

Mass Intentions

- Saturday 11th September**
 10.00 a.m. Michael Gaffney (Anniv)
 6.30 p.m. Peter Kinsella (1st Anniv) & Baby Emily Fisher
 Ellen Gilbert (1st Anniversary)
 Ailish & Paddy Byrne (Anniv)
 Breslin Family – Sheila, Essie, Bridget & William
 Thomas Kinch (Anniv)
- Sunday 12th September**
 8.30 a.m. Andrew Loughlin (Anniv)
 Tom & Jenny Byrne & Daughter Marie O’Toole
 Eileen & Pat Farrell & Son Anthony Farrell
 11.30 a.m. Catherine & John Murray (Anniv)
 Michael Proctor (Anniv)
- Friday 17th September**
 10.00 a.m. Kathleen Ashton (Anniv)

Tuesday 14th September marks the **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**. The discovery of the True Cross is dated to 14th September 320. On 13th September 335, the churches on Calvary were dedicated and the cross that St. Helena discovered was venerated there the next day.

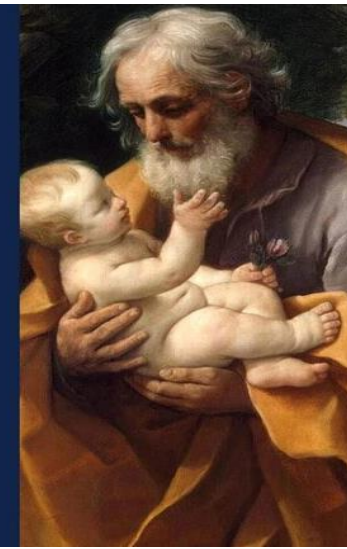


Wednesday 15th September is the **Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows**. “At the foot of the Cross, the prophecy of Simeon is fulfilled: the mother’s heart is pierced through (Lk 2:35) by the torment inflicted on the Innocent One born of her flesh. In the liturgical sequence of this Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, Mary is honoured with the title of “fount of love” like every mother, and better than every mother, Mary is the teacher of love...” Pope Benedict XV

Pope Francis declares

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021



SACRAMENTS ARE PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH
 Sacraments are not just private events concerning individuals. Yes! they concern individual people but they are always expressions of the parish faith community. There is no such thing as a “private” Baptism. Baptism is the welcoming of a new Christian into the parish community. There is no such thing as a “private” Mass. Mass is always a community expression of faith. There is no such thing as a “private” funeral. A funeral always involves the loss of a member of the parish community which mourns their loss. The family may wish to have their house private for different reasons but the funeral Mass is where the parish community commends the deceased to God. Sometimes people attending a funeral leave before the final prayers for the dead person. What message does that give? That their schedule doesn’t allow them to give the deceased the respect of staying until their remains have left the church. How we treat the dead says a lot about how we treat the living.



From 5th August Baptisms may proceed. However, they must follow all protective measures and social gatherings afterwards should be avoided.

Please contact Siobhán on (0402) 31716 or email secretary@arklowparish.ie To book a baptism

LEGION OF MARY 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the Legion of Mary, founded in Ireland on the 7th September 1921. We are very lucky to have a group of the Legion of Mary in our Parish, they are available to do any type of pastoral work to help build up the Parish. The members of the Legion of Mary attend a weekly meeting lasting ninety minutes and they give an account of their work at this meeting. The Legion of Mary are the presence of Our Lady wherever they are based. If you have devotion to Our Lady and wish to take part in building up our Parish, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Fr. O’Cochláin or the Parish office.



Archbishop Dermot Farrell, gave this homily on Friday 3rd September, for the Centenary of the Legion of Mary in the Church of Saint Nicholas of Myra, Francis Street, Dublin.

I am delighted to celebrate this Mass to mark the centenary of the foundation of the Legion of Mary, here in Dublin, by Frank Duff. Little was it realised at the time that the small group that he founded would spread its wings all over the world. The Legion of Mary grew out of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Frank Duff saw the need within the need. His vision was to offer concrete ways for Catholic lay people to live out the gospel of Jesus, its call and its mission in the contemporary world, supported by prayer, friendship, trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit, under the patronage and protection of the Mary, who herself had been so open to the message of the angel, that Word who took flesh in her. Of course, Frank Duff saw that this could not happen in a vacuum. Consequently, the purpose of the Legion of Mary is twofold: the spiritual growth and development of its members, and the witness to and service of the kingdom of God.

Mass Intentions

If you would like to book a mass intention, please call the Parish Office on (0402) 31716 or Email: office@arklowparish.ie Mass Cards are also available to purchase in the Parish Office. Note: If you wish for your mass intention to appear in the weekly newsletter please ensure you have booked the mass before **10am on Friday**.

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

Liturgical Calendar September

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| Sunday 12 th | Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| Monday 13 th | St. John Chrysostom | |
| Tuesday 14 th | Exaltation of the Holy Cross | |
| Wednesday 15 th | Our Lady of Sorrows | |
| Thursday 16 th | St. Cornelius | |
| Friday 17 th | St. Robert Bellarmine | |
| Saturday 18 th | Blessed Virgin Mary | |

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 & Sunday 3 to 4 pm.
 Rosary daily following 10am Mass



Our prayers and sympathy are offered to the family and friends of
Martin Tunney
Fr. Oliver Crotty
Michael Luckie
Roy Nuzum
Edward (Eddie) O’Toole
Mairead Kelly
 Who died recently
 May they rest in peace.

Webcam from Parish



The Season of Creation, is marked throughout the Christian world from 1st September to 4th October the Feast of

Saint Francis of Assisi and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. Pope Francis established 1st September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The theme for the Season of Creation 2021 is ‘Restoring Our Common Home’. During this season we are asked to join together to celebrate creation and protect our common home (our world) through prayer, reflection and action. The global Christian family is called to awaken to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and with each other and to encourage our parish communities to do the same. Pope Francis will attend the **United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow in November**. Scotland's Bishops confirmed the Pope's presence among other world leaders in a statement on their website.