

With Sympathy

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of **Charlotte (Cha) Wolohan, Christine Power, Austin McNamara & Nadine Lott**



who died recently.
May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions

- Saturday 6.30 p.m. 21st December**
Betty Breen
Michael O'Neill
Ann Winters
Lily Barnwell nee Doyle
Dean Hannigan (Month's Mind)
William (Billy) Kelly
Elizabeth & Gerard Hudson
Charles Lennon
Christina Lennon
- Sunday 8.30 a.m. 22nd December**
Elizabeth Greene
Michael Greene
Edward Kelly
James McKenna
Roisin Murphy
John Roche
Jack & Mary Quirke
- Monday 8.00 a.m. 23rd December**
Special Intention
Paddy O'Toole
- Tuesday 10.00 a.m. 24th December**
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- 5.00 p.m. (Family Mass) | 7.00 p.m. | 9.00 p.m.**
No individual intentions
- Wednesday 8.30 a.m. | 11.30 a.m. | No Evening Mass 25th December**
No individual intentions
- Thursday 11.00 a.m. 26th December**
Aldona Rukiene
Bernie O'Brien
Tommy Ryan
Helena Murphy
Carmel Kelly
Jadwiga Czekaj
- Friday 11.00 a.m. 27th December**
Margaret Sunderland
Paddy O'Reilly
David Jeffreys
- Saturday 10.00 a.m. 28th December**

**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,

**Rejoice, rejoice, O Israel,
To you shall come Emmanuel.**

**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

Alleluia, Alleluia

**Christmas & New Year Gift
for children receiving
Sacraments in 2020.**

Please take a Prayer Card with a child's
name on it from the basket near the crib
and pray for them in 2020. Thank you.

The Parish Team and the Parish Pastoral
Council wish you all a happy and peaceful
Christmas, and to all who have returned
home for the Christmas season, a warm
welcome. We also remember all those who
find Christmas a difficult time, our thoughts
and prayers are with you.

A sincere **thank you** to everybody who helped
with the preparations for Christmas,
and who have given so generously of their time
during the year. Their hard work and
commitment is very much appreciated.

Thank you to all parishioners who have
returned their **Christmas Dues**. These are an
important source of income for your priests.

A warm welcome to the Inver Ladies to the
11.30 a.m. Mass. The music for this Mass is from
the works of **Benjamin Britten**.

Parish Office Christmas Opening Times: The
Parish Office re-opens on Thursday 2nd January
2020.

Annual Carol Service: Sunday 22nd December
at 4p.m.: A collection for the important works of
the **Mother Kevin Missions** will be held during
the service. Your continued support is much
appreciated.

**On Sunday 22nd Dec there will be free parking
in the train station carpark from 3p.m. until
7p.m. only. No clamping in operation for this
time period only.**



Church of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December

Morning Mass at 10.00 a.m.

Individual Confessions - 10.30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

5.00p.m. (Children's Mass) | 7.00 p.m. | 9.00 p.m.

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December

8.30 a.m. | 11.30 a.m.

St. David's Church, Johnstown

Saturday 21st December

Confessions after 6.30 p.m. Mass

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December

Vigil Mass at 9.00 p.m.

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December

10.00 a.m.



**Christmas
Confession**

The word Jesus means
Saviour. He came to save
us from our sins.

Priests will be available from 10.30
a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on Christmas
Eve to hear individual Confession.

Johnstown:

After 6.30p.m. Mass Sat. 21st Dec

Castletown:

After 8.00p.m. Mass Sat 21st Dec

A Prayer for Christmas Eve

Loving Father, help us remember
the birth of Jesus, that we may
share in the song of the angels, the
gladness of the shepherds, and
worship of the wise men. Close the
door of hate and open the door of
love all over the world. Let
kindness come with every gift and
good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing
which Christ brings, and teach us
to be merry with clear hearts. May
the Christmas morning make us
happy to be thy children, and
Christmas evening bring us to our
beds with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus'
sake. Amen.

Robert Louis Stevenson

Mass Times (after St. Stephen's Day)

Friday 27th December: Morning Mass at 11.00 a.m.

Sat 28th & Sun 29th December: Usual Mass Times

Mon 30th to Sat 4th January: Morning Mass at 10.00 a.m.

Monday 6th January 'Feast of the Epiphany':
8.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.

Tuesday 7th January 2020: Usual Mass times resume.

