

Weekly Notices for the Churches of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow and St. David, Johnstown - Sunday 11th December, 2016



Gathering Hymn

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

O come, O come Emmanuel,
To free your captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

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

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

**R/ The light of Christ has come into the world.
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All men must be born again to see the Kingdom of God.
The water of the Spirit bring new life in God's love. R/

God gave up his only Son out of love for the world so that all men who believe in him will live forever. R/

The light of God has come to us so that we might have salvation,
From the darkness of our sins we walk into glory with Christ Jesus. R/

Mass Intentions

Saturday 6.30 p.m.	10th December Theo Hickson, Pearl and Kathleen Hickson Patricia (Pat) Murphy Joe Walker Bill, Julia and Owen Lynch Pat Hutchman Nicholas, Margaret & Peter Cassell Maureen Grzywacz (nee Horan)
Sunday 8.30 a.m.	11th December Breda Wolohan Bishop Dermot O'Mahony Rose & Michael Mordaunt & their granddaughter Susan Patrick, Elizabeth & Rose Thompson Raymond Murray Nora Lalor Ann Winters (nee O'Neill) John Croke (Months Mind) Edward Byrne (Months Mind)
7.00 p.m.	Tom Tancred
Monday 8.00 a.m.	12th December Pat Whelan (ill) William Murray (recently deceased) Eleanor Lee
10.00 a.m.	
Tuesday 8.00 a.m.	13th December -
10.00 a.m.	-
Wednesday 8.00 a.m.	14th December -
10.00 a.m.	-
Thursday 8.00 a.m.	15th December Frank & Alice Carroll and their sons & daughters Elizabeth Walker
10.00 a.m.	
Friday 8.00 a.m.	16th December -
10.00 a.m.	-
Saturday 10.00 a.m.	17th December Kathleen, Pat, Patricia Kinsella Joe Horan (Month's Mind)



Arklow Marriage Preparation Course takes place on **Friday 31st March & Saturday 1st April 2017** in Árus Lorcáin, Castlepark, Arklow. Bookings: www.accord.ie (select Dublin Region). Email: marraigepparparton@dublin.accord.ie or Tel; 01-4784400

Service of Reconciliation / Confession

A Service of Reconciliation with several priests available for confession takes place here on **Wednesday 21st December at 8p.m.** On **Christmas Eve** there are Individual Confessions from 10.30 to 12 noon. Confessions take place each Saturday morning after 10.00 a.m. Saturday Mass.

The Christmas edition of **the Parish Newsletter** has been distributed to all homes in the parish. The **Church Christmas Calendar** with all Mass times over the Christmas period is included. **Christmas Dues Envelopes** are also attached. Extra copies are available in the Church Porches.

Morning Prayer of the Church for Advent takes place each weekday morning during Advent including Saturday at 9.45 a.m. and at the earlier time of 9.40 a.m. in the event of a funeral.

There will be no **Eucharistic Adoration** this Sunday 11th December as the Polish Community are having their Christmas Carol Service in the Church.

Parish Bingo: A 'Super Bingo' will take place in Árus Lorcáin on Tuesday 13th December 2016. All welcome.

Arklow Presbyterian Church are having their annual **Community Carol Service** on Sunday 11th December at 6.00p.m. at the Arklow Presbyterian Church, Dublin Road. All are most welcome.

Arklow Methodist Church are holding **'Lessons in Carols'** with the Arklow Silver Band on Sunday 18th December at 7.30p.m. All welcome.

East Wicklow Youth Service: A youth drama group will be presenting their play "LAURA'S CLOWN" in Árus Lorcáin on Monday 12th December at 7pm -8pm (No Charge). The play developed and presented by the young teenagers raises the awareness of youth mental health – an issue that affects many of us throughout our lives and is focused on teenagers in the community. Looking forward to your support.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS CALENDAR	
Sts. Mary and Peter Arklow	
'Night Fever' Christmas Carol Service	Friday 16th Dec. at 7.00pm ~ 9.00pm Sunday 18th Dec. at 4.00pm
Christmas Eve (Saturday)	5.00pm. Family Mass. Cantor & Children 7.00pm. Mass (candlelight) with David Canavan & Bronagh Bracken 9.00pm. Mass with Church Parish Choir
Christmas Day (Sunday)	8.30am. Mass with John & Katherine Kinsella & Matt Sharpe 10.00am Mass with Rosari Kinsella & Cantor 11.30am Mass with Parish Choir
St Stephen's Day (Monday)	Mass at 11.00am Mass each week day at 11.00am until 5th January
New Years Eve (Saturday)	31st Dec. Vigil Mass at 6.30pm
New Years Day (Sunday)	1st Dec. Feast of the Holy Family Mass at 8.30am, 11.30am and 7.00pm
Thursday 5th. Jan.	Eve of the Epiphany Vigil Mass 6:30pm
Friday 6th. Jan.	Feast of the Epiphany Mass at 8.30am, 11.30am and 7.00pm Masses thereafter at usual times.
St David's Church Johnstown	
Christmas Eve	Mass at 9.00pm (Midnight Mass)
Christmas Day	Mass at 10.00am
St. Joseph's Church Templaraine	
Christmas Eve	Mass at 7.00pm
Christmas Day	Mass at 10.15am
St. Patrick's Church, Castletown	
Christmas Eve	Vigil Mass 9.00pm
Christmas Day	Mass 10.30pm



Saint Vincent de Paul – Christmas Appeal: The annual bench collection will take place at all Masses this weekend replacing the SHARE collection. Your continued support is much appreciated.

The Annual Parish **Christmas Carol Service** takes place here in the Church of Sts. Mary & Peter at 4.00p.m. on Sunday 18th December. All are very welcome.



Cruinniu presents **'Carols by Candlelight'** on Wednesday 14th December in the Church of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow at 8.00p.m. Donation €5. Proceeds to Arklow Community Action Support Group



Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2017

We are exploring the possibility of organising a parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2017, this is subject of course to there being sufficient interest. Please leave your details in the parish office if interested.

With Sympathy

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of **Jimmy Gannon**

Who died recently. May he rest in peace.

