



Weekly Notices for the Churches of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow and St. David, Johnstown - Sunday 6th November, 2016



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! To the King

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
Give me love in my heart I pray.
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
Keep me serving till the end of the day. R/

Recessional Hymn Here I am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

R/ Here I am Lord, is it I Lord.
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart.

I the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? R/

Mass Intentions

Saturday 6.30 p.m.	5th November Ann Broughan Frank Robinson (Month's Mind) Bill Wolohan (Month's Mind) Sheamy Forde Joseph & Eileen Hickson
sunday 8.30 a.m.	6th November Brendan Kincaid (Month's Mind) also remembering his son Brendan.
11.30 a.m.	Tom Copeland Laurence O'Brien Mary Sharpe Judy Power (Month's Mind)
7.00 p.m.	November Mass for all parishioners deceased during the year.
Monday 8.00 a.m.	7th November Frank Duff Anniversary Lottie Beever (nee Cassell)
10.00 a.m.	
Tuesday 8.00 a.m.	8th November Deceased souls in Purgatory Seán Kelly
10.00 a.m.	
Wednesday 8.00 a.m.	9th November - Sr. Mary Madeline
10.00 a.m.	
Thursday 8.00 a.m.	10th November - Joan Hurley
10.00 a.m.	
Friday 8.00 a.m.	11th November - Lena Kinsella
10.00 a.m.	
Saturday 10.00 a.m.	12th November -

NOTICES

A special **Mass of Remembrance** for all who have passed away in the last year will be held in our church **this Sunday at 7.00p.m.**

Thank you to those who have returned **November Altar List of the Dead** envelopes. All our deceased will be remembered in all the First Friday Masses during the year.

The **Legion of Mary** will recite the Rosary in St. Gabriel's Cemetery each Sunday during the month of November at 3.00p.m.

The **5th Annual Christmas Market and Craft Fair** in aid of Mother Kevin Missions will take place on **Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th November in Árus Lorcáin**. If you are interested in booking a table please contact Anna on 086-0724060.

A Polish Mass will take place in St. Joseph's Church, Templeraíne on Sunday 13th November at 12.30 p.m. All are welcome.

Arklow Community Action Resource Centre are having a fashion show in Árus Lorcáin on Friday 11th November at 8.00p.m. Tickets €10.00. All monies raised on the night go towards the running of the centre.

Friends of Local People with Multiple Sclerosis North Wexford / South Wicklow will have a 'Dine to Help Day' in Eco Restaurant, 50 Main Street, Gorey on Tuesday 8th November from 12 noon to 9p.m. Half of the profit on the day is returned to the group to support to local people with M.S. Phone ECO 053-9421100.

The 7th evening of the Arklow Churches Together **ALPHA COURSE** takes place this **Monday 7th November in St. Saviours Church** from 8.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

 All are welcome - it's not necessary to have attended the other

Are you unemployed and eligible for Community Employment CE?

Arklow Citizens Information Centre (part of Sts. Mary & Peter, Community Employment Scheme) currently have a vacancy for an Information Provider. Training will be provided. To find out more please contact the supervisor at the Parish Office. Tel: 0402-31716 or email office@arklowparish.ie



Year of Mercy

As the Year of Mercy draws to a close we will celebrate this in our parish with a **'Day of Healing and Prayer to the Lord'** on Saturday 19th November, 2016. There will be Adoration and continuous Confession from 10a.m. to 6.00p.m.

House Blessings

Many parishioners love to have their homes blessed. It's a great tradition in Ireland. Accordingly we have set aside 3 days in November (21st, 22nd and 23rd) for this purpose. If you would like to have your house blessed during those days, please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Michael.



Today's Readings

1st Reading: The reading from Maccabees is an abridged version of the account of the martyrdom of a mother and her seven sons. It emphasises both the conviction of the mother and sons to adhere to the tenets of their faith and it alludes to the theme of resurrection. The scene is set during the Jewish revolt against the Seleucid king, Antiochus, and the restoration of the Temple about two hundred years before the birth of Christ.

2nd Reading: These are the first words of the letter from St Paul to a community he helped to found. These are good and kind sentiments; words of encouragement which Paul wants to convey. It is interesting that he mentions 'work' and 'word'. Our Christian faith is not just something to be spoken about, but something lived in the day to day building up of the Body of Christ. The mention of the Lord in the final sentence seems to allude to the Holy Spirit pointing the Thessalonians to the Father and the Son.

Gospel Reading: Sadducees did not believe in resurrection and the Pharisees did. The reading is not necessarily about resurrection but rather the constant barrage that Jesus had to endure in the hopes that these learned men might trick him or trip him up. However, which of us hasn't pondered over questions and conundrums such as these from time to time, especially at the death of people close to us and in particular this time of year. Jesus was well able to settle their argument, but not perhaps in the way the Sadducees would have liked. He explains the resurrection and affirmed our belief in a God, not of the dead but of the living.

Confirmation News

This year we have approximately 200 young people preparing for their Confirmation. We will be including these young people in a special way in a number of our weekend Masses in the coming months. By doing this we hope to show them our support and encouragement as they approach a deeply important religious moment in their lives. We also hope that this will provide parishioners generally with a better understanding of what the young people are learning in their school religious programme.

The first of these Masses will be over the weekend of 19th /20th November. In Arklow, at the 6.30 p.m. Saturday evening Mass, Castletown Church at the 8.00p.m. Saturday evening Mass and in Johnstown at the 10.00 a.m. Sunday Mass and all parishioners are welcome.