

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/

Mass Intentions

Saturday 6.30 p.m.	21st January James Bermingham Gerard Kavanagh Joe McGearry
Sunday 8.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	22nd January - Michael Keogh Michael O'Neill (Month's Mind) Eddie Rowan (Month's Mind) Breda Crooke Eileen Molloy Michael (Mick) Wolohan
Monday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	23rd January - Tom Kavanagh and deceased family members.
Tuesday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	24th January - Maureen Mullen
Wednesday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	25th January - Patrick Russell Michael Byrne
Thursday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	26th January - -
Friday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	27th January - -
Saturday 10.00 a.m.	28th January Terry Horan (Months Mind)

First Reading (Isaiah 8:23-9:3) His faith in God prompts him to optimism about the future: the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Shadows are dispelled, joy and gladness shine out. Good will triumph over evil in the end.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17) The Church at Corinth has lost its way. The cult of personality and sectional rivalries threaten to tear the community apart. Paul steers them back to their unity in Christ.

Gospel Reading (Matthew 4:12-23) Jesus leaves Nazareth and settles in Capernaum, a lakeside town. With his uncompromising call to repentance, perhaps he already senses the early tide of opposition and the wave of hostility that will finally nail him to the cross.

Weekly Notices for the Churches of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow and St. David, Johnstown - Sunday 22nd January 2017

The **Irish Catholic Bishop's Conference** have published 'Two Lives, One Love', their submission to the Citizen's Assembly. Copies are available in all church porches.

The annual **Mass for all Engaged Couples** where engagement rings will be blessed will take place on Saturday 4th February 2017 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**.

The Queen of Peace Prayer Group meet every Friday evening at 7.45 p.m. in Árus Lorcaín to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood. All are very welcome.

Dan's Lifeboat Special 'Hurry to Curry' takes place in the Arklow Bay Hotel on Friday 27th January 2017 at 8.00p.m. Music by The Groove and D.J. Tickets €20.



Catholic Schools Week 2017

Catholic Schools: Learning with Pope Francis to Care for Our Common Home

Sunday, 29 January marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2017. During this week we aim to celebrate the unique contribution that Catholic schools, both primary and post-primary, make to the mission of the Church in our local faith communities and throughout the wider church. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Learning with Pope Francis to Care for Our Common Home. We are reminded of the beauty of the world God has created for us and our responsibility to care for the home we share.



Annual Parish Social

takes place in the Arklow Bay Hotel on
Friday 17th February 2017

Tickets available from the Parish Office

PARKING

It is great to see the large numbers attending the principal weekend Masses, unfortunately this also creates a difficulty around the area of parking.

The Parish in conjunction with the Gardaí would encourage people to use the parking spaces available in the car parks located in **Castle Park**, the **Main Street** (to the rear of the band stand) and also in the grounds of **St. Peter's N.S.** (the old junior boy's school) beside Árus Lorcaín.

In the interest of safety for all, we would appeal to people to be mindful of where they are parking, ensuring that they are not blocking entrances, parking on corners or in any place that may cause an obstruction.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Fr. Martin Cosgrove,
Moderator, Arklow Group of Parishes

