



### Gathering Hymn

**Christ is Alive, with Joy we Sing**

Christ is alive, with joy we sing;

We celebrate our risen Lord  
Praising the glory of his name.

R/Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

He is the grain of wheat that died,  
Sown in distress and reaped with joy,

Yielding a harvest of new life. **R/**

He is he vine set in the earth,

Sharing our life, becoming man,

That man might share in God's own life. **R/**

### Recessional Hymn

**How Great Thou Art**

O Lord my God!  
When I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the works thy hands have made.

I see the stars, I hear the rolling  
thunder, thy power throughout the  
universe displayed.

**R/ Then sing my soul, my saviour God  
to thee;**

**How great thou art,**

**How great thou art,**

**Then sing my soul,**

**My saviour God to thee;**

**How great thou art, how great thou  
art!**

When through the woods and forest  
glades, I wander, and hear the birds  
sing sweetly in the trees: When I look  
down, from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle  
breeze: **/R**

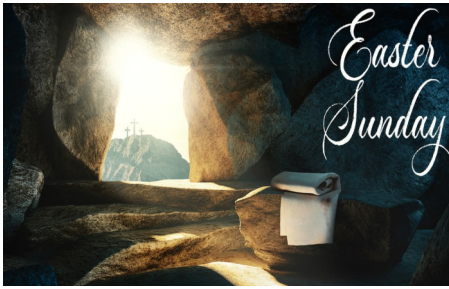
And when I think, that God his Son not  
sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can  
take it in. That on the cross, my  
burden gladly bearing, he bled and  
died, to take away my sin. **R/**

**Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow**

**with St. David's, Johnstown**

**Sunday 9th April 2023**

**Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection**



### Arklow Lourdes Group



If you are interested in joining the Lourdes Group this year on the Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes please leave you name and number in the Parish Office before 30th April . The trip will be for 7 days and the average cost is around €1000. We will contact all those interested with more information at a later

### New Parish Pastoral Council

A new Parish Pastoral Council is due to be formed. We would like to invite members of the Parish who would like to join the Parish Pastoral Council to submit an A4 page giving your opinion to the following topics.

- 1) How you view the Parish at present the strengths and weaknesses.
  - 2) What you would like to see in the Parish over the next 5 years.
- Please return to Fr Pádraig before 21st April

### Avoca Parish Fundraiser

Avoca Parish is holding an Evening of Spring Song, a fundraiser to support the repair fund for the parish churches, Avoca, Templarainey, Barniskey and Ballycoog. It will be held in St Mary's & St Patrick's Church, Avoca, on **Friday, April 21**, at 8pm. Tickets €20.

### The Week Ahead



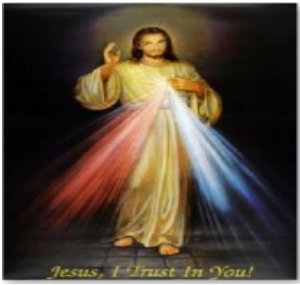
Mass 10am Monday to Saturday.

Weekend Mass 6.30pm Sat Vigil.

Sunday 8.30am, 11.30am & 7pm.

Adoration Holy Hour Tuesday, Friday 5-6pm & Sunday 3 to 5pm.

Rosary daily following 10am Mass.  
Confession 10.30am Saturday Mornings  
Johnstown Mass 10am Sunday  
Castletown Mass 8pm Sat Vigil.



**Sunday 16th April**

### Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Octave of Easter the eighth day of Easter; that is, the Sunday after Easter Sunday. Jesus Christ revealed himself to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. This feast was extended to the entire Catholic Church by Pope John Paul II on April 30th 2000, the day that he canonized Saint Faustina. Christ's Divine Mercy is the love that he has for mankind, despite our sins that separate us from him.

### With Sympathy

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of  
Andrew Fleming  
who died recently may he rest in peace.



**Happy Easter to all parishioners and a warm welcome to all visitors.**

**We would like to sincerely thank everyone who helped out during Holy Week with the preparations for the Celebration of Easter.**

**Thanks to all those who help keep the church & grounds looking so well everyday. To everyone who helped and took part in the ceremonies. These people work all year in the church and we are grateful for them.**

**Happy Easter to Everyone from**

**Fr Pádraig & Fr David**



### Priesthood in a Synodal Church

In life, many hear God's call to priesthood. Is your heart open to the Lord? Have you ever considered taking the risk to follow in the footsteps of Jesus? If so, you are invited to the national seminary, St Patrick's College, Maynooth, on April 25 to attend a **special conference on evangelisation and vocations in Ireland** today. Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro Prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelisation, will be the keynote speaker. Please register directly at [www.vocations.ie](http://www.vocations.ie), or contact the National Vocations director Fr Willie Purcell at [willie.purcell@iecon.ie](mailto:willie.purcell@iecon.ie) or Rev Eric Cooney secretary of the National Vocations Office at [eric.cooney@iecon.ie](mailto:eric.cooney@iecon.ie). The conference is a prelude to the opening of the national **Year of Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood** on Good Shepherd Sunday, April 30, on the theme 'Take the Risk for Christ'. There is no charge for attending but places are limited.



Anam Cara Wicklow, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening on Monday 17th April at 7:15pm in the Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also now offer an online meeting too. Please contact us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

### Easter Prayer

*Lord God, You loved this world so much*

*That you gave your one and only Son,  
that we might be called your Children too.*

*Lord, help us to live in the Gladness and  
grace of Easter Sunday, everyday.*

*Let us have hearts of thankfulness for  
your sacrifice.*

*Let us have eyes that look upon Your  
grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help  
us to walk in that mighty grace and tell  
your good news to the world.*

*All for your glory do we pray Lord*

*Amen*



## LOUGH DERG

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT PILGRIMAGE 2023

DEPART	RETURN
Friday 2nd June 2023 @ 8.00am	Sunday 4th June 2023 @ 2.00pm
Friday 7th July 2023 @ 8.00am	Sunday 9th July 2023 @ 2.00pm
Friday 11th August 2023 @ 8.00am	Sunday 13th August 2023 @ 2.00pm

**Advance Booking Essential** (to secure seat on bus)  
Cost €130 includes coach, boat and stay on island  
Direct Coach departs Parnell Square outside Hugh Lane Municipal Art Gallery at 8.00am sharp.

For full information and booking form contact:  
St. Oliver Plunkett Pilgrimage Office,  
c/o Fitzwilliam, 2nd Floor, Elm House,  
Leopardstown Office Park,  
Sandyford, Dublin 18.  
Tel: 086 385 3027

Ms. Miriam Delaney,  
90 Broadford Crescent,  
Ballinacorney,  
Dublin 16.  
Tel: 01 494 1171

## BINGO

Sts. Mary & Peter's Parish

Every Tuesday night  
Árus Lorcáin, Castlepark

Doors open at 7.45pm  
with play commencing at 8:30pm sharp

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