

In regard to the easing of restrictions on religious services from Monday May 10th the Department of an Taoiseach has clarified a number of issues:

Pods of 50

Where the size of the premises/Place of Worship allows for a **capacity of greater than 50** this may be permitted only where:

- social distancing guidelines are adhered to
- the premises can be subdivided into distinct sections (cordoned or marked appropriately) of not more than 50 persons in each section
- there is a minimum of 4 metres between sections
- each section having its own entrance/exit route
- there are separate arrangements for elements of the service involving close contact, for example the distribution of Holy Communion
- strictly no movement of people between sections before, during or after the service
- the premises are well-ventilated

Funerals

There is an increased risk of transmission of the virus where families and communities come together following the death of a loved one.

Therefore, numbers at funeral services (and Weddings) is **capped at 50 regardless of size of premises**.

Notwithstanding the increase in numbers permitted, funerals are still considered **private family events** and all notices in newspapers or on-line should be clear about this.

Funeral services should continue to be live-streamed to help reduce numbers attending.

Attendance at wakes in private homes and at Funeral Homes remains unchanged i.e. immediate family only and people should be discouraged from queuing to pay respects.

Singing

As with previous reopening for religious service congregational singing and choir singing is not permitted.

Solo singing with accompanist is permitted subject to compliance with detailed guidance contained in [HSE Covid-19 Guidance for Religious Services](#).

Outdoor Worship is not permitted in line with Government restrictions on organised outdoor gatherings.

Drive-in Religious Services may take place outside places of worship (e.g. church carpark) where all attendees remain in their vehicles and no sharing of vehicle outside of family unit. If your parish is considering this option, the utmost respect for the distribution of the Eucharist is essential.

Use of Religious premises for any other purposes/parochial activities/community meetings etc. is not permitted in line with Government restrictions on organised indoor gatherings.

I hope this advice is of assistance,

Kind regards,

+Dermot Farrell
Archbishop of Dublin

Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow with St. David, Johnstown – Sunday 9th May 2021

Mass Schedule

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| Saturday 6.30 p.m. | 8th May Kathleen O'Connell (Months mind) Liam Ryan (anniv) Christopher Ryder (anniv) |
| Sunday 11.30 a.m. | 9th May Dermot Byrne (anniv) Maureen Holly (anniv) Kitty O'Connor (anniv) Mary & John Hagan (anniv) Thomas O'Leary (anniv) |
| Monday 10.00 a.m. | 10th May Special Intention James Hempenstall (anniv) |
| Tuesday 10.00 a.m. | 11th May |
| Wednesday 10.00 a.m. | 12th May Conor Brauders Doyle (2 nd Anniv) |
| Thursday 10.00 a.m. | 13th May Our Lady of Fatima |
| Friday 10.00a.m. | 14th May St Matthias Apostle Betty Ebbitt |



Mass:

Monday to Friday 10am

Saturday 6.30pm Vigil

Sunday 8.30am, 11.30 & 7pm

Sunday (Johnstown) 10am

Adoration Holy Hour 3-4pm

Tuesday, Friday & Sunday.

Rosary daily after 10am Mass

Thought at the End of the Day

Wednesday @ 8pm.



Pope Francis launched a month long, global recitation of the rosary, pleading for Mary's intercession for the end of the COVID-19 pandemic. "At the beginning of the month dedicated to Our Lady, we join in prayer with all the shrines around the world, the faithful and all people of good will to entrust to our holy mother all of humanity so harshly tried by this pandemic," the Holy Father said opening the marathon of prayer.



Parents of children receiving Sacraments for last year 2020 and 2021 please **REGISTER YOUR CHILD NOW** online. It is necessary to do this as we will need to contact families outside of the school term.



Árus Lorcáin /Parish Office

While Árus Lorcáin The Parish Pastoral Centre Remains Closed The Parish Office is Open for all general Enquiries via email or phone call. To make any enquiry contact Siobhán the Secretary at 0402 31716 or email secretary@arklowparish.ie

We look forward to hearing from you.



Thought at the end of the day

This is the Prayer of St Augustine with which Fr David concludes each Wednesday.

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give Your angels and saints charge over those who sleep.

Tend Your sick ones, O Lord.

Rest Your weary ones.

Bless Your dying ones.

Soothe Your suffering ones.

Pity Your afflicted ones.

Shield Your joyous ones, and all for Your love's sake. Amen.