

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.



**Crinniú will perform
 Carols by Candlelight
 Friday 9th December at 8pm**

Parish of Ss. Mary & Peter, Arklow
with St. David's, Johnstown
Sunday 4th December 2022
Second Sunday of Advent



This is the Second Sunday of Advent today we are delighted to welcome Reverend Canon Arthur Barrett, Rector of Arklow who will light our second candle on the Advent wreath and greet us on behalf of the Church of Ireland, Methodist and Presbyterian communities. Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

The second candle represents faith and is called "Bethlehem's Candle" Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem which is also the birthplace of King David.

Mass Intentions

**Saturday 3rd December
 6.30pm**

Alice McElheron (Months Mind)
 Brendan Mates
 John Sweeney
 Patrick (Paddy) Kelly
 Joseph Doran
 Stephen Lane

**Sunday 4th December
 11.30am**

Hazel & Billy Ebbitt
 Maureen Leahy
 Tony & Mary Hickey

With Sympathy

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of
Alan Patrick Toal BL
Bishop Martin Drennan
Fr Micheál Hastings
Sr Pascal (Brigid) O'Sullivan
&
Aidan McGarrigle
who died recently may they rest in peace.

Liturgical Calendar



Tues 6th Dec St Nicholas
 Wed 7th Dec St Ambrose
 Thurs 8th Dec The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Fri 9th Dec St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

**Thursday 8th December -
 The Immaculate Conception of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary.**

We celebrate Mary who, from the first instant of her existence in the womb of her mother Anne, was 'by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved free from all stain of original sin'.

Mass times Thursday 8th December

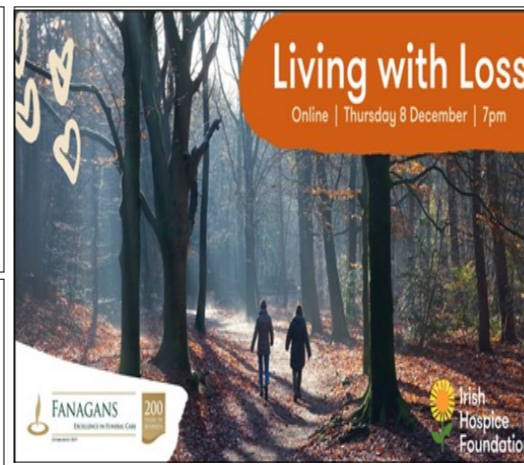
Arklow 10am and 7pm
 (With Blessing of the outdoor Crib)
 Johnstown Mass 7pm
 (With Blessing of the Crib)
 Castletown Mass 8pm
 (Wednesday 7th Vigil Mass)



**Saint Vincent De Paul -
 Christmas Appeal:**

The annual St Vincent De Paul Collection will take place at all Masses next weekend Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th December replacing the Share collection. Your continued support is much appreciated.

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



As part of our bereavement support function at Irish Hospice Foundation we are arranging our annual event for the public entitled 'Living with Loss'. This event is free to attend, but registration is required using the following link:

[Living with Loss Tickets, Thu 8 Dec 2022 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/living-with-loss-tickets-2022-12-08) This public event aims to provide information about grief and the range of supports available to bereaved people.

Volunteers from the Wicklow Hospice will be in Bridgewater Shopping Centre from 26th November to 11th December selling Christmas cards, wrapping paper, gifts and decorations. The Stall, which is situated just outside of Dunnes Stores in the main mall, will be available from 10.30am to 4.30pm every day.



**Thursday 8th December
 Mass @ 7pm**

followed by the
**Blessing
 of the Crib**



Please note there is no 10am Mass on this day.

Enjoy a hot chocolate or mulled wine

**SS Michael and Peter Junior School,
 Arklow, Co. Wicklow**



Parents seeking to enrol their child in SS Michael and Peter Junior School for September 2023 should submit a completed application form to the school. The period for submitting applications runs from the 22nd November to 20th December 2022.

The Application Form is available to download from the school's website. Parents can also request an application form by calling to the office, emailing office@ssmichaelandpeter.ie or by phoning 0402-39861.

All details regarding the application process can be accessed on the school's website at www.ssmichaelandpeter.ie under the 'Enrolment' heading.

**Mass in Polish Language
 Sunday 4th December 10am
 Christmas Day 10am**

The Mass in the Polish language will take place on Sunday 04/12/22 at 10am. All welcome.



Msza w języku polskim odbędzie się 04/12/22 o godzinie 10.00. Serdecznie zapraszamy. Po mszy zapraszamy wszystkich na kawę, herbatę i ciastko.

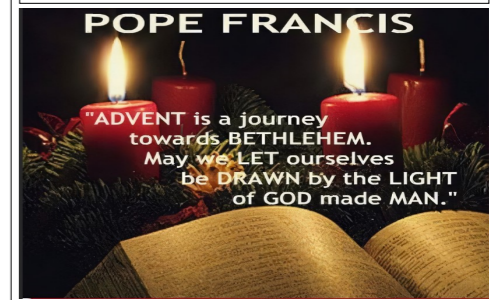


**Arklow Cancer Support
 Ecumenical Service
 St Saviours, Church
 Wednesday 7th December at 8pm
<https://churchmedia.tv/saint-saviours-church-coi>
 Refreshments will be served afterwards
 All are welcome**



Organ Restoration Fundraiser

We Thank you all for your generous donations to our Organ Restoration Fundraiser. We thank everyone who has donated in the last week. A lovely Christmas Gift would be to donate a pipe as a present to their loved ones.



**The Pope's Intentions - December
 For Volunteer not-for-profit organisations**

We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

**PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD
 Advent**

Advent Newsletter available on the Altar Rails please take one home.