
Ann Lott (Anniv)
- Tuesday 10.00 a.m. 25<sup>th</sup> May**  
John O’Leary (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv) also his mother Julie O’Leary and his daughter Fiona O’Leary
- Wednesday 10.00 a.m. 26<sup>th</sup> May**  
Fr Colm Gallagher (Recently deceased)
- Thursday/Friday 27<sup>th</sup> /28<sup>th</sup> May**  
10.00 a.m. No intentions



Pope Francis states: Every day, for over forty years, following Lauds I have recited a prayer to Saint Joseph taken from a nineteenth-century French prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary. It expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph:

**Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.**

### With Sympathy

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of  
**Phyllis Ivory (née Weir)**  
**Paul Kavanagh**  
&  
**Elizabeth Mellon**  
who died recently.  
May they rest in peace.