



**Saturday 3rd January**  
**6.30pm**

Annie, John & Peter  
McCarthy (Anniv)  
John Doyle (Anniv)

**Sunday 4th January**  
Roisin Elliott (Anniv)

Elizabeth & Gerard Tallon &  
their Sons Jim, Fintan &  
Desmond

**Monday 5th January**  
**10am**

Eileen Kane (Anniv)

**Tuesday 6th January**  
**10am**

Rose Grehan (3rd Anniv)



**St David's  
Johnstown**

***Eucharistic Adoration***

***St David's Church,  
Johnstown***

***Monday 11am to 6pm***

**Sunday 18th January**

Week of Prayer for Christian  
Unity

Catholic School Week Begins



Liturgical Calendar January	
Monday 5th	St Charles of St Andrew
Tuesday 6th	The Epiphany of the Lord
Wed 7th	St Raymond of Penyafort

**Epiphany of the Lord  
Monday 6th January**

'The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his Baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast of Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation'.

Thanks to all who have returned their Christmas Dues.  
Christmas dues envelopes are available in the Church.

***Planning your  
Wedding***



It is important to give three months notice of your intention to marry it is common practice for a couple to book the church a long time in advance. So it is important to contact the Parish Office to make sure the Church and Priest is available on the day you require.

**Church Requirements:** Church Law requires three months notice of your intention to marry. It is strongly recommended that couples preparing for marriage complete a pre-marriage course. Courses are run by Accord the Catholic Marriage Advisory Centre for the Diocese Tel 01 4780866 or [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

**Civil Requirements:** When the couple have chosen the date, Church and Priest for their marriage (and confirmed these matters with the relevant Priest) they will then need to make an appointment to meet with any Civil Registrar in person to give notice of their intention to marry. This meeting with the Registrar must take place at least three months before the wedding in order to comply with the civil Requirements. To Book a Wedding in Arklow, Johnstown and Castletown Church please call Siobhan in the Parish office on (085) 2534718 or email [siobhan.murphy@arklowparish.ie](mailto:siobhan.murphy@arklowparish.ie)

***Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow  
with St David's Johnstown  
Second Sunday of Christmas  
4th January 2026***

**What is Family Offering?**

Family Offering Donations are the core source of Income for the Parish, and they are a separate and different offering to those collected during Mass.

**Why are Family Offerings so important?**

Family Offering Donations support the work that the Parish do. They allow the Parish to function effectively, and continue to provide ministries and services to the community.

**What are Family Offering donations used for?**

Parish Family Offerings are the primary source of income for the Parish used to cover the day to day operational costs of the Church. The regular family offering contribution covers costs such as light and heat, Insurance, maintenance of the Church and liturgical supplies.

It is important to note that the Family Offering Donation **stays within the Parish**. They do not get passed on to the Dioceses for distribution among other Parishes.

**How can I Contribute?**

If you do not already contribute to the weekly family Offering and would like to do so we suggest you contact Treasa Walker in the Parish Office for further information.

Contributions can be made in various ways:

- Weekly Offering envelopes supplied by the parish
- Standing Orders from your bank account
- Or online through the donate button on our website

If you contributed in the past and no longer receive family offering envelopes but would like to please contact Treasa Walker 0402-31335 or [treasa.walker@arklowparish.ie](mailto:treasa.walker@arklowparish.ie)

There are still a small number of offering boxes to be collected in the Parish Office if you have not already done so.

**The Parish Family Offering is a vital way for Parishioners to show their commitment to our Parish and how it works.**

**The Pope's Intentions  
January 2026**

For prayer with the Word of God  
Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

**Parish Office  
will reopen  
Monday  
5th January 9am.**

**Gathering Hymn  
City of God**

Awake from your slumber! arise from your sleep!  
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.  
The people in darkness have seen a great light.  
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

**R/Let us build the city of God.  
May our tears be turned into dancing  
For the Lord, our light and our love,  
has turned the night into day!**

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.  
The One who has loved us has brightened our way.  
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be a light for his people to set their hearts free.

**Recession Hymn  
Seek Ye First the Kingdom  
of God**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
And his righteousness,  
And all these things will be Added unto you;  
**R/ Allele Alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,  
Allele, alleluia.**

Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
Seek and you shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,  
**Allelu, Alleluia R/**