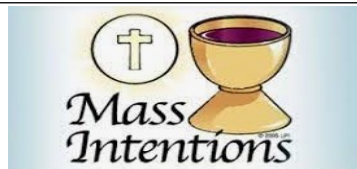


**Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow  
with St David's Johnstown  
31st December 2023  
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**



**Saturday 30th December  
6.30pm**

Phyllis Murray (1st Anniv)  
Hattie Walker (Anniv)  
Seamie Tancred (Anniv)

**Sunday 31st December  
11.30am**

Eileen Dempsey (Anniv)  
John Lee (Anniv)  
Seán Brough (Anniv)  
Sally Farrell (Anniv)  
Noreen Larkin (Anniv)  
**7pm**  
Thomas O'Leary (1st Anniv)

**Monday 1st January  
10am**

Ian English (Anniv)

**Friday 5th January  
10am**

Eileen Kane (Anniv)

**Castletown**

**8pm 30th December**  
Matt Byrne (1st Anniv)

**Polish Mass**

**Sunday  
7th of January  
at 10am**



Kolejna msza w języku polskim odbędzie się 07.01.24 o godzinie 10.00. Po mszy wszystkich serdecznie zapraszamy do Árus Lorcáin na kawę i ciastko.

Next mass in polish will take place on 07.01.24 at 10 am. There will be tea and cake after in Arus Lorcain. All welcome.

**Liturgical  
Calendar  
January**



Monday 1st Mary, Mother of God  
Tuesday 2nd St Basil  
Wed 3rd The Holy Name of Jesus  
St Munchin  
Friday 5th St Charles of St Andrew  
Saturday The Epiphany of the Lord

**Prayer of the Epiphany**

Three wonders mark this day we celebrate:

Today the star led the Magi to the manger;

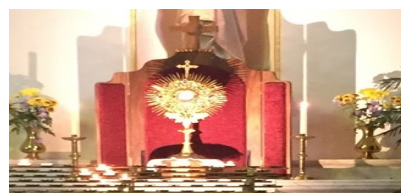
Today water was changed into wine at the marriage feast;

Today Christ desired to be baptised by John in the river Jordan to bring us salvation, alleluia.

**Monday 1st January  
World Day of Peace**



**Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament**



**Adoration Holy Hour Times**  
**Tuesday 5pm—6pm**  
**Friday 5pm— 6pm**  
**Sunday 3pm –5pm**

**Sunday 31st December**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

The Holy Family is seen as the model of the human family, the religious community, and the Church itself. The celebration of the Incarnation has brought us to see God's closeness. In the Holy Family we see the ordinariness of the life of Jesus, the simple acceptance by Mary and Joseph of the marvels of God. In the daily life of family and community we can touch the divine, we can come close to God. But we have to learn to live centred on God, with respect and love for each other



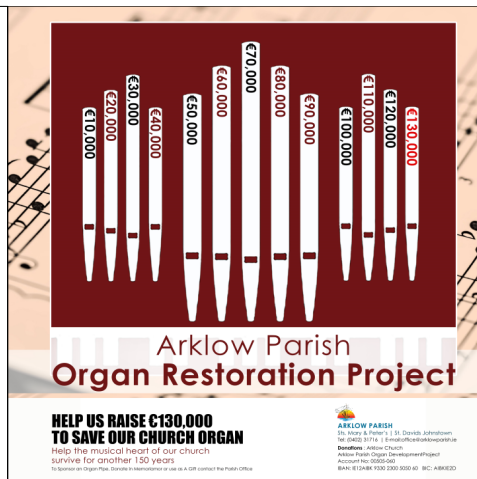
**Monday 1st January  
Mary, Mother of God**

At the message of the angel, the Virgin Mary received the Word of God in her heart and in her body, and gave Life to the world. Hence she is acknowledged and honoured as being truly the Mother of God and Mother of the Redeemer.

**Saturday 6th January**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

'The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his Baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast of Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation'



**The Arklow Parish Organ Development Project,** The Committee of the Arklow Parish Organ Development Fund are delighted to let you know that fundraising has surpassed all of their first year targets due to the strong support of our Parishioners and wider Community.

The Project which launched late November 2022 has raised in excess of €70,000 to date which is beyond expectations in a difficult economic time for many.

As you may be aware the contract for repairs has been signed and the total cost will run to €130,000 over two years

2024 will be a very busy year again with many concerts and fundraisers in the pipeline.

If you would like to organise a fundraising event please contact one of the Committee or the Secretaries office in Árus Lorcáin where fundraising Packs are available.

Many Thanks



**Wishing you all a very Happy  
New Year From  
Fr Pádraig & Fr David.**



**Parish Office  
Árus Lorcáin  
Re-opening  
Wednesday 3rd January**

**SAMARITANS**

East Coast

East Coast Samaritans would like to thank all supporters for all of your help throughout the year, we are extremely grateful to you all. It is support from the community that helps us to reach out to offer emotional support to more people in need.

Samaritans are available to offer emotional support 24/7, free phone 116 123 or by email: [jo@samaritans.ie](mailto:jo@samaritans.ie)

**The Pope's Intentions  
for January**

**For the Gift of Diversity  
in the Church**

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church

*Thanks to all who returned their Christmas dues. Envelopes are still available on the Altar Rails and can be returned to either of the Priests.*

**Gathering Hymn**

**Silent Night**

Silent night, holy night  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child  
Holy Infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia  
Christ the Savior is born  
Christ the Savior is born

**Recessional Hymn**

**Adeste Fideles**

Adeste Fideles Laeti  
triumphantes  
Venite,venite in Bethlehem  
Natum videte, Regem  
Angelorum;

**Venite Adoremus, venite adoremus**

**Venite adoremus  
Dominium!**

Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine,  
gestant puellae viscera.  
Deum veru, gentium non factum

**Venite Adoremus, venite adoremus**

**Venite adoremus  
Dominium!**

Cantet nunc io chorus Angelorum  
Cantet nunc aula caelstium:  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!