

### 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

#### 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/ Alleluia, 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

6.30 p.m.

#### 27<sup>th</sup> January

James Birmingham  
Margaret Bunting (B'day remembrance)  
Elizabeth Kinsella  
Patrick (Paddy) Kinsella  
Patrick (Pat) Kinsella  
Morgan Kinsella  
Elizabeth (Polly) Kinsella  
Reggie, Maisie and May Gleeson

#### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January

8.30 a.m.

Maggie Murray  
Danny Murray  
James Kenny  
Myles Doyle  
Michael Keogh  
Jonathan Malone  
Joe & Kitty Fitzgerald  
Michael Proctor (B'day remembrance)  
Margaret & Thady Loftus  
Marcella & Pat Kavanagh  
Kevin Byrne

7.00 p.m.

#### Monday

8.00 a.m.

#### 29<sup>th</sup> January

10.00 a.m.

#### Tuesday

8.00 a.m.

#### 30<sup>th</sup> January

10.00 a.m.

#### Wednesday

8.00 a.m.

#### 31<sup>st</sup> January

10.00 a.m.

#### Thursday

8.00 a.m.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> February

10.00 a.m.

#### Friday

8.00 a.m.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> February

10.00 a.m.

Altar List of the Dead  
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#### Saturday

10.00 a.m.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> February

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### With Sympathy

Sympathies are extended to the  
family and friends of

**Thomas (Tommy) Mulpeter**

Who died recently.  
May he rest in peace.



Thank you to all primary schools  
involved with this weekend's Mass  
marking the beginning of Catholic  
Schools Week.

During this week we aim to celebrate the unique  
contribution that Catholic schools, both primary  
and post-primary, make to the mission of the  
church in our local faith communities and  
throughout the wider church.

## Weekly Notices for the Churches of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow and St. David, Johnstown - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018

The annual **Mass for all Engaged Couples** where engagement rings will be blessed will take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at the 6.30 p.m. Mass. If you know of any engaged couples who would like an invite to this please contact the parish office or Fr. Michael.

**The Irish Catholic Newspaper** will be on sale in the Church Porches after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

**Arklow Parish Lourdes Group:** The booking office will open in Árus Lorcáin on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February from 10.30 am. to 12.30 p.m. This year's pilgrimage takes place from 6<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September. For further information please contact Dermot and Bridget Greene on 0402-33171 or 087-6314437

There will be a **Holy Hour** of reparation in St Peter and St Paul Church Kilanerin on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 8:00pm. Led by Fr Denis Browne, the hour is filled with prayer, silent and sung adoration followed by Solemn Benediction. All are welcome to join us in this grace filled hour.

**Concern** would like to thank all parishioners for supporting their recent collection. A total of €830 was raised in our parish.

Arklow Group of Parishes  
**Holy Land Pilgrimage 2018**  
23<sup>rd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October  
Spiritual Director: Fr. David Brough

Price: €1,575.00 per person sharing (half board)

**This price includes:**

- Direct flights Dublin – Tel Aviv return
- Airport taxes and charges
- 8 nights accommodation in 4 star hotels (3 nights Tiberias/5 nights Jerusalem)
- Dinner, bed and breakfast basis throughout
- Transfers and coaching as per programme
- Entrance fees where applicable

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#### Thursday February 1<sup>st</sup>

#### **St. Brigid, Secondary Patron Saint of Ireland**

People came from all over Ireland to talk with Brigid when they had problems and worries. Poor people always received a welcome and were given food and clothing. 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.

#### Friday February 2<sup>nd</sup> (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. According to the 1962 Missal of St. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is referred to as the "Purification of Mary." This is known as a "Christmas feast" since it points back to the Solemnity of Christmas.

**Candles will be blessed at 8.00 a.m. and 10.0 a.m. Masses.**

#### Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup> **St. Blaise**

Since the eight century he has been venerated as patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat. The Blessing of St. Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick. **Throats will be blessed from 9.45 to 9.55 a.m., provided there is no funeral and then for half an hour after Mass.**

We are the parish community of St Mary's & St Peter's. We are special people. We love God and His Church. We are only as strong as the people who worship and take part in our parish. It's very important for us to feel free to volunteer and participate in the many activities in our parish. Please feel free to volunteer your special gifts and if you have any spare time we are always delighted to have the generous use of your unique talents.

One special person who has given most generously of her time is **Lena Ryan** who has helped with the flowers for forty six years. Wow! To mark her retirement we are going to have a celebration next **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February after the 11:30a.m Mass with a cup of tea in Árus Lorcáin.**

Please join in the celebration of her wonderful service. God bless you all!

**Fr. Pádraig.**

### World Meeting of Families

Next Planning meeting  
is on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>  
February in Árus  
Lorcáin at 7.30p.m.

