

## Celebrate the *Mary* month of May

The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God  
is the heart of a

*Mother*

-St. Therese of Lisieux



### Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>
6.30p.m.	-
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>
8.30 a.m.	Kathleen Dunne
11.30 a.m.	Sheila Barnes
	Kitty O'Connor
	Patrick O'Connor
	Rose Doyle
	Philomena Hickey
7.00 p.m.	-
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> May</b>
10.00 a.m.	-
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> May</b>
8.00 a.m.	-
10.00 a.m.	John Mates
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> May</b>
8.00 a.m.	-
10.00 a.m.	Mathew Thomas
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> May</b>
8.00 a.m.	-
10.00 a.m.	-
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> May</b>
8.00 a.m.	Christopher Ryder
10.00 a.m.	-
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> May</b>
10.00 a.m.	-

### *With Sympathy*

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of  
**Daniel McDonald**  
Griffith Street  
**Adam Smyk**  
Ash Grove, Arklow  
**Fr. Stan Brindley**  
**Fr. Pat Guckian**  
**Philomena Hickey**  
who died recently.  
May they rest in peace.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Join us for some private prayer from your own home each Tuesday, Friday and Sunday from 3 – 4 p.m. via the parish webcam.

**Family Home May Altar-** So many people have told me about the May Altars that decorated the town of Arklow in years gone by. This year maybe we could bring them back. Resource for May Altar on the parish website 'Family Mass Support'. If you create an altar please send a photo to Margaret ppwarklow@gmail.com

*"O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today  
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May."*

Webcam from Parish



Parishioners can participate in Mass via the church radio and parish

**www.arklowparish.ie or www.mcnmedia.tv**

*The church will be closed during Mass times.*

**www.catholicculture.org**

Under Liturgical Year tab *May the Month of Mary* excellent resource.

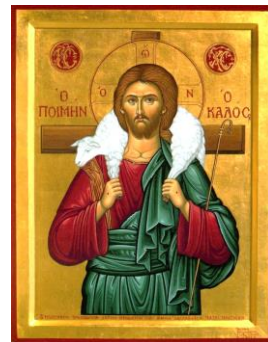


## Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow with St. David's Church, Johnstown - Notices Sunday 3rd May 2020

### The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

#### 'Good Shepherd Sunday'

This is Good Shepherd Sunday, a day of special prayer for vocations to the work of the service in the Church.



#### Day of Prayer for

**Vocations:** The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly celebrate vocations to ordained ministry and religious life in all its forms.

"Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God's call in their lives, to find courage to say "yes" to God, to overcome all weariness through faith in Christ, and to make of their lives a song of praise for God, for their brothers and sisters, and for the whole world. May the Virgin Mary accompany us and intercede for us."

--Pope Francis, World Day of Prayer for Vocations, 2020.

#### Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Faithful for the Month of May 2020



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020  
Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist

*(Text of Pope Francis' prayers are on [www.arklowparish.ie](http://www.arklowparish.ie))*

**Contact us:** We appreciate that this is a difficult time in many ways and we as a parish team will continue to do our best to support all in the parish in any way possible.

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### Pope Francis FIRST PRAYER TO OUR LADY

O Mary,  
You shine continuously on our journey  
as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you,  
Health of the Sick,  
who, at the foot of the cross,  
were united with Jesus' suffering,  
and persevered in your faith.  
"Protectress of the Roman people",  
you know our needs,  
and we know that you will provide,  
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,  
joy and celebration may return  
after this time of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the  
will of the Father  
and to do what Jesus tells us.  
For he took upon himself our suffering,  
and burdened himself with our sorrows  
to bring us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the Resurrection.  
Amen.

We fly to your protection,  
O Holy Mother of God;  
Do not despise our petitions  
in our necessities,  
but deliver us always  
from every danger,  
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

### NOTICES

**As Monday is a Bank Holiday there will be one morning Mass at 10.00 a.m.**

**Thank you** to all parishioners who have returned Easter Dues and Family Offering.



Coronavirus  
COVID-19

**POSTPONED**

Due to the current restrictions, all ceremonies scheduled for the foreseeable future have been postponed. These include First Holy Communions, Confirmations and Baptisms.

These will all take place when it is possible for us to gather together and celebrate these events as a parish community.