

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

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

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**The light of Christ has come into the world.
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All men must be born again to see the Kingdom of God.
The water of the Spirit bring new life in God's love. R/

God gave up his only Son out of love for the world so that all men who believe in him will live forever. R/

The light of God has come to us so that we might have salvation,
From the darkness of our sins we walk into glory with Christ Jesus. R/



Friday 8th December 7.30p.m. - 9.30p.m.



Weekly Notices for the Churches of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow and St. David, Johnstown – Sunday 3rd December 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday 6.30 p.m.	2nd December John Sweeney Joseph Doran Brendan Mates Peter Cassell Stephen Lane
Sunday 8.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m. 7.00 p.m.	3rd December Special Intention Ben & Kitty Coburn Billy Ebbit Doireann Byrne
Monday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	4th December - -
Tuesday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	5th December - -
Wednesday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	6th December - Mary Myler
Thursday 8.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	7th December - - - Blessing of the Outdoor Crib
Friday 8.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	8th December James Grant Rose Grant Ann & Rose Grant Babs Barnes No Evening Mass
Saturday 10.00 a.m.	9th December -

With Sympathy

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of **Tommy McCabe, John McManus and Jonny Connors** who died recently. May they rest in peace.



A full range of **Christmas Gifts and Cards** are now available in the Repository in Árus Lorcáin.

Archbishop Martin is seeking practical support for this year's Annual Parish Food Appeal this weekend December 2nd and 3rd for the Crosscare Foodbanks.

Crosscare work with many individuals and families throughout the Archdiocese who are struggling to make ends meet. The Food Banks provide support with essential food and household items. We have identified items that are most needed at this time: These include Shampoo & Hygiene Products | Soups | Tinned meats | Seasonal Biscuits | Cleaning Products. There will be collection points in the church porches. Thank you for your continued support.



On **Friday** we celebrate the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** and Mass times are as follows: Vigil Mass at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday and at 8.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m. on Friday. The **Blessing of the Outdoor Crib** takes place after the 6.30p.m. Vigil Mass on Thursday. All are very welcome, especially the younger parishioners.

Parish Visitation: We have completed visitation of the Maples. Thank you to all residents for the welcome given. The next area we plan to visit in the near future is Chestnut Grove.

Saint Vincent de Paul: The Annual Bench collection takes place at all Masses over next weekend 9th & 10th December. Thank you for your continued support.

Morning Prayer of the Church for Advent takes place each weekday morning during Advent including Saturday at 9.45 a.m. and at the earlier time of 9.40 a.m. in the event of a funeral.

The **Mother Kevin Committee** would like to thank everybody for their support of the recent craft fair in Árus Lorcáin. Your support is greatly appreciated.

A Christmas Family Fun Day at **St. Patrick's National School, Bearna Chlé, Johnstown** takes place today Sunday 3rd December from 11.00 a.m. Fantastic prizes for our Christmas Raffle. Everyone Welcome.

A St. Stephen's Night Spectacular takes place in the Arklow Bay Hotel in aid of St. John's Senior School 'Space to Play' Campaign. Tickets are €10 are available from the Arklow Bay Hotel and the school office.

The recent church gate collection for **Concern** raised €830.00. Sincere thanks to all who contributed in any way. The organising committee wish everyone a happy and healthy Christmas.

Arklow Christmas Festival takes place on Saturday 9th December with family entertainment, hot food stalls and Christmas Market Fare at The Park on the Main Street. Santa Dash Busking and lots more. See our Facebook page for more details.

Service of Reconciliation / Confession

A Service of Reconciliation with several priests available for confession takes place here on **Wednesday 20th December at 8p.m.** On **Saturday 23rd December** there are Individual Confessions from 10.30 to 12 noon.

Is the 8th Amendment Good or Bad?

There will be a meeting to discuss issues relating to the 8th Amendment, in the light of a likely referendum **in Árus Lorcáin on Monday 11th December at 8p.m.** This will include a presentation for guest speaker Petra Conroy from the group Catholic Comment. All those parishioners who have concerns about the possible repeal of the 8th Amendment are welcome to come along and join in the discussion.

World Meeting of Families 2018 online Advent Calendar

Advent: How Can You Prepare

Open a virtual door each day during the season of Advent. Behind each door there will be a prayer to help to reflect on how best we can put Christ to the centre of our Christmas. There will be family prayers and suggestions for acts of kindness or charity that family members will be encouraged to take on during the month of December.

The calendar will go live simultaneously on the Catholic Bishops and the World Meeting of Families 2018 websites [opens in new windowwww.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie) and www.worldmeeting2018.ie on the first Sunday of Advent.

