

Saturday 2nd December 6.30pm

Stephen Lane (Anniv)
Pat Kavanagh (Anniv)
John Sweeney (Anniv)

Sunday 3rd December 11.30am

Gertie & John Corr (Anniv)
Hazel & Billy Ebbitt (Anniv)
Angela Walker (2nd Anniv)
Deceased members of the Santana Family
Banilbo Family
Yuseco Family
DeCastro Family

7pm

Doreen Byrne (Anniv)
Janie McDonald (Anniv)

Johnstown

10am 3rd December
Kathleen Graham (1st Anniv)

With Sympathy

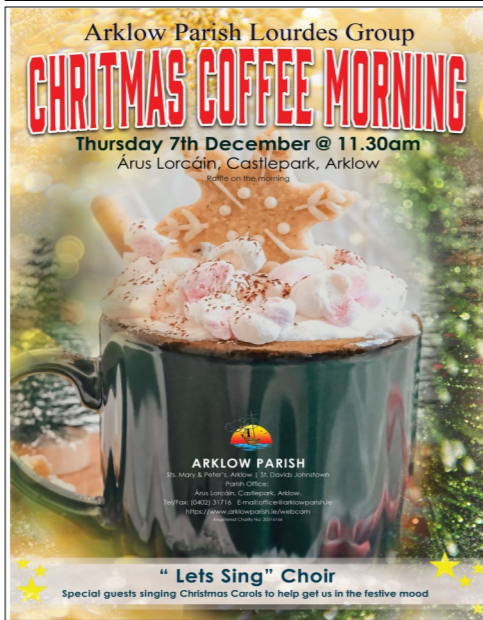
Sympathies are extended to the family and friends
Noel McDonald
Thomas Rowlands
&
Stephen McIntyre
rest in peace

Liturgical Calendar December

Monday 4th St John
Damascene
Wed 6th St Nicholas
Thursday 7th St Ambrose
Friday 8th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday 9th St Juan Diego
Cuahtlatotzin

We remember all our parishioners who are sick or in hospital at this time. We will keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

**Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow
with St David's Johnstown
3rd December 2023
First Sunday Advent**



Let your face shine on us
and we shall be saved
Ps 79



Friday 8th December

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We celebrate Mary who, from the first instant of her existence in the womb of her mother Anne, was 'by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved free from all stain and original sin'.

Masses

Vigil Mass

Thursday 7th December
Castletown 8pm

Friday 8th December

Arklow 10am

Johnstown 10am

7pm Arklow with Blessing of outdoor Crib

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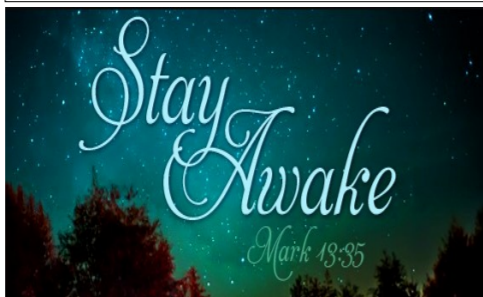
Join us in the Árus Lorcáin after 11.30am Mass Sunday 3rd December



The Parish Office is now stocked with Christmas Cards, and our very popular Advent Calendars all only €1.

We also have lovely Christmas Candles, Grave Candles, Ornaments and small gift ideas for Christmas.

Call in to have a look.



Arklow Cancer Support annual Ecumenical Service Wed 6th December 8pm venue Presbyterian Church Dublin Road. All welcome to attend.

The link for viewing is: [facebook.com/arklowpc](https://www.facebook.com/arklowpc)

arklowcancersupport@gmail.com

<https://www.arklowcancersupport.ie/>

Happy New Year

The Story of the Jesse Tree

Isaiah 11:1, "A shoot shall come out of the Stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots"

Jesse was the Father of King David and the Jesse tree is a representation of the Family tree of Jesus.

The ornaments, which will be hung during Advent, tell the story of the ancestors of Jesus and the events which happened leading up to his birth.

Each day during Advent, when a story is read from the Old Testament, a new symbol will be placed on the tree.

As we now journey together through Advent, the season of 'Waiting', the Jesse Tree will build up to the Joy and Anticipation which awaits for us all at Christmas. Advent also begins a new Church Year let us all wish each other

A Very Happy New Year.

Suantrai Female Vocal Ensemble directed by Sara Clancy
Beautiful Christmas Choral Music Concert

**Sts Mary & Peter Church, Arklow. Co. Wicklow
Thursday 14th December @ 7.30pm**

with Guest Violinist Cian Dwyer &
Riverdance Soloists Sara Clancy & Avril O'Toole

Standard Tickets €15 , Students/OAPs €12

To purchase tickets please go to the link below. Tickets are also on sale at Árus Lorcáin and at the door on the night

<https://www.gr8events.ie/achristmaschoralcelebrationarklow> (<https://www.gr8events.ie/achristmaschoralcelebrationarklow>)

Advent

If you give time to Jesus in prayer during Advent you will be ready to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. You might like to join in the parish preparation for Christmas during Advent. We will meet daily for the four weeks of Advent, Monday to Friday, in the Glendalough Room in Arus Lorcáin, from 10.45am till 11.15am for our parish "Walk with Me" programme. You will receive a daily prayer book and explore the mystery of Jesus' coming with other parishioners like yourself.

Organ Restoration fund.

A lovely Christmas gift would be to donate a pipe as a present to your loved one and you will receive a certificate to give them, also available are Christmas Cards to support our Organ Restoration Fund. Please contact the Parish Office (0402)31716 or call in for more details.

Anam Cara Wicklow, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening on Monday 11th December at 7:15pm in the Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also now offer an online meeting too. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

Gathering Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
To free your captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,

Until the Son of God appears.

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 fight.

Rejoice, Rejoice, O Israel,

To you shall come Emmanuel.

Recessional Hymn

When creation was begun,
God had chosen you to be,

Mother of his blessed son,
Holy Mary full of grace.

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.
When Creation was restored

You were there beside the Lord,
Whom you cherished and adored
Holy Mary full of grace.

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.
Lead us to your child above

He will teach us how to love
How to pity and forgive

Holy Mary full of grace.

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

The Legion of Mary Patrician Meeting are organising a talk, "The Future of the Catholic Church in Ireland" with guest speaker on Tuesday 5th December 2023 at 7.30pm in the May Byrne Community House Coolgreany. All are welcome.