

**Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow with St. David, Johnstown – Sunday 27th June 2021**

**SUMMER DUES APPEAL**

The usual first collection at Sunday Mass supports the common Fund that pays the priests of our parish, the sick and retired priests, priests in low-income parishes, and priests working in special ministries throughout our Diocese. Due to the pandemic this collection has not been taken up for over a year due to the lockdowns, and has left a huge shortfall in the fund that supports the clergy. Thus the Archbishop has introduced Summer Dues. If you feel you are in a position financially to contribute to the appeal, Summer Dues envelopes are available on the altar rails in the Church. They can be returned to the Sacristy, the Shrine Box or directly to either Priest. Thank you.

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**The Week Ahead**

Mass 10 am Monday to Saturday.  
Weekend Mass 6.30pm Sat Vigil;  
Sunday 8.30am, 11.30am & 7pm.  
Adoration Holy Hour Tuesday, Friday & Sunday 3 to 4 pm.  
Rosary daily following 10am Mass.  
Thought at the End of the Day concludes (for Summer) 8pm Wednesday.



Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.

Psalm 33

**Liturgical Calendar:**

Monday 28th June - Memorial of St Irenaeus  
Tuesday 29th June - Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul Apostles  
Thursday 1st July - Memorial of St Oliver Plunkett  
Saturday 3rd July - Feast of St Thomas Apostle

**Mass Intentions**

<b>Saturday</b> 6.30 p.m.	<b>26th June</b> Seamus O'Boyle
<b>Sunday</b> 8.30 a.m.	<b>27th June</b> Liam De Paor(Anniv)
11.30 a.m.	Paul Kavanagh (Months Mind) Nicholas Jones (Months Mind)
7 p.m.	Owen Kenny (Anniv) Matt & Madge Hudson (Anniv) Special Intention Ausra Kovalskaja (Months Mind)
<b>Monday</b> 10 a.m.	<b>28th June</b> Mary & Ned O'Toole (Anniv) Mary McElheron (Anniv) Seamus O'Boyle (Anniv)
<b>Tuesday</b> 10 a.m.	<b>29th June</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> 10 a.m.	<b>30th June</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 10 a.m.	<b>1st July</b> Kathleen Williams Callan
<b>Friday</b> 10 a.m.	<b>2nd July</b>

**POPE ESTABLISHES WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY**



Pope Francis has announced the institution of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place each year on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

Recalling the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple – when the elderly Simeon and Anna encountered the child Jesus and recognized Him as the Messiah – Pope Francis said, “the Holy Spirit even today stirs up thoughts and words of wisdom in the elderly.” The voice of the elderly “is precious,” he said, “because it sings the praises of God and preserves the roots of the peoples.”

The elderly, he continued, “remind us that old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between the different generation, to pass on to the young the experience of life.” Pope Francis has chosen the theme, “I am with you always” from the Gospel of St Matthew as the message for the 1st World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on July 25th 2021.

**LOUGH DERG 2021**

**Registration is now open to “Do Lough Derg from wherever you are” from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July.** The Prior, Fr Flynn, will do the Three Day Pilgrimage on the Island during these days. To offer a live link by webcam in support of those who will choose to do the pilgrimage wherever they are, some of the Lough Derg staff will do the pilgrimage in St. Mary’s Church in Pettigo. To register or for further information please email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org), telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518. [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

**Our condolences to the families of the following recently deceased:**

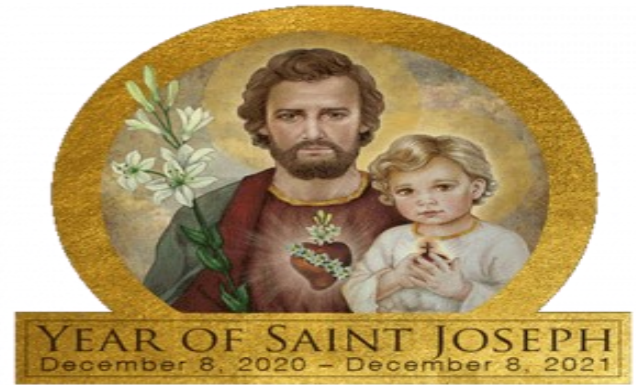
Michael Kavanagh	St Peters Place
Eileen Doyle	Johnstown
Kathleen Kenna	Arklow



**NEW VOCATIONS TEAM FOR THE PRIESTHOOD IN DUBLIN**

Archbishop Dermot Farrell has appointed a New Team for Vocations to the Priesthood for the Archdiocese of Dublin. Fr. Séamus McEntee is now the new Director of Vocation to the Priesthood with Fr. Bill O'Shaughnessy as the new Assistant Vocations Director. Fr. Séamus has assisted on the vocations team for the past seven years and is delighted to be working alongside Fr. Bill in this exciting role of assisting men discern their call to priesthood as well as vocations promotion. Let us pray that God will continue to call enthusiastic men to the priesthood for our Archdiocese. If you know of anyone who thinks they might have a vocation to be a priest or is interested in finding out more about being a priest for the Archdiocese of Dublin, please ask them to contact either Fr. Séamus or Fr. Bill on the Vocations Team at: [vocations@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:vocations@dublindiocese.ie) or check out: [Vocations | Archdiocese of Dublin \(dublindiocese.ie\)](http://Vocations | Archdiocese of Dublin (dublindiocese.ie))

Pray for Vocations



**PETER'S PENCE**

The annual Peter's Pence collection takes place on the Sunday nearest to the Feast of SS Peter and Paul. This year it will be held on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July. The Peter's Pence Collection provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The Peter's Pence collection will replace the second collection for Share at Masses next weekend.

**ST PATRICKS COLLEGE MAYNOOTH - NEW RESEARCH ON THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON FUNERALS**

Bereaved families, and those who support and care for them, have had to adjust to dramatically different circumstances during the COVID-19 pandemic. In this study, we want to explore the impact of public health measures, which were meant to limit virus transmission, on your experience of dealing with dying, death, and Catholic funerals. We invite you to participate in our study: by taking our survey and/or participating in an interview. Find out more at <https://maynoothcollege.ie/covid-19-and-funeral-rituals-and-practices-a-study> Here is the link to our online survey: <https://maynoothcollege.ie/covid-19-and-funeral-rituals-and-practices-a-study>

**COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE**

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, **8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024**

**AWARE - SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS**

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the summer. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie)