



Gathering Hymn
HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark, the herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn king,
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and
sinners reconciled:
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With angelic hosts proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark the herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn king.

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the virgin's womb;
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail the incarnate deity,
Plagues as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new born king.

Recessional Hymn
ADESTES FIDELES

Adeste Fideles, laeti triumphantes,
Venite, venite in Bethlehem;
Natum videte, regem Angelorum,
Venite adoremus, venite adoremus,
Venite adoremus dominum.

Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine,
Gestant puellae viscera,
Deum verum, genitum non factum,
Venite adoremus, venite adoremus,
Venite adoremus Dominum.

Cantet nunc io, chorus angelorum
Cantet nunc aula caelestium
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Venite adoremus, venite adoremus,
Venite adoremus Dominum.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 6.30 p.m.	2nd January Cecilia Kennedy Jimmy Kennedy Betty Kelly Seamie Tancred
Sunday 8.30 a.m.	3rd January John & Annie Kinsella
11.30 a.m.	Gerald & Elizabeth Tallon Jim & Fintan Tallon Chrissie Mates
7.00 p.m.	Myles Kavanagh
Monday 11.00 a.m.	4th January -
Tuesday 11.00 a.m.	5th January John Byrne Eileen Kane
6.30p.m.	Bernard Hannigan Annie, Peter & John McCarthy
Wednesday 8.30a.m.	6th January -
11.30a.m.	-
7.00p.m.	-
Thursday 8.00am.	7th January -
10.00 a.m.	Johnny Egan (Recently deceased, late of Offaly)
Friday 8.00am.	8th January -
10.00 a.m.	-
Saturday 10.00 a.m.	9th January -

Churches of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow & St. David, Johnstown

Weekly Notices commencing 3rd January, 2016

NOTICES

On behalf of the Priests of the Parish and the Parish Pastoral Council we would like to extend best wishes for the New Year to all parishioners.

The Feast of the Epiphany, Wednesday 6th January, 2016.

The Vigil Mass is at 6.30p.m. on Tuesday and on Wednesday there will be three Masses, 8.30 a.m., 11.30a.m. and 7.00p.m.

Thank you to all individuals and organisations who have been so helpful to the less fortunate in our community throughout the year and especially over the Christmas season.

Usual Mass times will resume on Thursday 7th January with morning Masses at 8.00a.m. and 10.00 a.m.

The Parish Office will re-open on Monday 4th January, 2016 at 9.00 a.m.

Sincere thanks to all parishioners who have returned their Christmas Dues.

The Feast of the Epiphany

This feast commemorates the visit of the wise men to worship the baby Jesus. Tradition tells us that their names were Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. The men were Astrologers who were looking for the star that would lead them to the promised Messiah. This was prophesied in the Book of Micah.

According to the Gospel narratives, the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh with them. These gifts were very meaningful. Gold was a precious and expensive gift, and showed how important Jesus was. Frankincense is a sweet perfume which was often burned in the temple to worship God. It was a sign that Jesus should be worshipped. Myrrh was used to keep things fresh and it was used by the women to anoint Jesus' body when he died. By bringing it as a gift to Jesus, the wise men foretold his suffering and death.



JUBILEE OF MERCY

The Jubilee of Mercy inaugurated by Pope Francis on 8 December 2015 will continue until 20 November 2016 and is marked by the opening and closing of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica. Pope Francis hopes that **'the Holy Door will become a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instils hope.'**

A special illustrated envelope has been prepared and is available in all Church Porches. Please take one.

