Saturday 4th July

10:00 a.m. David D.J. Fitzpatrick6.30p.m. William & Marie Byrne

Sunday 5th July

8.30 a.m.

11.30 a.m. Joan Bradshaw

Liam Barnes Alice Clancy Aileen O'Brien June Lennon

7.00p.m.

Monday 6th July

10.00 a.m.

Tuesday 7th July

10.00 a.m.

Wednesday 8th July

10.00 a.m. Phyllis Kenny R.I.P. Bray

Thursday 9th July

10.00 a.m. Tom & May O'Reilly

Friday 10th July 10.00 a.m. Denis O'Brien Saturday 11th July

10.00 a.m.

6.30 p.m. Jim Russell

With Sympathy

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of **Donal Murray**

Who died recently. Rest in Peace.

Re-opening of

Church Buildings



During the past week Mass was celebrated with members of the public present. All though numbers were restricted, it was wonderful to have a congregation in the church during Mass.

Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow with St. David's Johnstown – Notices for the week beginning Sunday 5th July, 2020

Prior to the re-opening of the church buildings a team of volunteers worked extremely hard to make sure all of the criteria set down by the Archbishop was met. Thank You to all concerned for your commitment and time

Under current Government Guidelines there are restrictions in place for the foreseeable future. Some of these include the maximum numbers allowed the church building at any one time, seating arrangements, specific entrances and exits and of course sanitisation. As the safety and wellbeing of all parishioners visiting the church is paramount, it is extremely important that we maintain high levels of sanitisation and that parishioners are aware of the new arrangements about entering and exiting the church and also while inside. We asked for volunteers to act as stewards and members of the sanitisation team to help with this. Thank you to all who have come on board, it is very much appreciated. We do however need more people to help out. If you can volunteer please contact any member of the Parish Team.

Just a reminder:

Under social distancing of 2 metres we are confined to the following maximum number allowed in the church building at any one time:

ARKLOW: 50 people inside (& 75 outside)
JOHNSTOWN: 50 people inside (& 50 outside)
CASTLETOWN: 30 people inside (& 40 outside)

Please visit www.arklowparish.ie to see the full list of guidelines.



If you would like to register your child for Baptism please contact the parish office. Once the relevant paperwork has been completed a member of the parish team will be in contact with you to arrange a time and date.

(Please note the traditional dates of the 2^{nd} and 4^{th} Sunday of the month are not in operation at the moment).

Welcome Back & Best Wishes to all businesses who are re-opening their doors after the lockdown. Please shop local and support your local businesses.



First Confession | First Holy Communion | Confirmation



How we celebrate the Sacraments this year will be very different to previous years. With the safety of all in mind, the Parish Team are currently preparing to proceed with the Sacraments over the next few months.

Firstly, **First Confession** for children from SS Michael & Peters, the Gaelscoil and Carysfort will take place in the Parochial Gardens on Saturday 11th & Saturday 18th July. For children in Johnstown and Castletown, First Confession will take place on Saturday 25th July.

All parents / guardians should by now have received an email in this regard. If you have not been contacted please email Margaret on **ppwarklow@gmail.com.** (It might be worth checking your email 'spam' folder first).

Due to the large numbers of families and current restrictions, we have had to split the children into groups of 12 and each group has been given a specific time slot which is explained in the email. We would ask that you please be on time as we are working to a tight schedule.

Confirmation: Parents / Guardians of all children who registered for Confirmation will be contacted by a member of the Parish Team over the coming days.

Dates for First Holy Communion & Confirmation will issue as soon as possible.



Parish Office Opening Hours

Monday to Thursday: 10.00 am to 12.00 pm 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm Friday: 10.00 am to 12.00 pm

3.00 pm to 4.30 pm

 ${\it Phones \ and \ Office \ unstaffed \ outside \ of \ these \ hours.}$



The Little Flower of Life Campaign is a powerful and loving way to celebrate the people we love who have gone. A beautiful Flower Card will be placed in the garden of your choice, Wicklow, Blackrock or Harold's Cross Hospice. Please contact Sinéad on 087 0954137 or starmey@olh.ie to receive your lovely Flower Dedication Card, which comes with a stamped addressed envelope. €5 per name. All dedications need to be sent back to the Hospice by the 15 of July. Thank you all so much for your ongoing support of the Wicklow Hospice.



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 the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). 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.