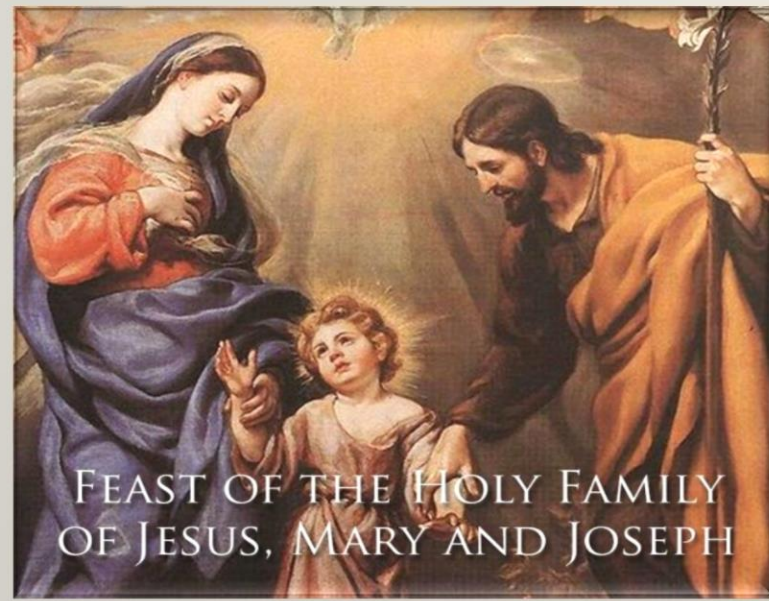


Mass Intentions

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| Saturday 10.00 a.m. | 26th December Helena Murphy Tommy Ryan Mary Molloy (Birthday Remembrance) Bernie O'Brien, Tom & Leonard O'Brien Omar Cowan |
| 6.30 p.m. | Pat Kavanagh |
| Sunday 8:30 a.m. | 27th December |
| 10.00 | Johnstown |
| 11.00 | Castletown |
| 11.30 a.m. | John & Edward Doyle David Jeffreys Colin Goggins Margaret Sunderland Lily Barnwell |
| 7.00 p.m. | |
| Monday 10.00 a.m. | 28th December Tommy Cullen (1 st Anniversary) Eugene Kane |
| Tuesday 10:00 a.m. | 29th December |
| Wednesday 10.00 a.m. | 30th December Sean Brough John Lee John (Sean) Brady |
| Thursday 10:00 a.m. | 31st December |
| Friday 10.00 a.m. | 1st January |
| Saturday 10.00 a.m. | 2nd January |



We wish you and your family a very
Happy and Prosperous New Year

Families are very important to all of us. Always
value and support your family just like Jesus
Mary & Joseph

Christmas Greetings

We hope that this Christmas has been a happy one for you and your families. 2020 has been a most unusual year for everybody we have never had a Christmas like it in living memory We wish to thank all the people of the Parish for helping us celebrate the birth of Our Savior with such dignity over the past few days. A especial word of thanks to all the volunteers in the Parish you have excelled yourselves in preparing the Church and the Parish for the safety of all people who use the Church. For those people who were not able to get a place at Christmas Mass we hope that 2021 will bring better times to everybody.

At their recent Facebook live prize giving ceremony Arklow Christmas Festival Committee awarded a Special recognition award to St Mary and Peters Church for the huge effort they put into the new lights at the church this year. I'm sure you all agree it lights up the parade ground and gives a beacon of light atop the town.



Congratulations to all concerned

Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow with St. David's, Johnstown

Sunday 27th December 2020

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF, JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Archdiocese of Dublin

Youth Initiatives

The Young Church Dublin – Young Adult Alpha Course

The Young Church Dublin team would like to invite you to join us for our Young Adult Alpha online course which we will start from **Monday, 18th January, from 7.00-8:15pm**. The course will be run from the comfort of your own home over Zoom for 11 weeks until March 29th. This Alpha course with YCD is an opportunity for you to grow in your own faith. Alpha is also a wonderful opportunity for friends, family or community members to explore the Christian faith together. Taking part might even encourage you to run Alpha yourself in the future!

All participants must register by emailing your name and contact details to kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie *Please note that numbers are limited.

Foundational Leadership Programme for Young Adults – New Course Dates January 2021

The Foundational Leadership Programme offers participants a unique opportunity to explore and develop Gospel transformational leadership Skills. This programme endeavours to provide participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to be Gospel centred transformational leaders and change agents within their own parishes, communities. The Foundational Leadership Programme is run jointly between the Catholic and Church of Ireland Dioceses of Dublin and a team of young adult volunteers. It is uniquely placed to nurture and mission a new generation of faith leaders. Commitment will be one Saturday morning starting in January 2021 (16 January, 20 February, 20 March initially)

For more information, online registration and payment – use this link

<https://www.evangelisation.ie/2020/08/11/foundational-leadership-programme-sign-up-2020/>

Digital Resources

The Digital Hub

The Digital Hub is a new resource from the Catholic Communications Office of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference. With this resource we hope to assist dioceses and parishes to effectively 'put out into the deep of the net'. The digital parish has truly emerged and come into its own in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. Some parishes have found themselves plunged into the unknown when it comes to broadcasting, live streaming and sharing content online. Wherever you are in terms of preparedness, our Digital Hub aims to assist you in the creation and management of your website and social media content. You will find a mixture of guidelines and principles for engaging on the digital highways; an overview of digital media platforms so as you can understand how to best use them in a faith context; and an A – Z of technology terms so as you can find out what hashtags are and how to use them or learn how to manage paid content on your social media pages. The Digital Hub is now live and will be updated weekly. The Quick Links menu will take you to the resources you need but if there is something not included that you would like us to cover, please contact the Catholic Communications Office on info@catholicbishops.ie.

Support Services

Aware - Support & Self Care Groups

If you, or those with whom you work wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the holiday season. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups

<https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on www.aware.ie

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

The Parish Office will close for Christmas holidays on Tuesday 22nd December at 1 pm and reopen on Monday 4th January 2021 at 9 am.

