



**Saturday 16th December 6.30pm**

Bill, Julia & Owen Lynch (Anniv)  
Martin & Peter Mulligan (Anniv)  
Paddy McManus (Anniv)  
Paddy Murray (Anniv)

**Sunday 17th December 8.30am**

Nadine Lott (4th Anniv) **11.30am**  
Lily Barnwell (Anniv)  
James McKenna (Anniv)  
Colm Kelly (Anniv)  
Eamy Doyle (Anniv)  
Edward Kelly (Anniv)  
Michael & Roseanna Mordaunt and their grand-daughter Susan (Anniv)

**7pm**

Roisin Murphy (Anniv)

**Wed 20th December 10am**

Special Intention Request

**Thursday 21st December 10am**

Mary Brauders

**Friday 22nd December 10am**

Jim Bermingham (2nd Anniv)  
Aodán Ryan (Anniv)

**Castletown**

**8pm 16th December**

Dorothy Reeves (1st Anniv)  
Mara Van Veghel (Anniv)

**Johnstown 10am 17th December**

Richard Mills (Anniv)

**Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow  
with St David's Johnstown  
17th December 2023  
Third Sunday of Advent**

**Gaudete Sunday**

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." We mark this Sunday by the Priest 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.



The Third Candle symbolizes joy and is called the "Shepherd's Candle" To the Shepherd's great joy, the angels announced that Jesus came from humble, unimportant people like them, too. In liturgy, the colour rose signifies joy.

**Liturgical Calendar December**



Monday 18th St Flannan  
Wed 20th St Fachanan  
Thursday 21st St Peter Canisius  
Saturday 23rd St John of Kanty



Rev Michael Anderson made a generous donation to our Organ Restoration Fund on behalf of the Presbyterian community. Thank you very much!

We remember local lads Andrew and Eamon Breen as they carry out their Atlantic Row for Charity. This will be their first Sunday at Sea! We pray for their Safety and Success.

*With Sympathy*

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends  
Ciaran Gregan  
rest in peace

**ARKLOW PARISH LOURDES GROUP**

Arklow Parish Lourdes Group thanks everyone who supported their Christmas Coffee Morning A massive **€780** was raised to support next year's Pilgrimage.

A huge thanks to Rosarii Kinsella and her " Lets Sing" Choir who provided the entertainment the choir is always open to new members.

**Parish Office**

**Árus Lorcáin**

**Christmas Closing**

**Thursday 21st December**

**Re-opening**

**Wednesday 3rd January**



W okresie Swiat Bozego Narodzenia msza swieta w jezyku polskim odbędzie sie w poniedzialek 25.12.23 o godzinie 10.00. Wszystkich serdecznie zapraszamy na wspolne koledowanie



During Christmas, mass in polish language will take place on Monday 25.12.23 at 10.00 am. All very welcome. Aby Nowonarodzony Chrystus obudził w Nas to, co jeszcze uspihone, ożywił to, co już martwe. Niech światło Jego słowa prowadzi nas przez życie a w Nowym roku błogosławi Nam każdy dzień. **Wesołych Świat**  
Let the Newborn Christ awaken what is still dormant in us and revive what is already dead. May the light of His word guide us through life and bless us every day in the New Year. Happy Christmas  
Polish community

Make a straight path for the Lord this Advent by opening your heart to Jesus. A word which means Saviour. Let him save you from your sins. Make a good confession at one of the times in our Parish Notices below.

**Parish Notices**

**Reconciliation Services**

**Monday 18th December**

Wicklow 7.30pm

**Tuesday 19th December**

Rathdrum 7.30pm

**Wednesday 20th December**

Arklow 7.30pm

**School Carol Services**

**Monday 18th**

St John's Senior School 1.30pm

**Tuesday 19th**

St Michael & Peter's 11.30am

**Thursday 20th**

St Mary's College 2pm

Coolgreany National School 7pm  
Johnstown Church

**Mass times for Christmas**

**Christmas Eve**

Arklow 8.30am, 11.30am, 5pm, 7pm & 9pm.

Johnstown 10am

**Christmas Day**

Arklow 8.30am & 11.30am

(no evening Masses Christmas Day)

Johnstown 10am

Castletown 10am

**St Stephen's Day**

Arklow 10am

Trócaire would like to thank the Parish of Arklow & Johnstown for their donation of €200 and to Castletown for their donation of €150. This money will make a big difference to many peoples lives. Thank you.



**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.