

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, alight 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 26th January**
6.30 p.m. Myles Doyle
Frank and Frances Briody
Nicholas Tancred
James & Dora Gregory
Aldona Rukaire (Month's Mind)
- Sunday 27th December**
8.30 a.m. Maggie & Danny Murray
James Kenny
11.30 a.m. Michael Keogh
Jonathan Malone
William & Maisie Gleeson
Reggie & May Gleeson
Michael (Mick) Wolohan
- Monday 28th January**
8.00 a.m. -
10.00 a.m. Kevin Byrne
Jadwiga Czekaj
- Tuesday 29th January**
8.00 a.m. -
10.0 a.m. -
- Wednesday 30th January**
8.00 a.m. -
10.0 a.m. John Lee (Month's Mind)
- Thursday 31st January**
8.00 a.m. -
10.0 a.m. -
- Friday 1st February**
8.00 a.m. -
10.0 a.m. -
- Saturday 2nd February**
10.00 a.m. -

Notices for the Churches of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow and St. David, Johnstown – 27th January 2019

All **engaged couples** in the parish are invited to have their engagement rings blessed on **Saturday 9th February at the 6.30p.m. Mass. There is no 'Family Mass' this evening.** Contact the Parish Office if you would like to attend. Thank you.



Children preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion are inviting their Godparents to attend Family Mass with them on Saturday 2nd February at 6.30pm. in Sts. Mary & Peter's Church, Arklow.



Celebrating the Work of Our Local Catholic Schools



Due to low uptake on this initiative the **Young People's Parish Choir** has been cancelled until September. Thank you to our choir mistress Marie O' Regan and the children who attended.

The **Legion of Mary** have formed an adult discussion group called The Patricians and will meet to discuss matters of faith and life in an informal setting.

The first meeting takes place on **Wednesday 30th January at 8p.m. in Árus Lorcaín.** The group is open to all parishioners. This month's topic is 'Marriage'. Refreshments during the interval. Spiritual Director: Fr. O' Cochláin



Friday 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 a St. Brigid's Cross and put it on a wall somewhere in their house.

Saturday 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. **Candles will be blessed at 10.00 a.m. Mass.**

World Day of the Sick – Sunday 10th February

Celebration of the 27th anniversary with Mass and anointing of the Sick in Corpus Christi Church, Drumcondra at 3.00 p.m. celebrating the International World Day of the Sick.



First Reading: Ezra publicly proclaims the law before the assembled nation. The people are so moved by the proclamation of God's law, that they throw themselves to the ground and weep, but Ezra encourages them to rejoice. Receiving the Word of God is always a joyful occasion.

Second Reading: The old nation consisted of individual Jews who formed a national community but now the church consists of interrelated members within the Body of Christ. There are no longer individuals, but parts of the one Body, so that the Body of Christ is indivisible. Each member has an individual task which is not for oneself, rather or the whole Church.

Gospel Reading: Jesus proclaims the words of Isaiah in the synagogue of his hometown and applies them to himself, words which sound blasphemous to his hearers. He steps out of the obscurity of his boyhood in Nazareth and into his public role of Messiah.

MEDJUGORJE EVENING OF PRAYER



Join us for an evening commencing with Rosary, then Mass celebrated by Fr. Liam Lawton including adoration and benediction.

Evening starts at 7.30pm in St Fintan's Parish Church, Sutton 31st January 2019

Bus from Arklow Parade Ground 5.30pm Contact the Parish Office 0402-31716

Polish Mass will take place on Sunday 3rd February at 12.30 p.m. in St. Joseph's Church Templarney. All are welcome.

With Deepest Sympathy

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of

- Tommy Godkin (Cherryfield)
- Jack Randle (St. Mary's Road)
- Josephine O'Connor (Arklow)
- Tom O'Donnell (Coolgreany)

Who died recently.
May they rest in peace.



-Parish Pilgrimages to Lourdes 2019

Arklow Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

September 3rd to 10th 2019
Contact Dermot & Bridget Greene for more information. Tel: 0402-33171 or 087-6314437

Castletown Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

September 3rd to 10th 2019
Contact Ella Brauders for more information. Tel: 087-7669571