



Weekly Notices for the Churches of **Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow & St. David, Johnstown** Commencing Sunday 24th January, 2016

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 **GOD IS LOVE**

God is love: His the care,
Tending each everywhere.
God is love, all is there.
Jesus came to show him,
that mankind might know him.

R/ **Sing aloud, loud, loud, Sing aloud,
loud loud,
God is good, God is truth, God is beauty,
praise him.**

None can see God above;
Humankind we can love;
Thus may we Godward move,
Finding God in others,
Sister all, and brothers. R/

Mass Intentions

Saturday 6.30p.m.	23rd January Aidan Forde Michael John Byrne Bessie O'Leary Gerard Kavanagh Sarah Conway
Sunday 8.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	24th January Maggie & Danny Murray Cpt. James Birmingham Michael Keogh Reggie Gleeson May & Maisie Gleeson Nora Lalor (nee Tyrrell) Months Mind Patrick Russell Irene & Pat Mahon Richard Doherty
	7.00 p.m.
Monday 8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	25th January - -
Tuesday 8.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	26th January - -
Wednesday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	27th January - -
Thursday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	28th January - -
Friday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	29th January - William, Essie and Shiela Breslin
Saturday 10.00 a.m.	30th January -

Arklow Parish Children's Choir

A meeting for all children interested in joining the Parish Choir will take place in Árus Lorcáin this Monday 25th January from 6 to 7 p.m.

If your child would like to get involved please come along on Monday evening or contact the Parish Office (tel: 0402-31716)



Theme: The teaching of the Church on the Liturgy of the Word is expressed in these texts. Jesus states that the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled in himself: so the Scripture word is actualized for us each time it is proclaimed in church. Christ is really present in his Word. That Word challenges us to a renewal of life, as the people rediscovered their identity when Ezra read the Law to them. Those who serve as ministers of the Word will find the joy of the Lord to be their strength.

Reading 1. This passage tells of the events which marks the birth of Judasim. The word of God played an essential role within the 1st assembly of the Jewish people who were gathered in the desert.

Reading 2. St. Paul continues to speak of the gifts of the Spirit. He gives the example of the human body and how the different gifts of the Spirit should be used for the good of all the church.

Gospel: In this passage he stresses the power of the Spirit at work in Jesus. Jesus sees the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah in his own immediate person and presence.

Feast of St. Blaise

On Thursday 3rd February, Feast of St. Blaise, there will be Blessing of Throats at 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. Masses. There will be a 7.00p.m. evening Mass on this day too. If you know of anybody who would like their throat blessed please let them know. All welcome.



Televised Mass

On **Sunday 14th February, 2016** (Valentines Day) Mass will be televised live by RTE from our church at 11.00 a.m.

Please note the usual 11.30 a.m. Mass will be at the earlier time of 11.00 on this morning. Further details to follow.

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome

It is hoped that a pilgrimage to Rome will take place later this year, on 3rd October for 7 nights.

Please contact the Parish Office to register your interest.
Tel: 0402-31716 or email: office@arklowparish.ie

NOTICES

Engaged Couples Mass

All engaged couples have been invited to the 7.00p.m. Mass this evening where they will have their engagements rings blessed. Thank you to everybody who has helped with the preparations for this.

Christmas Dues:

Sincere thanks to everybody who has returned their Christmas Dues.

Dan's Lifeboat Special Hurry to the Curry takes place in the Arklow Bay Hotel on Friday 29th January.

Music by the Groove and D.J. Tickets €20. Doors open at 8.00p.m.

Webcam from Parish

