

Gathering 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

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

**R/
The light of Christ has come into the
world.
The light of Christ has come into the
world.**

All men must be born again to see the
Kingdom of God.
The water of the Spirit bring new life
in God's love. **R/**

God gave up his only Son out of love
for the world so that all men who
believe in him will live forever. **R/**

The light of God has come to us so
that we might have salvation,
From the darkness of our sins we walk
into glory with Christ Jesus. **R/**



Weekly Notices for the Churches of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow and St. David, Johnstown Sunday 24th December 2017

Mass Intentions

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| Saturday 6.30 p.m. | 23rd December John Roche Betty Breen Patricia Murphy May Lynch (Month's Mind) & her brother John Dillon Bill, Julia & Owen Lynch Jack & Mary Quirke |
| Sunday 8.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m. 5.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m. | 24th December Fergus Murray - - - - |
| Monday 8.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m. No Evening Mass | 25th December - - - |
| Tuesday 11.00 a.m. | 26th December Noel Keogh Kiron Choudhury – Special Intention Helena Murphy, her husband Peter and sons Liam & Peter. Bernie O'Brien Tommy Ryan |
| Wednesday 11.00 a.m. | 27th December Margaret Sunderland David Jeffreys |
| Thursday 11.00 a.m. | 28th December Eugene Kane |
| Friday 11.00 a.m. | 29th December - |
| Saturday 11.00 a.m. | 30th December - |

Fr. Michael's Indian Initiative

If you have not yet collected your photo as
part of this initiative please collect it from the
Sacristy after Mass. Thank you.

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

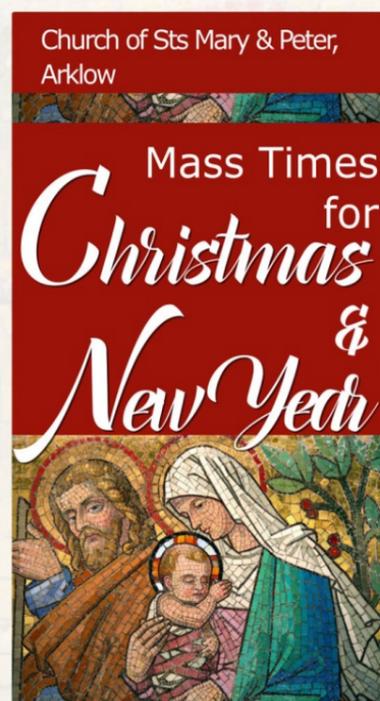
A sincere **thank you** to everybody who helped with the preparations for
Christmas, and who have given so generously of their time during the year.
Their hard work and commitment is very much appreciated.

Thank you to all parishioners who have returned their **Christmas Dues**.

Parish Visitation: Visitation of The Maples has finished and we would like to
thank all residents for the warm welcome received. Early in the New Year we
will be visiting two new areas, Chestnut Grove and Cré na Mara.

Engaged Couples: Every year we invite all the engaged couples in the parish
to have their engagement rings blessed. This year it will take place on Saturday
10th February at the 6.30 p.m. Mass. If you know any engaged couples who
would like to attend please contact the Parish Office (0402-31716) or Fr. Michael
as soon as possible.

Pre-Marriage Course: To facilitate all couples in the parish getting married we
are hosting a pre-marriage course in Árus Lorcáin over the weekend of **Friday
13th and Saturday 14th April, 2018**. To book a place on this course go to
www.accord.ie and select marriage preparation in the Dublin Region.



Saturday 23rd December
10.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Sunday 24th December
Christmas Eve
8.30 a.m.
11.30 a.m.

5.00 p.m.
7.00 p.m.
9.00 p.m.

Monday 25th December
Christmas Day
8.30 a.m.
11.30 a.m.

**Tuesday 26th to Saturday
30th December incl –
Mass at 11.00 a.m.**

**Advent/Christmas
Penance Service:**
Wed 20th December at
8.00 p.m.

Sat 23rd December
Individual Confession
10.30 a.m. to 12 noon

Saturday 30th December
11.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Sunday 31st December
New Year's Eve
8.30 a.m.
11.30 a.m.
7.00 p.m.

**Monday 1st January 2018
to Friday 5th January incl –
Mass at 11.00 a.m.**

Friday 5th January 2018
Vigil Mass at 6.30 p.m.

Saturday 6th January 2018
Feast of the Epiphany
8.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m. and
6.30 p.m.

Sunday 7th January 2018
**8.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m.
and 7.00 p.m.**

Monday 8th January
Normal Mass times resume

World Meeting of Families 2018

IRELAND is where the next World Meeting of
Families is to take place in 2018. Join us on the
JOURNEY as we prepare as a parish to engage
with this International faith based event on our
own shores. If you would like to be part of the
team planning and organising events in the
parish please contact Margaret PPW at the
parish office.

The World Meeting of Families Logo



At the heart of the logo is the family,
represented in different ages and. No
one is excluded, couples, elderly,
single, widowed, consecrated, clergy,
children, all are important members of
our family.



Shows that families from all around
the globe will come to Ireland for
the WMOF 2018. It also reminds us
that family we have a vital role to
play in caring for our common
home.



Logo of the Archdiocese of Dublin,
which is the host diocese for
WMOF2018. As well as representing
God's love, flowing from the cross,
embracing all the families of the world,
the semicircle and cross also represent
the 'dome' of the Church, "a family of
families.



Symbol of the self-sacrificing love of
Jesus. This self-sacrificing love is also
at the very heart of marriage and
family life. It is also a symbol of
Ireland's Christian roots and history.
Known by many as the "Papal Cross", it
stands in the Phoenix Park in Dublin,



Draws from ancient Celtic imagery,
found on ancient stones and
monuments around Ireland. As
Christianity came to Ireland, the
tri-spiral, began to be used as a symbol
of the Holy Trinity.

