

Weekly Notices for the Churches of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow & St. David, Johnstown commencing Sunday 21st February, 2016

Gathering Hymn

LET THERE BE LOVE

Let there be love shared among us
Let there be love in our eyes
May now your love sweep this nation
Cause us O Lord to arise,
Give us a fresh understanding

Brotherly love that is real
Let there be love shared among us
Let there be love.

Let there be peace shared among us
Let there be peace in our lives
May now your peace sweep this nation
Cause us O Lord to arise,
Give us a fresh understanding
Brotherly peace that is real
Let there be peace shared among us
Let there be peace.

Recessional Hymn BE NOT AFRAID

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety, though you do
not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands,
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

**R/ Be not afraid, I go before you always.
Come follow me and I will give you rest.**

If you pass through raging waters, in the sea
you shall not drown.
If you walk amidst the burning flames, you shall
not be harmed.
If you stand before the power of hell, and death
is at your side.
Know that I am with you through it all. R/

Some Suggestions of Friday Penance

The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday penance:

- * Abstaining from meat or some other food;
- * Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking;
- * Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer;
- * Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays;
- * Visit the Blessed Sacrament;
- * Making the Stations of the Cross;
- * Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy;
- * Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 6.30p.m.	20th February Kathleen Murphy Joe Kennedy May O'Toole Paddy Dempsey George Cassell Michael O'Neill George Mates
Sunday 8.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	21st February James & Kathleen Ryder Ellen Byrne & Michael Lynch Elizabeth Giblin (1st Anniv) Anne Lambert
Monday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 7.00p.m.	22nd February Reinilde O'Toole - -
Tuesday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	23rd February - Mary Scariff Liam & Sheila Murphy
Wednesday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	24th February - Bridget & Bernard Kavanagh & Deceased members of their families. Michael Russell
Thursday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	25th February - Ann & John Joe Ennis -
Friday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	26th February - Sean Walsh -
Saturday 10.00 a.m.	27th February -

Webcam from Parish



Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of **Denis Kavanagh** who died recently. May he rest in Peace.



NOTICES

Sincere thanks for supporting last weekend's Annual Collection for **Accord**. A total of €1,500.00 was raised in our parish.

During Lent there will be 3 weekday Masses at 8.00a.m., 10.00 and 7.00p.m.

Morning Prayer of the Church for Lent takes place at 9.45 a.m. each week day morning. In the event of a funeral it will be at the earlier time of 9.40a.m.

This year's **Word Day of Prayer** takes place on 4th March at 8.00p.m. in the Presbyterian Church, Dublin Road, Arklow. All are invited and most welcome. Refreshments afterwards.

Copies of the **Pastoral Statement of the Catholic Bishops of Ireland** on the upcoming General Election are available in all church porches.

The Annual Arklow Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 6th to 13th September, 2016. The cost is €789 per person sharing. For further details: Dermot & Bridget Greene 0402-33171 or 087-6314437. The booking office will be open in Árus Lorcáin from 10.30a.m. to 12.30p.m. starting Friday 4th March, 2016.

Ss. Michael & Peter Junior School : Enrolments are now being accepted for boys and girls for Junior Infants 2016. The deadline for enrolments is 4th March, 2016.

Lenten Trocáire Boxes are available in all church porches.

Castletown National School will hold their enrolment and open evening on Monday 22nd February at 7.00p.m.

'24 Hours for the Lord' Friday 4th & 5th March, 2016

Pope Francis has asked that over Friday 4th & Saturday 5th March, '24 Hours for the Lord' be celebrated. We will mark this in our Parish after 10a.m. Mass and conclude with evening Mass on both days. (7.00p.m. Friday and 6.30p.m. on Saturday).

Eucharistic Adoration (like 40 hours of old) will also take place during these times. There will be many opportunities for Confession on both days also.

Further information later. If you would like to help out please contact any of the Priests or the Parish Office.

Preparig for Easter

(through the Scripture Readings for the Sunday Masses during Lent)

With Fr. John Hayes



Venue: Árus Lorcáin, Castlepark
Time: 8.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

Bring your bible or a missal or missalette.

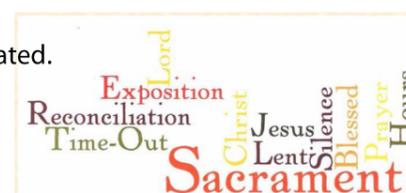
Week 1 15th February
"Be with me, O Lord, in my distress"

Week 2 22nd February
"The Lord is my light and my help"

Week 3 29th February
"The Lord is compassion and love"

Week 4 7th March
"Taste and see that the Lord is good"

Week 5 14th March
"What marvels the Lord worked for us. Indeed we were glad".



Arklow Group of Parishes

PILGRIMAGE to SAN GIOVANNI ROME & ASSISI

Visiting Pietrelcina & Lanciano
3rd October 2016

7 Nights - 2 Rome / 2 Assisi / 3 San Giovanni Rotondo

Cost: €899.00 per person sharing
Spiritual Director: Fr. Binoy Mathew S.V.D.
Tour Company: Joe Walsh Tours Ltd.

Further Information:
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7th Annual Parish Fast in aid of

Mutomo Mission Hospital, Kenya

Good Friday 25th March, 2016

Annual Lenten Fast for Mutomo Mission Hospital, Kenya

As part of our annual fast we hope to maintain a group fast in the Bridgewater Shopping Centre on Good Friday. If you would like to volunteer contact the Parish Office, (31716). Fast Cards are available in the Church Porches at all Masses.

Your support is very much appreciated.

World Youth Day 2016

As a fundraiser for the group of young people from the parish travelling to World Youth Day in Poland this July, a **race night** will take place in **The Old Ship, Friday 11th March, 2016**. All support would be greatly appreciated.

