

Saturday 26th July
6.30pm

Geoff Thompson (10th Anniv)
(Anniv)
Jimmy & Tommy Fitzpatrick
Colin Byrne
Billy Forde

Sunday 27th July
11.30am

Edward (Eddie) Howlin
(Month's Mind)
Roseleen McCormack
(6th Anniv)
(Anniv)
Thomas Byrne
Betty Finn
Mary Dempsey
Dolores Hunt Tyrrell

Monday 28th July
10am

Neil Bonner (1st Anniv) & Peg Bonner

Thursday 31st July
10am

Joan Kane (Anniv)

Castletown
Saturday 26th July
8pm

Eugene Fitzgerald
(Recently Deceased)
Sharon McCarthy Cullen
(3rd Anniv)

With Sympathy
Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of
Julia O'Brien
Shay Fleming
Sean Monaghan
&
Melina Byrne
May they rest in peace.

Message from the Pastoral Parish Council

Hello! My name is Natalia, I am also on the Parish Council and I am the contact person for the prayer groups at our Church. These groups are an invaluable resource for fostering spiritual growth, building community, and fulfilling our mission of spreading the Gospel.

Our Church has several established prayer groups, including the Monday Prayer Group, a daily Rosary group that meets after the 10am Mass, the Legion of Mary, and the Rosary at the Grotto. Everyone is welcome to join any of these groups at any time.

Additionally, we have a team of volunteers who organise special prayer events. One notable initiative is the Rosary at the Grotto, which takes place every evening at 8pm. Other examples of our activities include the Stations of the Cross during Lent and the Alliance of the Two Hearts. These events featured wonderful prayers and meditations; we hope to have them again in our Church.

If you enjoy organising events, we encourage you to get involved! Organising a prayer event or establishing a new group can be a rewarding experience. Whether you want to join us in prayer or help with organisation, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

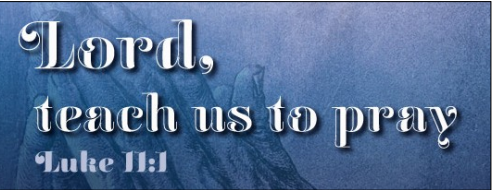
I am also a liaison for the maintenance of the Church Group. We are grateful to have dedicated volunteers who are the unsung heroes of our Church, ensuring that we can pray in a well-kept environment.

Some of these volunteers meet every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 11:00am to clean the Church. Others are responsible for washing and ironing the altar tablecloth, arranging beautiful fresh flowers, and ensuring we have enough candles for our services.

Everyone is welcome to join us! We would be delighted to have you, whether you can help once or make a regular commitment. If you would love to help and have some time to spare, please come by on Thursday at 11:00am. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

I also help to organise the Mass in Polish, which is held on the first Sunday of each month at 10:00 a.m. A priest comes from either Dublin or Wexford to lead the service. The readings and order of prayers are the same as in the Mass in English, making it easy to follow even for those who do not understand Polish. Everyone is very welcome to attend this Mass.

Arklow Lourdes Pilgrimage will take place 3rd/10th September. Petition forms are available at Our Lady's Altar. Please place in box provided and they will be brought to Lourdes.



House Visits

We have many parishioners who came to Mass regularly who are now sick or confined to their homes. If you know of anybody who would like a visit from the Priest with Holy Communion & Anointing of the Sick please contact Siobhán 085 2534718

Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow

with St David's Johnstown

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th July 2025

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Loving God,

In a world that often prizes youth and vigour, help us to recognise the profound worth and dignity inherent in every stage of life, especially in the golden years of our seniors, Grant them comfort in times of loneliness, strength in moments of weakness, and joy in the memories they hold dear.

We entrust the elderly into your loving care, knowing that you see each one of them as precious and significant. Through the intercession of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus, who themselves experienced the blessings and challenges of aging, may our seniors find solace in your unwavering presence and discover renewed purpose in their journey with you. Amen.



Lifeboats BINGO NIGHT
in aid of Arklow Lifeboat

Saturday 2nd August
8pm
Árus Lorcáin



Please show your support



Polish Mass Sunday
3rd August 10am

Next mass in Polish will take place on Sunday 3rd August at 10am. There will be tea and cake after in Árus Lorcáin. All Welcome.

Kolejna msza w języku polskim odbędzie się 03.08.25 o godz 10.00. Po mszy wszystkich serdecznie zapraszamy do Árus Lorcáin na kawę i ciastko.



Blessing of the Graves
Kilcara Cemetery
Tuesday 29th July
7pm

Liturgical Calendar
July/August

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| Tuesday 29th | St Martha, Mary & Lazarus |
| Thursday 31st | St Ignatius of Loyola |
| Friday 1st | St Alphonsus Liguori |
| Saturday 2nd | St Eusebius of Vercelli |
| | St Peter Julian Eymard |
| | The Indulgence of St Mary of the Portiuncula |

Gathering Hymn

City of God

Awake from your slumber! arise 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 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.

Recession Hymn

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, And his righteousness,
And all these things will be Added unto you;

R/ Allelu Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and you shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,

Allelu, Alleluia R/

Summer Dues

The Archdiocese will collect Summer Dues this year if you feel you would like to contribute envelopes are available on the altar rails.