



Weekly Notices for the Churches of
Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow & St. David, Johnstown
 Commencing Sunday 30th November, 2014—1st Sunday of Advent

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Gathering Hymn

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

O come, O come Emmanuel,
 to free your captive Israel.
 That mourns in lonely exile here,
 until the Son of God appear.
 Rejoice, rejoice, O Israel,
 To you shall come Emmanuel.

O come, great daystar, radiance bright,
 and heal us with your glorious light.
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 And death's dark shadows put to flight,
 Rejoice, rejoice, O Israel,
 To you shall come Emmanuel.

Recessional Hymn

SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his
 righteousness.
 And all these things shall be added unto you;
 allelu, alleluia.

R/ **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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 6.30 p.m.	November 29th William Byrne Michael & James Sheehan Brendan Canavan
Sunday 8.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	November 30th - Ben & Kitty Coburn John Byrne (Month's Mind)
7.00 p.m.	Baby Freya Ledwidge Plunkett Geraldine Ryan
Monday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	December 1st -
Tuesday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	December 2nd Catherine McDonald Ann Wadden & Jonathan Martin
Wednesday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	December 3rd Intentions of St. Mary's College Denis & Annie Murphy
Thursday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	December 4th Michael Penston Doreen Byrne
Friday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	December 5th Altar List of the Dead Altar List of the Dead
Saturday 10.00 a.m.	December 6th Mary Myler

NOTICES

New Family Mass & Choir. We welcome our new Young Peoples Choir, Cantóirí Óga, to Mass this Saturday evening. We encourage families to attend regularly and like all new beginnings, it will take a little time to establish itself.

The re-launch of **Eucharistic Adoration** in our Parish will be marked in a special way at the 11.30 Mass this Sunday morning.

On Monday 8th December at 10.00 a.m. Mass will be broadcast from St. David's church, Johnstown on RTE Radio long wave 252 and Radio One Extra. The celebrant is Fr. Michael Murtagh. This is a historic event for St. David's Church and you are all warmly invited to attend this Mass of Our Lady.

The Christmas edition of the **Parish Newsletter** is currently being distributed to homes throughout the parish. **Christmas Dues Envelopes** have been attached to the newsletter. Additional newsletters and envelopes are also available at all church doors.

Sincere thanks to everybody involved in any way with last weekends service marking the centenary of Fr. Dunphy's death.

Morning Prayer of the Church for Advent commences on Monday December 1st and will take place each weekday morning including Saturday at 9.45 a.m. and at the earlier time of 9.40 a.m. in the event of a funeral.

Legion of Mary: The Rosary will be recited in St. Gabriel's Cemetery at 3.00 p.m. today. All are welcome.

The Irish Catholic paper is on sale after Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

'Cruinniu: Carols by Candlelight', A night of festive melodies will take place in the Church of Sts. Mary and Peter on Thursday 11th December at 8pm. Performances from Cruinniu, Arklow Shipping Silver Band, Take Note, Elizabeth Byrne, St. Michael's GNS and Fonn Nollag. Donation €5.00. Proceeds to "Wheels for Darragh".

Saint Vincent de Paul—Christmas Appeal The annual bench collection will take place at all Masses over the weekend of **Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th December**, replacing the SHARE collection.

Enable Ireland Wicklow Services would like to give their heartfelt thanks to the Arklow Parish of St Mary and St Peters. We were delighted to have raised €499.56 over the weekend of the 15 / 16 Nov. Money raised from this church gate will be used to provide essential services to children with disabilities in the Wicklow area.

AN EXCITING NEW FAITH INITIATIVE!



PRIMARY SCHOOLS
 Category 1 - 2nd Class
 Category 2 - 3rd & 4th Class
 Category 3 - 5th & 6th Class

THEMES:
 ART - 'The Last Supper'
 POETRY - 'Kindness'
 SHORT STORY - 'Forgiveness'

PRIZES:
 1st - €75 Voucher & Perpetual Trophy
 2nd - €50 Voucher & Perpetual Trophy
 3rd - €40 Voucher & Perpetual Trophy

All entries must be submitted by Thursday 22nd January 2015

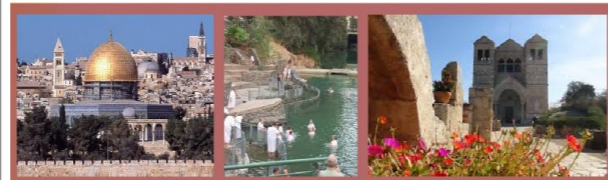
SECONDARY SCHOOLS
 Category 1 - 1st/2nd/3rd year
 Category 2 - TY/5th/6th year

THEMES
SHORT STORY - 'The Prodigal Son'
 Prizes: €100 Voucher & Perpetual Trophy
 €75 Voucher & Perpetual Trophy

FILM - 'The Parable of the Sower'
 Prizes: €150 Voucher & Perpetual Trophy
 €100 Voucher & Perpetual Trophy

PHOTO - 'Encountering God in Daily Life'
 Prizes: €75 Voucher & Perpetual Trophy
 €50 Voucher & Perpetual Trophy

Date for Your Diary!
October, 2015
Arklow Group of Parishes Pilgrimage to



THE HOLY LAND
 Lead by Fr. Martin Cosgrove
 Further details available in Parish Office.

Sharing the Good News

Through praying the Sacred Scriptures
Lectio Divinia
 Spend an hour in prayer with Fr. John Hayes every Monday during Advent
 All are very welcome

Dates: Monday December 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd
Time: 8.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.
Venue: Árus Lorcáin, Castlepark, Arklow

Sympathies are extended to the family and friend of **Paddy Lipsett** Who died recently **May he rest in peace.**

The Jesse Tree
 The Jesse Tree is a very ancient custom. It represents the family tree, or genealogy of Jesus Christ. The Jesse tree shows us more of the important people in the Old Testament. It shows us how long they waited for a king. We know that Jesus is the king that God promised to send. We use the Jesse tree to remind us of God's promise.

During Advent ornaments are added to the Jesse tree. Each one representing one of the major stories of the Old Testament.


When we come towards the end of the Advent Season, the Jesse tree will be transformed to become our Christmas tree.

"Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit." Isaiah 11:1,

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cross care FOOD APPEAL 

This is an appeal for non-perishable food items for the work of **Crosscare in conjunction with St. Vincent de Paul.** Beginning next weekend there will be collection points here in the church and at St. David's in Johnstown for the weekends of Advent. Thank you for your support.