

Pope Francis has proclaimed a "World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation," which will be celebrated annually on September 1.

**A Christian Prayer in Union with Creation by Pope Francis**

Father,  
we praise you with all your creatures. They came forth from your all-powerful hand; they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love. Praise be to you!

Son of God, Jesus,  
through you all things were made. You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother, you became part of this earth, and you gazed upon this world with human eyes. Today you are alive in every creature in your risen glory. Praise be to you!

Holy Spirit, by your light you guide this world towards the Father's love and accompany creation as it groans in travail. You also dwell in our hearts and you inspire us to do what is good. Praise be to you!

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you. Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made. Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out. O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty. Praise be to you!  
Amen.

**Gathering Hymn:  
Give Me Joy In My Heart**

Give me joy in my heart,  
keep me praising,  
Give me joy in my heart I pray,  
Give me joy in my heart,  
keep me praising,  
Keep me praising till the end of day.

**R/ Sing hosanna!  
Sing hosanna!  
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings.  
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!  
Sing hosanna! O the King!**  
Give me peace in my heart,  
Keep me resting,  
Give me peace in my heart I pray,  
Give me peace in my heart,  
keep me resting,  
Keep me resting till the end of day. R/

**Recessional Hymn:**

**How Great Thou Art**  
O Lord my God!  
When I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the works thy hands  
have made.  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling  
thunder, thy power throughout  
the universe displayed.

**R/ Then sing my soul,  
my Saviour God to thee;  
How great thou art,  
how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul,  
my Saviour God to thee;  
How great thou art, how great  
thou art!**

When through the woods and  
forest glades I wander, and hear  
the birds sing sweetly in the  
trees: When I look down, from  
lofty mountain grandeur, and  
hear the brook and feel the  
gentle breeze: **R/**

And when I think, that God his  
Son not sparing, sent him to die, I  
scarce can take it in. That on the  
cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died, to take away  
my sin. **R/**

**Mass Intentions**

<b>Saturday</b> 6.30 p.m.	<b>1st September</b> Rose & James Grant and daughters Ann & Rose
<b>Sunday</b> 8.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	<b>2nd September</b> - John Tyndall Betty Walsh Richard Dowling Elizabeth (Betty) Finn (Month's Mind) Ellen Eustace Anne Dempsey Michael Proctor
7.00 p.m.	-
<b>Monday</b> 8.00 a.m.	<b>3rd September</b> -
10.00 a.m.	Margaret Byrne
<b>Tuesday</b> 8.00 a.m.	<b>4th September</b> -
10.00 a.m.	Breen McKay & deceased members of the Byrne Family
<b>Wednesday</b> 8.00 a.m.	<b>5th September</b> -
10.00 a.m.	Elizabeth Killeen
<b>Thursday</b> 8.00 a.m.	<b>6th September</b> -
10.00 a.m.	-
<b>Friday</b> 8.00 a.m.	<b>7th September</b> -
10.00 a.m.	-
<b>Saturday</b> 10.00 a.m.	<b>8th September</b> -

To book a Mass intention please call into the parish office or  
Tel: 0402-31716 Email: office@arklowparish.ie

*With Sympathy*

Sympathies are extended to the family and  
friends of  
**Baby Carter McManus - Paul Laffan -  
George Furlong - Joe Duffy**

Who died recently.  
May they rest in peace.

Reminder to all about our **Parish Day of  
Reflection on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September** from  
10a.m. – 3 p.m. in Árus Lorcaín. The parish  
grounds will be a silent zone for the day. Places  
are limited to 35 and are almost fully booked.  
Please contact Fr Michael as soon as possible.

**NOTICES**

We extend a **warm welcome** to Fr. David Fleming who has been appointed as Administrator to Auhgrim Parish. Fr. David's appointment will commence this weekend.

Congratulations to all people from this parish and surrounding areas who took part in any way in the **World Meeting of Families** at the RDS, in Croke Park and at the concluding Mass in the Phoenix Park. Well done! We are also looking for anybody who attended the WMOF to put pen to paper and record their experience of the event for us and drop it into the Parish Office or email office@arklowparish.ie

Weekday (Monday to Friday) **Mass times**, 8.00 a.m. and 10.00a.m. will resume this Monday 3rd September.

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September, Arklow parish will host its **annual celebration of Christian Marriage**. Couples celebrating their Silver, Ruby, Golden and Diamond Wedding Anniversaries will be invited to attend a special Mass and afterwards in Árus Lorcaín. Any couples who were married outside the parish but are living in the parish are also welcome to attend. If you would like to attend please contact the Parish Office (tel: 0402-31716) as soon as possible.

Best Wishes to the **Arklow Parish Lourdes Group** on their annual pilgrimage. We wish them a safe and enjoyable trip.

**Communion & Confirmation 2019:** We are currently preparing the Communion and Confirmation programme for 2019. Any child not attending our parish schools but who would like to receive the Sacraments must contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to register their interest.

**The Legion of Mary Pilgrimage** to Our Lady's Island for the closing ceremony takes place on Sunday 9th September 2018. There is also a pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 30th September. For bookings or more information please contact Mary Crooke, Tel: 0402-39713 or Margaret Berry, Tel: 087-298 9512 or 0402-39627.



*Date for your Diary*

**7th October, 2018**

Re-Dedication of Our Lady's Grotto at Arklow Rock which was first opened in 1954. More information to follow.

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings:**

**The first reading** – The Lord is near; his wisdom is accessible. To live by his wisdom leads to peace and life; to ignore his wisdom leads to unhappiness.

**The second reading** – God's wisdom is not an artefact or an ornament: we must live by it, put it into practice. This is the way to life!

**The Gospel** – Jesus tackles the nit-picking righteousness of those who see only the externals without going to the roots of human conduct. Externals are necessary, but they are to be a reflection of our inner conviction.  
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