

**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! O the King!**

Give me peace in my heart,  
Keep me resting,  
Give me peace in my heart I pray,  
Give me peace in my heart,  
keep me resting,  
Keep me resting till the end of day. 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 sings 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/

**Mass Intentions**

<b>Saturday</b> 6.30 p.m.	<b>8th September</b> Sheila, Essie, Bridget & William Breslin Thomas Kinch
<b>Sunday</b> 8.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	<b>9th September</b> Eileen Farrell Jack Bermingham Sheila Copeland Sarah Ryan and her son Mark Thomas (Tom) Byrne Annie Breslin Gary Nicholson William (Billy) Snell & John Snell
7.00 p.m.	
<b>Monday</b> 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	<b>10th September</b> Danny McDonald -
<b>Tuesday</b> 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	<b>11th September</b> - -
<b>Wednesday</b> 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	<b>12th September</b> - -
<b>Thursday</b> 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	<b>13th September</b> - Mamie & William Murphy
<b>Friday</b> 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	<b>14th September</b> - -
<b>Saturday</b> 10.00 a.m.	<b>15th September</b> -
<b>St. David's Johnstown</b>	
<b>Sunday</b> 10.00 a.m.	<b>9th September</b> Seán Murphy

*With Sympathy*

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of  
**Margaret (Peg) BONNER**  
**Sławomir ŻEBROWSKI**  
**Katrina CLARKE**  
**Margaret DOYLE (nee O'Reilly)**  
Who died recently.  
May they rest in peace.



**Date for your Diary**  
**7th October, 2018**

Re-Dedication of Our Lady's Grotto at Arklow Rock which was first opened in 1954. Torch/Candle lit procession will begin from South Beach car park at 6.30p.m. More information later.

**NOTICES**

**CROSSCARE (Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin) Annual Collection for Community and Homeless Services will be at all Masses next weekend 15th/16th September. It will replace the normal SHARE Collection. Inspired by the example and teachings of Jesus Christ, Crosscare has: a Vision of a society where all people have the opportunity to fulfil their potential. A Mission to provide innovation and relevant services to those most in need. Crosscare newsletters are available in all church porches.**

**Communion & Confirmation 2019:** We are currently preparing the Communion and Confirmation programme for 2019. Any child not attending our parish schools but who would like to receive the Sacraments must contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to register their interest.

**Our Day of Reflection for those involved in Parish Ministry** on Saturday 15th September will begin with the celebration of the Eucharist at 10.00 a.m. Michelle Sinnott will be the facilitator on the day. All places are now full so regrettably we cannot accept any more bookings. We look forward to seeing you on the 15th.

**Co. Wicklow Citizens Information Service** is seeking volunteers to provide information to the community on topics like social welfare entitlements, medical cards, consumer affairs and employment rights. For more information contact Martina on 087 617 2802 or Tel 0761 07 6780. Email: martina.cronin@citinfo.ie

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings**

**First Reading – Isaiah 35:4-7**

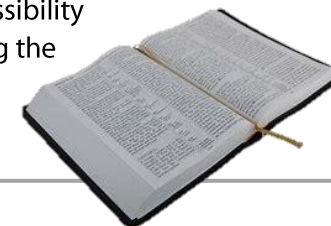
Imagine for a moment: what is God's vision for you? What, do you think God wants for you and for you to do? Isaiah presents God's vision of a different world where there is no predator or prey, no fear or hatred. It's not so much a goal to be achieved as a guide by which to set a course. The 'heart' of repentance is to turn around, take another direction, choose another course because we have become aware our actions are out of step with God's desire for peace and justice between all God's creation.

**Second Reading – James 2:1-5**

Who will you serve? What constitutes greatness? If my temptation is to see the value of another person according to their status or achievements, God sees only the person and their heart. The culture within which we live may suggest we must be free, on our own terms and at any cost; Christian discipleship invites us to find our freedom and our true self through service to others. The gospel of Jesus Christ runs contrary to our natural tendency to think about power, leadership and life according to the terms of the world.

**Gospel Reading – Mark 7:31-37**

Ephphatha! Be opened! May our ears be opened to hear good news, our tongues to speak justice and truth, and our hearts and lives be opened to live the fullness of relationship with God and with others. Lord, help me be aware of the closed parts of me that need to 'be opened' to new possibility for building relationships and accepting the new life you offer.  
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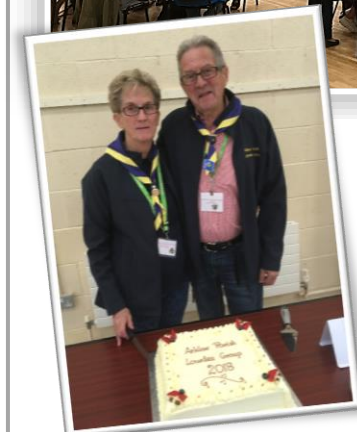
**POSITIVE AGEING WEEK 2018**  
**SEP 28<sup>TH</sup> TO OCT 15<sup>TH</sup>**



Sep 28<sup>th</sup> - Official Opening in the Library at 2 p.m.  
Sep 29<sup>th</sup> – Bingo in Arus Lorcáin at 8.30p.m.  
October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friendship Centre Night at 8p.m.



to the Arklow Parish Lourdes Group who have set off on their annual Pilgrimage.



Thank you to Dermot and Bridget Greene who have organised the Pilgrimage for the past 20 years.