

Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow  
with St. David's, Johnstown –  
Sunday 30th January 2022  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday 29th January**  
**Blessed Virgin Mary**  
10 a.m. Angela Walker (Months Mind)  
6.30 p.m. Michael Kavanagh  
Nick Tancred  
James & Dora Gregory  
Kathleen Hall  
Annie, Catherine & Martin Fitzgerald  
Thomas Kavanagh  
Joseph & Cecilia Kennedy

**Sunday 30th January**  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8.30 a.m. Paddy McDonald  
11.30 a.m. Maureen Leahy (Months Mind)  
Annette McManus  
Marianna, Jadwiga Andrzej & Helena  
Michael (Mick) Cullen  
Myles Doyle  
Margaret Bunting  
Michael Cullen

7.00 p.m.  
**Monday 31st January**  
**St John Bosco**  
10 a.m. Owen Kinsella  
**Tuesday 1st February**  
**St Brigid**  
10.00 a.m. Jonathan Malone  
**Wednesday 2nd February**  
**The Presentation of the Lord—Blessing of the Candles**  
10.00 a.m.  
**Thursday 3rd February**  
**St Blaise—Blessing of the Throats**  
10.00 a.m.  
**Friday 4th February**  
10 a.m.

With sympathy  
Our prayers and sympathy are  
offered to the family and friends of  
Sheelagh Tyrrell  
Elizabeth Byrne  
Who died recently, may they rest in peace.

We remember all our parishioners who  
are sick or in hospital at this time. We  
will keep them in our thoughts and  
prayers



### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C

#### Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday we read from the Gospel of Luke, continuing immediately from last week's Gospel. Recall that in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah and announced that this Scripture was now fulfilled. In today's Gospel, we learn that the people of Nazareth are impressed by Jesus' words, and yet they seem surprised. They still think of Jesus as merely Joseph's son. They do not expect such words from someone they believe that they know. This Gospel is about who Jesus is and who people believe him to be. The story of Jesus' preaching and rejection at Nazareth is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels. In Luke's Gospel, this incident is told in a way that foretells Jesus' passion and death and helps explain the inclusion of the Gentiles in the promise of salvation.



### PASTORAL CONVERSATIONS 2022

This monthly session will provide pastoral and liturgical resources to accompany the Lenten Synodal Journey.

Our Pastoral Conversations are designed for members of Parish Pastoral Councils, Family Mass Groups, Music Ministry, Sacramental Coordinators as well as Parish Sisters, Clergy, Parish Pastoral Workers and Faith Development Workers.

This presentation will include Post Communion Reflections and Homily Pointers for each Sunday of Lent plus ideas for setting up a Synodal Prayer space (home & parish). Continuing our resources for the Year of the Family we offer helpful methods to review the week as a family (on the style Examen). There will be musical suggestions and synodal hymns and of course good conversation!

THURSDAY 27TH JANUARY  
7:30-8:45 PM

To Register email  
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Save the dates!  
24th Feb  
31st March  
28th April  
26th May

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We are lucky to get back to normality however the Covid Virus still exists and we must continue to be cautious for each other, please continue to wear your mask, hand sanitize and stay at home if you are unwell. Thank you



1 February 2022  
Feast of St Brigid,  
Abbess and Secondary  
Patron of Ireland.

St. Brigid, also known as "Mary of the Gael", was an Abbess and Patroness of Ireland. Founder of a monastery in County Kildare, that became a source of inspiration to many more throughout Europe. Born in Dundalk in 450 AD, St Brigid is accredited with first creating the unique cross which bears her name. This cross is normally hand created from rushes however occasionally straw is also used. The distinctive St. Brigid's Cross is thought to keep evil, fire and hunger from the homes in which it is displayed. The saint shares her name with a Celtic goddess. She is patroness of many things, including poetry, learning, healing, protection, blacksmithing, livestock and dairy production. Brigid's feast day on February 1st, was originally a festival called Imbolc, marking the beginning of Spring. From 2023 it will be a public holiday in the Republic of Ireland, the first named after a woman.

2 February 2022

Feast of The Presentation of  
the Lord & World Day for  
Consecrated Life.



February 2nd is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord Jesus in the Temple. It commemorates Simeon's famous prophecy that Jesus would be a "light of revelation to the Gentiles." It is also known as Candlemas since it is the day that candles are blessed for use throughout the Church year. Candles bought in Parish Office will be blessed in time for the procession at Mass. Jesus in time will also echo the words of Simeon and boldly proclaim.

"I am the light of the world" (John 8:12).

February 2 is also World Day for Consecrated Life. An opportunity to recognise the contributions that Consecrated Men and Women make to the Church and Society at large. It was instituted by St Pope John Paul II in 1997. World Day for Consecrated Life is a Day of Prayer for Women and Men in Consecrated Life.

#### Opening Up Welcome Back

You are all welcome to attend mass now in person or if you feel more comfortable via the Webcam. You are also welcome to come up to the Altar to receive Holy Communion, The priest will continue to give Communion to people who would prefer to stay in their seat.



### 3 February Memorial of St Blaise Blessing of Throats at 10am Morning Mass

St Blaise, a fourth century bishop at Sebaste (now the city of Sivas in central Turkey, in what was then the Roman province of Armenia-Cappadocia). During a persecution – probably ordered by Constantine's ally and co-emperor Licinius – he was martyred in 316 AD. People often turned to Saint Blaise for healing miracles. In 316, the governor of Cappadocia of Agricola, arrested then-bishop Blaise for being a Christian. On the way to the jail, a woman presented her only son, who was choking to death on a fish bone, at his feet. Blaise cured the child, and though Agricola was amazed, he could not get Blaise to renounce his faith. So he met his death in Martyrdom.

The Pope's Intentions:  
January 2022

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own right and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



An immensely valuable component of the Catholic school is the partnership between family, parish and school. This is not something that happens without effort. There is a need for Catholic schools to work continuously at connecting strongly with local parishes.

- Archbishop Dermot Farrell



The church door collection for the Arklow Branch of St Vincent De Paul will take place at mass this weekend and the last weekend of every month. Please Support.



#### Árus Lorcáin

Preparations are underway for the re-opening of Árus Lorcáin from the 7th February please contact the parish office (0402)31716 or drop in for booking forms and information. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back.

