



1ST SUNDAY of Advent

Notices for the Churches of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow and St. David, Johnstown – Sunday 1st December 2019

Entrance 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,

Recessional Hymn:

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
and His righteousness
And all these things shall be added
unto you, Allelu, Alleluia

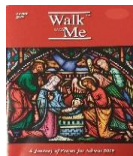
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Allelu, Alleluia.**

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and you shall find
Knock and the door shall be opened
unto you Allelu, Alleluia (R)

Website of the Week
www.newpilgrimpath.ie

Walk with Me -

A journey of Prayer for Advent. This little booklet is available at the Jesse Tree or at the Advent table in Árus Lorcáin. It contains reflections on Advent through scripture and prayer meditations.



Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of *Baby Finn Redmond Fortune and Kathleen McDonald* who died recently. May they rest in peace.

All are invited to attend the launch of the **Wicklow Hospice Memory Tree** in Bridgewater Shopping Centre on Saturday 7th December from 2.30pm.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 6.30 p.m.	30th November John Sweeney Joseph Doran
Sunday 8.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	- Ben & Kitty Coburn Billy Ebbitt Stephen Lane William Byrne Michael & James Sheehan Dinny Bulman (month's mind) John, Dan & Molly O'Brien
7.00 p.m.	-
Monday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	2nd December - Catherine McDonald & son Thomas
Tuesday 8.00 a.m. / 10.00 a.m.	3rd December
Wednesday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	4th December Special Intention -
Thursday 8.00 a.m. / 10.00 a.m.	5th December
Friday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	6th December Altar List of the Dead Altar List of the Dead
Saturday 10.00 a.m.	7th December -

Advent Spiritual Companion

Amidst the busy demands of life, it can be difficult to find pockets of space through which to nurture our own spirit. As we move into the season of Advent, we are reminded to slow down and take time to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Spiritual Companioning offers an opportunity to explore the gentle movements of the Spirit in our own inner lives.

Contact Michele Sinnott, Spiritual Companion 087 2374143

Ovoca Manor Christmas Fair

Sat 7th December 1p.m. – 5 p.m.
Ovoca Manor, Avoca

Arts & Crafts – Baking – Books & Gifts – Live Music & Raffle.

Junior St. Vincent de Paul invite you to join them for their

ADVENT COFFEE MORNING



Have a cuppa, some delicious cake and catch up with friends.

Sunday 1st December '19
in Árus Lorcáin from 12 noon

Check out the 'Mini Companies' organised by St. Mary's College Transition Year Students on the morning. It's a great opportunity to pick up some Christmas gifts.

Preparing for the Journey to Bethlehem

Fun, games, crafts, story-telling & baking for 2nd - 6th class in **Árus Lorcáin on Thursday 5th December.**

Time: 3.30p.m. – 5.30p.m.

(Depending on numbers)

To register please contact the parish office.



Come along to the 'Pop Up' Inter-Generational Choir on Thur 5th December in Árus Lorcáin from 6.30 – 7.30 p.m.

It's FREE! All ages and abilities welcome!

Contact the Parish Office.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need people to help sew nativity costumes for the parish nativity plays.

Please join the Apostolic Work Ireland Group on Thursday 10am-1pm in Árus Lorcáin to sew and prepare the costumes.

Jesse Tree

The Jesse tree gets its name from the father of King David, Jesse. King David and Jesse were ancestors of Jesus. The Jesse Tree is Jesus' Family Tree. It tells the story from when God made the earth, all the way to when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. It spans across four thousand years of history.

See the story grow every weekend at Mass as we decorate the tree with symbols.



Parish Nativity Plays

We are looking for children from 3rd class and up to act in our nativity plays.

Most of the parts are non-speaking as we will have a narrator. If you have a child who is interested please contact the parish office for rehearsal dates.

Dates of performances: Sunday 22nd December 4pm and Tuesday 24th December at 5.30pm. (Your child does not need to be available for both.)



NIGHT FEVER

Friday 6th December
7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.



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.

The next meeting of the **Parish Liturgy Team** is Thursday 5th Dec at 7pm. in Árus Lorcáin

Saint Vincent de Paul: The Annual Bench collection takes place at all Masses over next weekend 7th & 8th December. Thank you for your continued support.

The **Mother Kevin Committee** would like to thank everybody for their support of the recent craft fair in Árus Lorcáin. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The **Annual Little Lifetime Christmas Service of Remembrance** will take place in St. Nicholas of Myra Church, Francis Street, Dublin at 7pm. Sunday 1st December.

Advent

The **Season of Advent** begins this Sunday and to help us prepare for Christmas the parish have organised a calendar of events. This **Advent Programme** is being distributed to all homes in the parish during the coming week. The **Church Christmas Calendar** with all Mass times over the Christmas period is also included. **Christmas Dues Envelopes** are attached.

All events are listed on the parish website, parish Facebook page and on Instagram.

Some of the events planned:

- ★ Dec 16th – Blessing for Pregnant Mums in Árus Lorcáin at 8 p.m.
- ★ Dec 18th – Advent Penance Service at 8 p.m.
- ★ Dec 19th – Christmas Meditations from around the World at 7.30p.m.



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Monday 9th December

Mass times: 8 a.m., 10 a.m. & 7.00 p.m.

Blessing of the outdoor Crib takes place after the 7.00 p.m. Mass with mulled wine (non-alcoholic) and Christmas cookies.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Arklow Cancer Support Group will have their **annual Ecumenical Service** on 4th December at 8p.m. in their premises on St. Mary's Road.