

Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow

with St David's Johnstown

21st January 2024 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday of the Word of God

Catholic School week begins

Saturday 20th January

6.30pm

Aidan Forde (Anniv)
Michael & Bridget O'Neill (Anniv)
Ann Winters (Anniv)
Jim Gilbert (Anniv)
John May (Anniv)
Jack & Frances Godfrey (Anniv)

Sunday 21st January

11.30am

Michael Keogh (Anniv)
Deceased Members of the Costosa Family
Bayani Supeda (Anniv)

Monday 22nd January

10am Nan Conroy (Anniv)

Johnstown

10am 21st January

Jim Gilbert (Anniv)

Sunday of the Word of God

Saint Luke tells us that, just before his Ascension, the Risen Lord appeared to the apostles, and broke bread with them. 'He then opened their minds to understand the Scriptures' (24:45). This is how Pope Francis begins his apostolic letter, *Aperuit illis*, issued 30th September 2019, the feast of St Jerome, instituting the Sunday of the Word of God. 'The relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians. Without the Lord who opens our minds to them, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth. Yet the contrary is equally true: without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and his Church in this world would remain incomprehensible. Hence Saint Jerome could rightly claim: "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ"

At the end of the Year of Mercy Pope Francis had proposed setting aside a Sunday given entirely to the Word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people.' He declares the Third Sunday in Ordinary time (this year :21st January) to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. He notes this as a fitting time 'to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity.'

Candlemas Day

Friday 2nd February

Feast of The Presentation of the Lord

Candles for Church or home use can be purchased in the Parish Office, Árus Lorcáin.

The Candles cost €1.50 for 1 candle or €8 for pack of candles.

The candles will be blessed at the 9am Mass on Friday 2nd February.



Liturgical Calendar January



Monday 22nd	St Vincent
Wed 24th	St Francis de Sales
Thursday 25th	St Paul
Friday 26th	Ss Timothy & Titus
Saturday 27th	St Angela Merici

Sunday, 21 January–Saturday, 27 January



Catholic Schools Week 2024

"Let us thank all those who teach in Catholic Schools. Education is an act of love: it is like giving life." Pope Francis

'A friend loves at all times, and kinsfolk are born to share adversity' (Prov 17:17)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18th January to 25th January

You shall love the Lord your God.... And your neighbor as yourself (Luke 10:27)

Prayer service will take place in the Presbyterian Church on Thursday 25th January at 7.30pm



Confirmation 2024 Ceremony of Light

Saturday 2nd March 8pm
Castletown National School

Sunday 3rd March 7pm

St John's Senior School

Saturday 9th March 6.30pm

Gaelscoil an Inbhir Mhóir

Confirmation Dates

Saturday 13th April 11.30am

Gaelscoil an Inbhir Mhóir

Saturday 20th April 11.30am

St John's Senior School

Friday 26th April 11.30am

Castletown National School

Saturday 27th April 11.30am

St John's Senior School



First Confessions 2024

Thursday 22nd February 1pm

Castletown National School

Thursday 22nd February 7pm

Gaelscoil an Inbhir Mhóir

Saturday 24th February 11am

Ss Michael & Peter Junior School

Tuesday 27th February 7pm

Coolgreany & Bearna Chlé

Saturday 2nd March 11am

Ss Michael & Peter Junior School

Communion Dates 2024

Sunday 28th April 10am

Gaelscoil an Inbhir Mhóir

Sunday 5th May 10am

Coolgreany National School

Sunday 12th May 10am

Bearna Chlé National School

Saturday 18th May 11am

Castletown National School

Sunday 19th May 10am

St Michael & Peter's Junior School

Sunday 26th May 10am

St Michael & Peter Junior School

Gathering Hymn

City of God

Awake from your slumber!
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 in-to 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.

Recession 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.

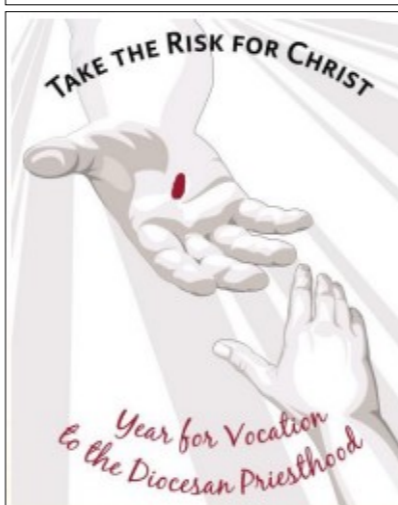
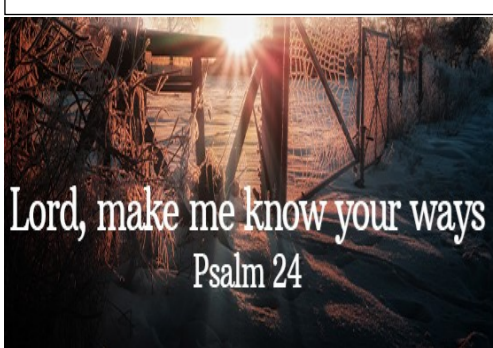
Ask and it shall be given unto you,

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
Pauline O'Boyle
Marcella O'Brien
Deborah Kearns
&
Seán Hannon
May they rest in peace



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