



Re-opening of Church buildings in Arklow, Johnstown & Castletown

Under current Government guidelines Masses with members of the public present will commence on 29th June 2020, provided we have met the criteria set down by the Archbishop for the safety of all concerned. The following important points are highlighted.

Under current social distancing of 2 meters we are confined to the following MAXIMUM numbers allowed in the church building at any one time:

- ARKLOW CHURCH – 50 PEOPLE INSIDE (AND 75 OUTSIDE)**
- JOHNSTOWN CHURCH – 50 PEOPLE INSIDE (AND 50 OUTSIDE)**
- CASTLETOWN CHURCH – 30 PEOPLE INSIDE (AND 40 OUTSIDE)**

Please come to Mass early to assist with seating arrangements. If you are already inside the church and are requested to vacate your place for an older person please do not be offended.

- ✚ The Archbishop has removed the Sunday Mass obligation and encourages people if they can to attend the weekday Masses. We invite parishioners over 60 years of age or retired from work to attend a weekday Mass to free spaces in the church at weekends for those who wish to get to Mass and who are in employment.
- ✚ Entrance and Exit to the church will be by separate clearly marked doors. Parishioners will be expected to sanitise their hands as is current practice and to follow the instructions of the stewards at all times. The wearing of face coverings is optional.
- ✚ Each seating space will be clearly marked. Families may sit together but there must be 2 meters between your family and the next parishioner. Please remain in your seats during Holy Communion and Communion will be brought to you in your seat. A Eucharistic Minister will also distribute Communion to any parishioners gathered outside.
- ✚ No basket or bag collections will take place. Instead there will be collection boxes at the entrances and the exits to the church. Please place your donations directly in the box.
- ✚ Mass leaflets are for single use only, please take it home with you.
- ✚ Outdoor toilets will be open again during Mass. Please leave them fit for purpose for the next user by sanitising after use. Please dispose of the wipes in the bins provided.
- ✚ We need a large number of extra volunteers to ensure the safe conduct of our liturgies and the thorough cleaning of our church after each Mass. Please contact any of the priests or parish personnel to volunteer.
- ✚ If you are feeling unwell in any way there is no obligation on you to come to Mass. Please do not come to the church until you have recovered fully.
- ✚ All of these safety measures come with a cost. We will have to find extra money to clean the church thoroughly every week, to provide safety signs and safety equipment such as sanitiser liquid, gloves, wipes and if necessary face masks. If you have not yet signed up for the family offering envelope collection please contact Fiadhnaít in the Parish Office (secretary@arklowparish.ie)

It is planned to re-open St. David's Johnstown and St. Patrick's Castletown over the weekend of 4th/5th July 2020



From Monday 29th June the Parish Office in Árus Lorcáin, will open on a phased basis.

Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	10am – 12pm	3 pm to 5pm
Tuesday	10am – 12pm	3 pm to 5pm
Wednesday	10am – 12pm	3 pm to 5pm
Thursday	10am – 12pm	3 pm to 5pm
Friday	10am – 12pm	3 pm to 4.30pm

Please contact us during these times and we will be happy to help you. The office and phones will not be staffed outside of these hours.

The Parish Centre, Árus Lorcáin will remain closed for outside groups until it is fully re-opened, however there will be restricted access to the parish office during the above times.

We encourage parishioners to contact us firstly by phone or email and then if necessary, come to the parish office. Only 3 people will be admitted at any one time.

Telephone: 0402-31716
Email: office@arklowparish.ie

Thank You!



The Summer schedule of Masses for July & August will operate from Monday 6th July with one daily Mass at 10.00 a.m.

Mass will be celebrated in St. David's Johnstown each Wednesday morning at 10.00 a.m. beginning 8th July.



The Annual Blessing of Graves in St. Gabriel's Cemetery which traditionally takes place on the first Friday of July has been postponed until later in the Summer when hopefully it will be possible for us to all join together for this special occasion.

To participate in Mass via the parish webcam visit:
www.arklowparish.ie or www.mcnmedia.tv

Webcam from Parish

Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter,
Arklow with St. David's
Johnstown – 28th June 2020

Mass Intentions

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| Saturday
6.30p.m. | 27th June
John & Mary King
Mai McElheron
Peg McLoughlin |
| Sunday
8.30 a.m.
11.30 a.m. | 28th June
Seamus O'Boyle
Patricia (Pat) Reddy
Margaret Devery
Kathleen Kilbride
Billy Kilbride
William Kilbride
Owen Kenny
Peter Kenny |
| Monday
8.00 a.m.
10.00 a.m. | 29th June
Patricia (Pat) Reddy
Richard Molloy
Annie Molloy |
| Tuesday
8.00 a.m. & 10.00 a.m. | 30th June
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| Wednesday
8.00 a.m.
10.00 a.m. | 1st July
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Sarah Brauders |
| Thursday
8.00 a.m. & 10.00 a.m. | 2nd July
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| Friday
8.00 a.m. & 10.00 a.m. | 3rd July
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| Saturday
10.00 a.m. | 4th July
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With Sympathy

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of
Frank Bourne
Kathleen Williams-Callan
Margaret Devery
Peg McLoughlin
who died recently. Rest in peace.



For any elderly or vulnerable in our parish who are not ready to come to Mass just yet but would like to receive Holy Communion please ring the Parish Office to arrange for a suitable time for Communion to be brought to you.