



If you are new to this area or just visiting you are very welcome and we the existing faith community hope you feel at home. If you are new to the parish please make yourself known to one of the priests of the parish. Be sure to visit our website, Facebook & Instagram....

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 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/

Website of the Week

www.catholicbishops.ie

Weekly Notices for the Churches of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow and St. David, Johnstown

Sunday 26th January 2020

Mass Intentions

Saturday 6.30 p.m.	25th January Eddie Byrne Myles Doyle Mary O'Reilly (Month's Mind) James & Sally Kenny Tom Kavanagh Eileen & Larry Tomkins
Sunday 8.30 a.m.	26th January Maggie Murray Danny Murray Michael Keogh Omar Cowan (Months Mind) Peggy Byrne (nee O'Neill) Tommy Cullen (Month's Mind)
11.30 a.m.	27th January -
7.00 p.m.	28th January Connor Doyle
Monday 8.00 a.m.	-
10.00 a.m.	John Hogan Jnr Kevin Byrne
Tuesday 8.00 a.m.	29th January -
10.00 a.m.	30th January -
Wednesday 8.00 a.m. /10.00 a.m.	31st January -
Thursday 8.00 a.m. /10.00 a.m.	1st February -
Friday 8.00 a.m. /10.00 a.m.	-
Saturday 10.00 a.m.	-

Please contact the Parish Office to book a Mass Intention.



Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of **William (Willie) Wolohan, Fr. Redmond Park Maurice O'Brien, Rockview Terrace Peggy Byrne (nee O'Neill) late of Luton & Rory O'Connor Place**
May they rest in peace.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday 9.00 a.m.—5 p.m.,

Friday 9 a.m.— 4.30 p.m.

Telephone: 0402-31716.

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Website: www.arklowparish.ie

Webcam from Parish



Confirmation 2020
Ceremony of Light

Gaelscoil –
6th February at 7.00 p.m.
St. John's -
13th February at 7.00 p.m.



Celebrating the work of our local Catholic Schools



The World Day of the Sick Mass celebrated by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will take place on Sunday 9th February at 3.00pm in Church of the Guardian Angels, Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock.

Tue 11th February
Feast Day of our Lady of Lourdes



Saturday February 1st
St. Brigid, Secondary
Patron Saint of Ireland



People came from all over Ireland to talk with Brigid about their worries. The poor always received a welcome. She also made sure that people received religious instruction. These were early years for the Church in Ireland. There is a story that she was helping an old pagan chieftain who was dying to understand who Jesus was and how he had died on the Cross. She took up some straw from the floor and made a simple cross. Even today people like to make St. Brigid's Cross and put it on a wall somewhere in their house.



Sunday February 2nd
(World Day for Consecrated Life)
The Presentation of the Lord

Blessing of the Candles
Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing of candles is included in today's liturgy.
Please bring a candle for blessing at the Family Mass and Sunday morning Masses



Pope's January prayer intention: Promotion of world peace

Sunday of the Word of God
Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
26 January 2020

The feast is the start of a year of increased engagement with the Word of God. Some on-line resources:

www.dublindiocese.ie/living-thewordworkshop
www.tarsus.ie/page-73/ and www.catholicbishops.ie

Parish News

Some new ideas for our Family Mass: A meeting of parents/grandparents and the Family Mass Group to discuss ways on how to enrich the experience of our community celebration of Mass for families and children. All are welcome. Wednesday 29th January at 7pm in Árus Lorcáin.

Communication Team Meeting: Thursday 30th January at 6.30p.m. in Árus Lorcáin.

Liturgy Team Meeting: 5th February at 6.30pm in Árus Lorcáin.

NOTICES

SS Michael and Peter Junior School Enrolment 2020: Is your child due to start school in September 2020? Come along to our enrolment and information evening on **Thursday 6th February** in St. Michael's hall at 7p.m. Enrolment forms are available in the school office & on www.ssmichaelandpeter.ie

Arklow Lifeboat Station- Dan's Lifeboat Special 'HURRY TO THE CURRY' in the Arklow Bay Hotel – Friday 31st January at 8 p.m. Music by Citizen J & D.J. – Tickets €20, from the Arklow Bay or contact Mossy 087-982 2082, Tommy 086-161 2037 & Tony 086-256 9787

Wicklow Hospice: A truly wonderful start to 2020 to see the open days for the Wicklow Hospice take place on the **25th and 26th of January from 11-3.** We would love to see you all come and see this amazing building that has been built by the people of Co. Wicklow and beyond. As you all know Hospice care is so different from Hospital care and to have this facility now available in Co Wicklow is a dream come true.

The **Alzheimer's Society** of Ireland are holding **practical training sessions for family carers of loved ones with dementia** in the Arklow Bay Hotel from 7 – 9.30p.m. on Feb 24, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Tel: 01-2073834