


**Saturday 28th November 6.30pm**

Brendan Canavan (Anniv)

Eileen Smyth (Anniv)

**Sunday 29th November 11.30am**

John Barnes (Month's Mind)

Callaghan McCarthy (Month's Mind)

Liam Larkin (1st Anniv)

Patrick Kelly (2nd Anniv)

Tommy Rowlands (3rd Anniv)

John & Gerti Corr (20th Anniv)

**(Anniv)**

Alec Ebbitt

Stephen Lane

Ben & Kitty Coburn

Des & Marie Mann

William Byrne

Michael & James Sheehan

Ann Holt

**Castletown**

**Saturday 28th November 5pm**

Anthony McGuire (3rd Anniv)

Sean McGuire (4th Anniv)

## *With Sympathy*

Sympathies are extended to the

family and friends

Fr Eugene McCarney

Michael (Mikey) McDonald

Mary O'Rafferty

May they rest in peace.

**December Dates for the Diary**

**29th November**

First Sunday of Advent

**Thursday 3rd November**

Lír presents Carols by Candlelight 8pm Sts Mary & Peter Church Arklow

**Sunday 6th December**

Second Sunday of Advent

Chat N Cha after 11.30am Mass

Polish Mass 5.30pm

**Tuesday 8th December**

***The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

***Mass times Arklow***

Tuesday 8th

10am & 7pm with Blessing of the outdoor Crib and switching on of Lights.

**Mass times Johnstown**

Tuesday 8th December 10am

**Mass times Castletown**

Monday 7th December 5pm

**Saturday 12th December**

Family Mass Arklow 6.30pm

**Sunday 13th December**

Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday

Family Mass 10am St David's Johnstown

**Wednesday 16th December**

Ss Michael & Peter Junior School Carol Service 11.30am

**Friday 18th December**

St John's Senior School Carol Service 1.15pm

**Sunday 20th December**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Annual Christmas Carol Service 3pm

**Monday 21st December**

St Mary's College Carol Service 2pm

**Thursday 24th December**

**Christmas Eve**

Mass 5pm St Patrick's Castletown

Arklow

Mass 5pm, 7pm & 9pm

**Friday 25th December**

**Christmas Day**

Arklow Mass time

Mass 8.30am & 11.30am

Polish Mass 10am

Mass 10am St David's Johnstown

**Saturday 26th December (normal Mass times)**

Arklow

Mass 10am & 6.30pm

St Patrick's Castletown

Mass 5pm

**Sunday 27th December**

The Holy Family

Arklow Mass

Mass 8.30am & 11.30am

St David's Johnstown

Mass 10am

*Mass Monday 28th December to Friday 1st January 10am Mass.*

***Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow***

***with David's Johnstown***

***First Sunday of Advent***

***29th November 2026***

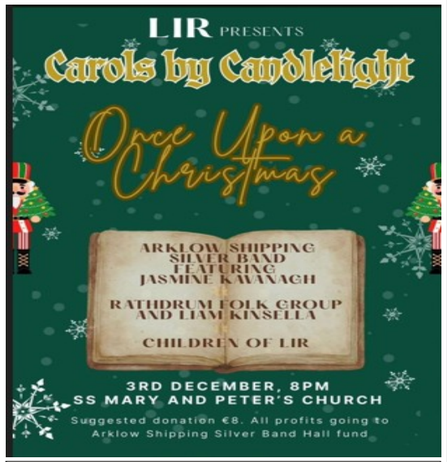
The God who comes is a loving Father; we are the work of his hands. Our hope in Christ will strengthen us to await, steady and without blame, the day of his coming. We are warned against complacency, taking God's gifts for granted. Our God is watching over us, he is the loving father, the good shepherd, the faithful one.

First Sunday of Advent, Today we bless the Advent Wreath

**The Advent Wreath**

The Advent wreath tradition involves four candles around the ever-green wreath. A new candle is lit on each of the four Sundays before Christmas. Each candle represents something different, the first, second and fourth candles are purple; the third candle is rose-coloured. The first candle symbolizes **hope** and is called the "Prophet's Candle" The prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the Messiah's arrival.




## Liturgical Calendar November / December

*Mon 30th St Andrew*

*Thurs 3rd St Francis Xavier*

*Fri 4th St John Damascene*

Castletown Community & Parish are holding a Christmas Coffee Morning in the Golden Anchor Sunday 29th November 10am to 12noon €5 per person. Everyone is welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul will start their Christmas door to door collection next week.

On the weekend of Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th of December there will be a collection at all Masses for St. Vincent de Paul which replaces the normal Share Collection. Please support.

**Gathering Hymn**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

To free your captive Israel,

That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appears. Rejoice, Rejoice O Israel, To you shall come Emmanuel, O come great daystar, radiance bright,

And heal us with your glorious light, Disperse the gloomy clouds of night. And death's dark shadows put to fight.

Rejoice, Rejoice, O Israel,

To you shall come Emmanuel.

**Recessional Hymn**

When creation was begun,

God had chosen you to be,

Mother of his blessed son,

Holy Mary full of grace.

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

When Creation was restored

You were there beside the Lord, Whom you cherished and adored Holy Mary full of grace.

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

Lead us to your child above

He will teach us how to love

How to pity and forgive

Holy Mary full of grace.

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

Christmas Timetable and Christmas dues envelopes are available in the Church. We also have complimentary advent booklets available in the Church please take one home.