



**Saturday 4th January
6.30pm**

George Peterson (1st Anniv)
Rose Grehan (2nd Anniv)
(Anniv)
Karl Breen
Betty Kelly
Annie, Peter and John
McCarthy

**Sunday 5th January
8.30**

Eileen Kane (Anniv)

11.30am

Marie Mann (Month's Mind)
Bernadette Halpin (25th Anniv)
(Anniv)
Roisin Elliott
Elizabeth & Gerald Tallon and
their son's Jim, Fintan and
Desmond.

**Johnstown 5th January
10am**

Nellie Wolohan (10th Anniv)
(Anniv)
Mick Wolohan
Mary & Evelyn Wolohan
Mary McAnanama

**The Pope's Intentions
for January**

**For the right to an
Education**

Let us pray for migrants,
refugees and those affected by
war, that their right to an
education, which is necessary
to build a better world, might
always be respected.

Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee – The theme for the Jubilee year is "Pilgrims of Hope". Excluding the Extraordinary Year of Mercy in 2015, the last Jubilee year took place in 2000, marking an historic moment as the Church entered into her third millennium. A Jubilee is a special year of grace, in which the Catholic Church offers the faithful the possibility of asking for a plenary indulgence – a remission of sins for themselves or deceased loved ones. The first-ever "Holy Year" was instituted by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300 and was initially celebrated every 100 years. Then, following biblical tradition, it was marked every 50 years, and it was finally decided by Pope Paul II to observe the jubilee year every 25 years, so that each person could experience one in his or her lifetime.



Wicklow Dementia Support (WDS) Arklow Memory group opening in January 2025. The weekly sessions will take place in Árus Lorcáin Community Centre, Castlepark, Arklow, on Tuesdays 2pm to 4pm, starting on January 7th 2025. This offers stimulation and support to individuals who are in the early stages of their dementia journey. For more information please contact info@wicklowdementiasupport.org or call Kate on 085 134 5128.

Baptism

If you would like to have your child baptised in
St Mary & Peter's Arklow,
St David's Johnstown
or
St Patrick's Castletown
please contact Siobhán in the
Parish Office on 085 2534718 or
Email:
siobhan.murphy@arklowparish.ie

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

**Parish Office will
reopen
Monday 6th January
at 9am.**

**We're here,
day or night,
365 days a year**

Call free day or night on
116 123

SAMARITANS

Thanks to everyone who have returned their Christmas Dues.

Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow

with St David's Johnstown

Second Sunday of Christmas

5th January 2025

*The Word was made flesh,
and lived among us*
John 1:14

**The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday 6th January**

'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'.

**Mass timetable for the Epiphany
of the Lord**

**Monday 6th January
Arklow Mass times**

10am and 7pm

Johnstown Mass times

10am

Castletown Mass time

11am



New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a
happy one!

Not by shielding you from all
the sorrow and pain,

But by strengthening you to
bear it, as it comes;

Not by making your
path easy ,

But by making you sturdy
to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships
from you,

But taking fear from
your heart;

Not by granting you
unbroken sunshine,

But by keeping your face
bright, even in the shadows;

Not by always making your life
always pleasant,

But by showing you when
people and their causes need
you most, and by making you
anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and
joy to you for the year ahead.

Sunday 19th January

Catholic School Week Begins

18th /25th January

Week of Prayer for Christian
Unity

The Theme for 2025 is
'Alive in Christ'

**Gathering Hymn
City of God**

Awake from your slumber! arise
from your sleep!

A new day is dawning for all
those who weep.

The people in darkness have
seen a great light.

The Lord of our longing has
conquered the night.

**R/Let us build the city of
God.**

**May our tears be turned into
dancing**

**For the Lord, our light and
our love,
has turned the night into
day!**

We are sons of the morning; we
are daughters of day.

The One who has loved us has
brightened our way.

The Lord of all kindness has
called us to be a light for his
people to set their hearts free.

Recession Hymn

**Seek Ye First the Kingdom
of God**

Seek ye first the kingdom of
God,

And his righteousness,

And all these things will be

Added unto you;

R/ Allelu Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

Alleluie, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto
you,

Seek and you shall find,

Knock and the door shall be
opened unto you,

Allelu, Alleluia R/