

Mass Intentions

Saturday	11th December
6.30 p.m.	Paddy & Stasia O'Toole (Anniv) Theo, Pearl & Kathleen Hickson (Anniv) Bill, Julia & Owen Lynch (Anniv) William Doyle (Anniv)
Sunday	12th December
	Our Lady Of Guadalupe
11.30 a.m.	Nicholas (Nicky) Finn (Months Mind) Joe Bulmer (Months Mind) Oonagh Tyrrell (1st Anniv) Paddy & Rose Thompson (Anniv) Elizabeth & Patrick Thompson (Anniv) Eleanor & John Lee (Anniv) Margaret, Jimmy, Pat & Peter O'Connor and deceased family members. Michael, Bernadette & Arthur Halpin (Anniv)
7.00 p.m.	Charlotte Wolohan (Anniv) Breda Wolohan (Anniv)
Monday	13th December
	St Finnian
10.00 a.m.	Patricia Murphy (Anniv)
Tuesday	14th December
	St John of the Cross
10.00 a.m.	Mass Intentions for (Recently Deceased) Anne Harpur Rheinisch Aaron Murphy
Wednesday	15th December
10.00 a.m.	Ned Nicholson (Anniv) Andy Brennan (Anniv) Fiona O'Leary (Birthday Remembrance) Christine Power (Née Carley) (Anniv)
Thursday	16th December
10.00 a.m.	Elizabeth & Gerald Hudson Mary & John Myler Fr. Mayhu

With Sympathy

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of

Angela Walker, Church View, Arklow.

Maggie(Margaret) Condren, Arklow. who died recently. may they rest in peace.



Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter,
Arklow with
St. David's, Johnstown
Sunday 12th December 2021



Gaudete Sunday

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. We mark this Sunday by wearing a pink Vestment and lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on the Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

Third Week [Pink Candle] • Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Slow track to Bethlehem

When do you put up your crib? There are different family traditions. What about Gaudete Sunday, 12 December 2021. On this Sunday the rose or pink candle is lit in the advent wreath. The figure of the baby Jesus will have been blessed at Mass that morning and hidden in the house. Set up the crib structure with the 'expectant' straw in it but no figures. Station the figures around the house in order of their appearance – kings coming last. Gradually move them nearer to the empty crib.



On Christmas Eve morning put in Mary, Joseph and the animals. Young family members will search for the figure of Jesus. In the night, the Baby Jesus is placed between the loving gaze of Mary and Joseph with angels and shepherds making their timely appearance. The journey to Bethlehem has many stages. If you stay with the silent movement of the figures as you journey with them you might find that they come alive in your heart.

Advent:
waiting
conversion
hope



Thought at the end of the day.

'Pause and Pray in Advent' Every Wednesday @8pm join via the Webcam and radio for the return of our popular 'Thought at the End of the Day'.

I wait. I watch. I hope.

If you are looking for something different this advent, why not join a WhatsApp group to receive an Advent reflection every day. For further details and if you like to join contact Christina 0857162152.

BE STILL – DAILY ADVENT REFLECTIONS

The Office for Mission and Ministry are offering daily reflections for the Advent Journey. The theme of these reflections is 'Be Still'. This is a great opportunity for everyone to take time during advent to be still. The reflections will be posted each morning on the Facebook page for the office of Mission and Ministry.

www.facebook.com/officeformissionandministry



I wish to encourage the tradition of preparing the nativity scene in the days before Christmas, but also the custom of setting it up in the workplace, in schools, hospitals, prisons and town squares.
- Pope Francis

Anam Cara Wicklow, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening on Monday 20th December at 7:20pm in the Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

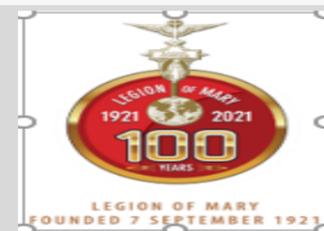
We remember all our parishioners who are sick or in hospital at this time. We will keep them in our thoughts and prayers



The Annual Christmas Carol Service will take place on Sunday the 19th of December in St Mary & Peter's Church at 3pm we will have a variety of talented musicians and singers all are welcome to join or you can join via the Parish Webcam or radio

The Irish Catholic

You are welcome to take a copy of the Irish Catholic Newspaper from the Church. It contains a feature on the Legion of Mary which was founded 100 years ago in Ireland. The Legion of Mary has strong ties with Arklow. Please fill in the form enclosed in the Newspaper and return it to Siobhán or Treasa in the Parish Office. We would like to have a devoted group of the Legion of Mary in our Parish. You are welcome to leave a donation for the Paper.



Please be generous with the Saint Vincent de Paul Collection this weekend. It replaces the Share Collection. Thank You.

Árus Lorcáin

We have a lovely selection of Christmas cards and Christmas gifts available from beautiful ornaments to Christmas Angels, Cribs and Candles.

You are welcome to call in.

