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/

With Sympathy

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of

Thomas (Tommy) Mulpeter

Who died recently. May he rest in peace.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 27th January

James Bermingham 6.30 p.m.

Margaret Bunting (B'day remembrance)

Elizabeth Kinsella Patrick (Paddy) Kinsella Patrick (Pat) Kinsella Morgan Kinsella

Elizabeth (Polly) Kinsella Reggie, Maisie and May Gleeson

Sunday 28th January

Maggie Murray 8.30 a.m.

Danny Murray James Kenny

11.30 a.m. 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 29th January

8.00 a.m.

10.00 a.m.

Tuesday 30th January

8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.

Wednesday 31st January

8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.

Thursday 1st February

8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.

Friday 2nd February

8.00 a.m. Altar List of the Dead 10.00 a.m. Altar List of the Dead

3rd February Saturday

10.00 a.m.

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 28th January 2018

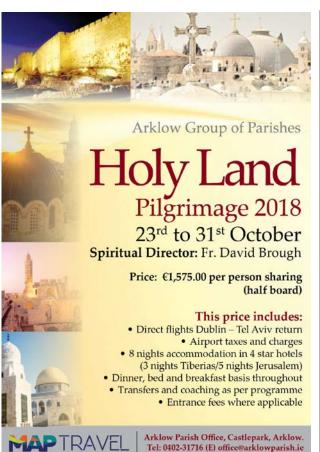
The annual Mass for all Engaged Couples where engagement rings will be blessed will take place on Saturday 10th February 2018 at the 6.30 p.m. Mass. If you know of any engaged couples who would like an invite to this please contact the parish office or Fr. Michael.

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 23rd February from 10.30 am. to 12.30 p.m. This year's pilgrimage takes place from 6th – 13th 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 30th 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 \in 830 was raised in our parish.



Thursday February 1st

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 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. 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 blessed at 8.00 a.m. and 10.0 a.m. Masses.

Saturday February 3rd 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 4th 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 6th February in Árus Lorcáin at 7.30p.m.

