

Gathering Hymn

CITY OF GOD

Awake from your slumbers;
arise from your sleep.
A new day is dawning,
for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have
seen a great light,
The Lord of our longing has
conquered the night.
**R/ Let us build the city of God.
May our tears be turned into
dancing, for the Lord our light
and our love, has turned the
night into day.**
We are sons of the morning;
we are daughters of day.
The one who has loved us has
brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called
us to be,
A light for his people to set their
hearts free.

Recessional Hymn

SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And his righteousness.
And all these things will be
added unto you;
**R/ 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/

With Sympathy

Sympathies are extended to the
family and friends of

**Abigail Bracken (nee Brennan)
formerly of Arklow**

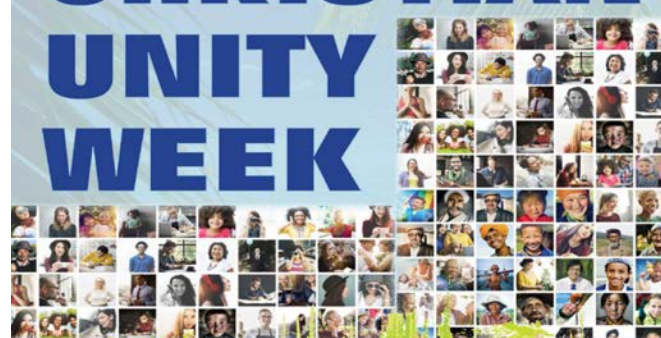
Who died recently.
May she rest in peace.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 6.30 p.m.	20th January Tommy McDonald Bridget & Patrick Maguire Margaret Maguire & Alexander Dunne
Sunday 8.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	21st January Caryl Breslin (Month's Mind) May Sheane Kathy Stewart John, May & James Murray Derek O'Neill Janie McDonald (Month's Mind)
Monday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	22nd January - -
Tuesday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	23rd January - -
Wednesday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	24th January - Tina Fortune
Thursday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	25th January - -
Friday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	26th January - -
Saturday 10.00 a.m.	27th January -

Ecumenical Service to mark

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK



**St. Saviour's Hall, Arklow
Thursday 25th January, 2018
at 8.00p.m. All are welcome.**

The music and culture of the
Caribbean will be celebrated on the night

Weekly Notices for the Churches of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow and St. David, Johnstown - Sunday 21st January 2018



Arklow Group of Parishes

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2018

23rd to 31st October
Spiritual Director: Fr. David Brough

Price: €1,575.00 per person sharing
(half board)

This price includes:

- Direct flights Dublin – Tel Aviv return
- Airport taxes and charges
- 8 nights accommodation in 4 star hotels
(3 nights Tiberias/5 nights Jerusalem)
- Dinner, bed and breakfast basis throughout
- Transfers and coaching as per programme
- Entrance fees where applicable

MAP TRAVEL | Arklow Parish Office, Castlepark, Arklow.
Tel: 0402-31716 (E) office@arklowparish.ie

Today in the Gospel we hear about Jesus calling his disciples at the Sea of Galilee. Next Sunday we will hear how he visits **Capernaum** and goes to the **synagogue**. Would you like to visit these places? Would you like to walk by the Sea of Galilee, and put your toes in the water? Would you like to cross the Sea of Galilee on a boat? Would you like to visit **Capernaum** and walk among the remains of the synagogue there?

Dermot Nestor from MAP Travel will present some slides and answer questions.

Information meeting about the parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place on Mon 22nd January in Arus Lorcaín at 7.30 p.m.

Further information from
Parish Office (0402-31716) or
MAP Travel 01-878311.

Information from Archdiocese of Dublin

Given the increase in the numbers of people affected by influenza in recent weeks, please remember that those with flu symptoms are dispensed from their Sunday obligation to attend Mass. Those who are confined to home when ill can honour the Lord's Day by praying along with the Mass broadcast by Parish Radio, on parish webcams (www.arklowparish.ie) or from the Pro Cathedral via www.dublindiocese.ie, on Sunday Morning by RTE Radio on Long Wave 252 Khz. RTE1 television often broadcast Mass on Sunday mornings too.

In times of previous flu alerts the Health Service Executive stated: "Shaking hands while exchanging the 'Sign of Peace' involves a low risk of spreading the virus." If some parishioners still feel uncomfortable about shaking hands at the Sign of Peace, they are very welcome to wish others the Peace of Christ without hand contact (with a smile or a bow).



Deanery Youth Forum

At the Masses this weekend there will be people handing out invitations for the Youth Forum next Friday 26th January. If you know of a young person between Transition year and 21 years of age please invite them to this event. It is an informal event, a conversation where young people can express their thoughts on the pressures and joys of their lives and how parish can meet their needs. Pizza and refreshments will be served. **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL** contact the parish office.

We ask all parishioners to keep this event in their prayers over the next week.



The annual **Mass for all Engaged Couples** where engagement rings will be blessed will take place on Saturday 10th February 2018 at the 6.30 p.m. Mass. If you know of any engaged couples who would like an invite to this please contact the parish office or Fr. Michael.

Sincere thanks to everybody who has returned their **Christmas Dues**.

All contributions made to the **Family Offering and Dues** will be acknowledged during July 2018.

The next **Confirmation** preparation Mass takes place on Saturday 27th January at the 6.30p.m. Family Mass. All candidates are asked to invite their Grandparents to this Mass. All parents who volunteered to help with the preparation programme are invited to a meeting in Árus Lorcaín on Monday 22nd at 7.30pm

Parish Office Hours: **Monday—Thursday** 9.00 a.m.—5 p.m.,
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Friday 9 a.m.— 4.30 p.m.
Website: www.arklowparish.ie