

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4th December
St John Damascene
 10.00 a.m.
 6.30 p.m.

Michael & Lily Penston (Anniversary)
 Brendan Mates (Anniversary)
 Peter Cassell (Anniversary)
 Joseph Doran (Anniversary)
 Doreen Byrne (Anniversary)
 Janie McDonald (Anniversary)

Sunday 5th December
Second Sunday of Advent
 8.30 a.m.
 11.30 a.m.

Hazel & Billy Ebbitt (Anniversary)
 Nancy Doherty (Anniversary)
 Eileen Fleming (Anniversary)
 Anna Wadden (Anniversary) & her son Johnathan Martin (Anniversary)

7.00 p.m.

John Sweeney (Anniversary)
 Stephen Lane (Anniversary)

Monday 6th December

St Nicholas
 10.00 a.m.

Tuesday 7th December

St Ambrose
 10.00 a.m.

Wednesday 8th December
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 10.00 a.m.

Thursday 9th December
St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
 10.00 a.m.

Friday 10th December
Our Lady of Loreto
 10.00 a.m.

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With sympathy

Our prayers and sympathy are offered to the family and friends of

Ann Holt	Fernhill
Margaret O'Reilly	Arklow
Maggie(Margaret) Condren	Arklow
Patricia Lott	Arklow

Who died recently, may they rest in peace.



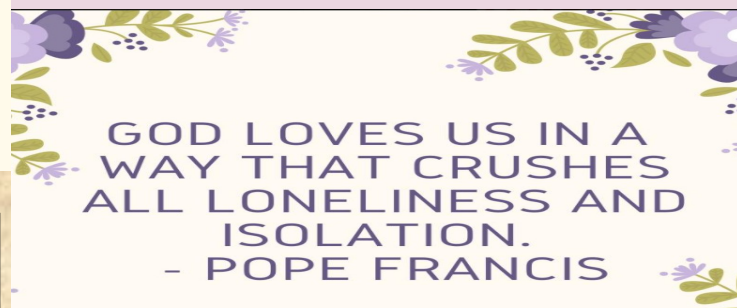
Parish of **Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow**
 with **St. David's, Johnstown** — **Sunday 5th December 2021**

Background on the Gospel Reading

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.

The three Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke—attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3.

The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.



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Thought at the end of the day.

'Pause and Pray in Advent' Every Wednesday @8pm—join via the Webcam and radio for the return of our popular 'Thought at the End of the Day'.

I wait. I watch. I hope.

If you are looking for something different this advent, why not join a WhatsApp group to receive an Advent reflection every day. For further details and if you like to join contact Christina 0857162152.

BE STILL – DAILY ADVENT REFLECTIONS

The Office for Mission and Ministry are offering daily reflections for the Advent Journey. The theme of these reflections is 'Be Still'. This is a great opportunity for everyone to take time during advent to be still. The reflections will be posted each morning on the Facebook page for the office of Mission and Ministry.

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Confessions

Confessions every Saturday after 10am Mass all are welcome.



Ending 8th December 2021

Árus Lorcáin

Árus Lorcáin remains open for Mass Intentions you can call (0402)31716 or call in.

We have a lovely selection of Christmas cards and Christmas gifts available from beautiful ornaments to Christmas Angels, Cribs and Candles.

We also have a small number of Advent Calendars (Children's favourite) still available.

You are welcome to call in.



Second Week [Purple Candle] • God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for his lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.



The Arklow Cancer Support Ecumenical Service will be available to watch online via the Webcam or Parish Radio. The service will start at 8pm on Thursday 9th December. The church will be open and you are welcome to attend if you wish.