

Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow

with St. David's, Johnstown –

Sunday 6th February 2022

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5th February

St Agatha

10 a.m.

6.30 p.m.

James Keogh

Karl Breen

Breda Cully

Una Copeland

Bessie O'Leary

Elizabeth Byrne

James Kenny

Sunday 6th February

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30 a.m.

Kathleen Hughes

Ann Vickers

11.30 a.m.

Harry Donnelly

Jim Bermingham

Jem & Betty Bermingham

Edward Young

Myra O'Connor

Teresa McDonagh

7.00 p.m.

Monday

7th February

St Mel

10 a.m.

Tuesday

8th February

St Jerome Emiliani

10.00 a.m.

Wednesday

9th February

10.00 a.m.

Thursday

10th February

St Scholastica

10.00 a.m.

Friday

11th February

Our Lady of Lourdes

Gospel Reflection – Sunday 6th February 2022

In Luke 5:1-11, the Gospel writer creatively combines the preaching of Jesus, a miracle and a call story. Luke invites us to recognise our own attraction to Jesus and the Good News. In the context of the Synodal Pathways – certain expressions jump off the page: *the word of God, put out into the deep, do not be afraid.*

We should not be afraid to put out into the deep, both personally and as a community of faith. We pray to the Holy Spirit, that the Christian community may be full of courage as it gathers together on the Synodal Pathway. Synodal Resources are available at: [Synodal Resources | Archdiocese of Dublin \(dublindiocese.ie\)](http://SynodalResources|ArchdioceseofDublin(dublindiocese.ie))



The ANNUAL COLLECTION for ACCORD Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the

Family, will be made at all Masses on the weekend of 12 & 13 February 2022.

ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:

- Marriage Preparation courses – online, small groups.
- Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone.

A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.

ACCORD Dublin needs your support this year more than ever.



Our sincere thanks to all who volunteered as Stewards since the beginning of the Pandemic their Faithful

service has helped us all stay safe. They will remain on as well-comers and will assist anyone who needs assistance, Please cooperate and be thankful to all who help.

As we return to normality newsletters as pre-covid will be on the tables at the porch please take one home.

A thank you to the Cleaners who clean the church, it is a beautiful place to worship God. We thank them for all their generosity with their time. There will be a meeting for all people who clean the church and for those who would like to volunteer on Thursday 10th February at 3pm in the Árus Lorcáin .



Cleanliness is next to Godliness

Important

If you received a letter in the post for CHY3, please sign and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible . Any enquires please call Treasa on (0402)31335



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



Our Lady of Lourdes—11th February

On this day in 1858, Our Lady first appeared to the fourteen year old Bernadette Soubirous. Later Bernadette was to learn that the mysterious lady was the Blessed Virgin and to hear from her lips, 'I am the Immaculate Conception'. In 1992 Pope John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick to be held in the commemoration of Our Lady Of Lourdes .



30th World Day of the Sick 11 February 2022

“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Lk 6:36). Standing beside those who suffer on a path of charity

World Day of the Sick FEBRUARY 11

Jesus our Lord, we ask you to have mercy on all who are sick. Give them your strength and love, and help them carry this cross with faith. May their sufferings be one with yours, overcome the power of evil, and lead others to our Father in heaven. Lord Jesus, hear our prayer, for you are Lord for ever and ever. Amen.



The Priests are available at all times to call on sick people in the Parish and especially seriously ill people.

The Office of Vocations for Priesthood

We invite you to join us in praying for Deacon Joe Keegan who will be ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Dermot Farrell. The Ordination takes place on Sunday, 20th February at 3pm in the Church of the Most Precious Blood, Cabra West, Dublin 7. If you know of anyone interested in finding out more about a vocation to priesthood for the Archdiocese of Dublin, please ask them to contact Fr. Séamus McEntee at vocations@dublindiocese.ie or Fr. Bill O'Shaughnessy at Bill.oshaughnessy@dublindiocese.ie

Pope Francis Intentions for February

For Religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times .



Trócaire would like to thank the Castletown Parish for their generous donation of €75 . A letter of thanks was received from Trócaire.



A sum of money was found on the Church grounds this week please contact the Parish Office (0402) 31716 .

The International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking A light against Trafficking



8th February International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking.

St Josephine Bakhita; 1868-1947, a native of Sudan, brought as a slave to Italy where she became a Christian and later entered the Institute of Canossian Daughters of Charity in Venice. 8th February is International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking, first observed in 2015 and on the Memorial of St Bakhita. Each year, around 2.5 million people are victims of trafficking and slavery. Through the Day of Prayer we reflect on the experience of those who have suffered but also we are called to reach out to victims and survivors

FOUNDATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG ADULTS STARTING APRIL 2022

The Foundational Leadership Programme offers participants a unique opportunity to explore and develop Gospel centred transformational leadership Skills. These skills can be readily applied to the participants own context.

The Foundational Leadership Programme is based mainly in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay. It is uniquely placed to nurture and mission a new generation of faith leaders. Commitment will be one Saturday per month starting in April 2022. Initially it will mix input with blended and in-person learning.

Who can take part?

Most of our graduates from Foundational Leadership Programme have come from a variety of experiences. Some are part of parish groups and sponsored by their parish, others are teachers or young professionals who wish to add to their experience of faith and leadership. Almost all of our graduates have taken their experience of the course and applied it to their lives.

If you would like to take up this challenge, get in touch. This course will also prepare leaders for World Youth Day Lisbon 2023.

Register Here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcYJ6hkfQ1D8-Immdy6meFPI62oNjthJeOnMpSyTiq6prWKw/viewform>

For more information email gerard.gallagher@dublindiocese.ie

With Sympathy

Sympathies are extended to the

family and friends of

Marie Browne

Martin Kavanagh

&

Agnes O'Brien

who died recently. May they rest in peace.

