



Saturday 9th December 6.30pm

Michael Barnes (1st Anniv)
Patrick Kelly (2nd Anniv)
Theo Hickson (Anniv)
Michael & Lily Penston (Anniv)

Sunday 10th December

11.30am

Betty Condren (Month's mind)
Patrick & Elizabeth Thompson (Anniv)
Paddy & Rose Thompson (Anniv)
Michael, Bernadette, Tomás & Arthur Halpin (Anniv)
Oonagh Tyrrell (Anniv)
Margaret Doyle (Anniv)
Brendan Mates (Anniv)
Peter Cassell (Anniv)
Michael Kavanagh (Anniv)
Edward Forde (Anniv)

7pm

Fred Ryan (Anniv)

Tuesday 12th December 10am

Eleanor Lee (Anniv)

Castletown

8pm 9th December

Patrick Brennan (Anniv)
Kathleen & Michael Kinsella (Anniv)

Johnstown

10am 10th December

Bridie Cox (1st Anniv)
Joe Gardiner (Anniv)

With Sympathy

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends

Marie Weadick
rest in peace

**Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow
with St David's Johnstown
10th December 2023
Second Sunday Advent**

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



Liturgical Calendar December



Monday 11th St Damasus I
Tuesday 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe
St Finnian
Wednesday 13th St Lucy
Thursday 14th St John of the Cross

Wednesday 13th December

To Celebrate St Lucy we will invite you to call into the Church to light a candle and say a prayer
Prayer to St Lucy

Saint Lucy, whose beautiful name signifies light, by the light of faith which God bestowed upon you increase and preserve His light in my soul so that I may avoid evil and be zealous in the performance of good works, and abhor the blindness and the darkness of evil and sin, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen

We encourage the families of sick people in the Parish to contact the Parish Office (0402) 31716 to arrange to have the Priest call to their home with the Sacrament of the Sick.

The Mother Kevin Committee would like to thank everyone who came along to our recent Christmas Market and Craft Fair in Árus Lorcáin.



Thanks to all the stall holders, volunteers and anyone who helped in any way. A very special thanks to Breda Smyth for her generous donation of mince pies and cupcakes and Pettitts Supervalu for their lovely fresh cream cakes for our tea room. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated

Parish office Árus Lorcáin will close one Friday 15th December at 12.00pm. Reopens Monday 18th December at 9am.

The Parish Office is now stocked with Christmas Cards, We also have lovely Christmas Candles, Grave Candles, Ornaments and small gift ideas for Christmas. Call in to have a look.

Parish Notices

Saturday & Sunday 9th & 10th December

St Vincent de Paul will replace Share at all weekend Masses.

Thursday 14th December

Suantraí Concert 7.30pm

Friday 15th December

Parish Office Closes at 12pm

Sunday 17th December

Christmas Carol Service 4pm

Monday 18th December

St John's Senior School
Carol Service 1.30pm

Reconciliation Service Wicklow
7.30pm

Tuesday 19th December

St Michael & Peter's
Carol Service 11.30am

Reconciliation Service
Rathdrum 7.30pm

Wednesday 20th December

Reconciliation Service
Arklow 7.30pm

Thursday 21st December

St Mary's College Arklow
Carol Service 2pm

Coolgreany National School
Carol Service 7pm Johnstown
Church



All Mass bookings for over Christmas period must be made in the Parish Office before Monday 18th December by dropping in or calling (0402) 31716 or emailing office@arklowparish.ie

Church Organ Restoration Fund



Church of Ireland Archbishop of Dublin, Michael Jackson presents Organ Donation cheque to Canon Pádraig O'Cochláin on behalf of St Saviour's parish at their Festive Fayre Saturday 2nd December 2023.



Saint Vincent De Paul - Christmas Appeal:

The annual St Vincent De Paul Collection will take place at all Masses this weekend Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th December replacing the Share collection. Your continued support is much appreciated.

CROSSCARE CHRISTMAS FOOD POVERTY APPEAL

Anyone wishing to contribute can donate online at www.crosscare.ie, call 01 8360011, or send a cheque or postal order to Crosscare Christmas Appeal, 2 St Mary's Place North, D07 Y768, Dublin.

Organ Restoration fund.

A lovely Christmas gift would be to donate a pipe as a present to your loved one and you will receive a certificate to give them, also available are Christmas Cards to support our Organ Restoration Fund. Please contact the Parish Office (0402) 31716 or call in for more details.

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 flight.
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.