

Gathering Hymn

CITY OF GOD

Awake from your slumbers;
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.

Recessional 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,
Allelu, 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/**



Sympathies are extended to the family
and friends of **John Lee & Teresa
Murray** who died recently. May they
rest in peace.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 6.30 p.m.	5th January Bernard Hannigan Christopher (Livner) O'Reilly Mary (Molly) O'Reilly John O'Reilly Bridget (Bridie) Mitten Thomas Mitten Annie, John & Peter McCarthy Michael Redmond Chrissie Mates Joseph & Cecilia Kennedy and son Jimmy Kennedy
Sunday 8.30 a.m.	6th December John Kinsella
11.30 a.m.	Billy Fallon Betty Kelly Micheal Halpin (Month's Mind) Bernadette Halpin Mairead Murphy Anne & John Byrne Maryann Carroll John & Molly Vickers
7.00 p.m.	Myles Kavanagh
Monday 8.00 a.m.	7th January Dympna Kelly
10.00 a.m.	Fred & Eileen Lee Therasa Kuraien
Tuesday 8.00 a.m.	8th January -
10.0 a.m.	Christy Mullett
Wednesday 8.00 a.m.	9th January -
10.0 a.m.	-
Thursday 8.00 a.m.	10th January -
10.0 a.m.	-
Friday 8.00 a.m.	11th January -
10.0 a.m.	-
Saturday 10.00 a.m.	12th January -

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Notices for the Churches of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow and St. David, Johnstown – 6th January 2019



**Annual Week of Prayer for Christian
Unity 18 to 25 January 2019**

Ecumenical Prayer Service in St.
Joseph's Church, Templarainey on
Thursday 24th January at 8 p.m.



*The Feast of
the Epiphany*

The Feast of the Epiphany is
celebrated on January 6. This feast
commemorates the visit of the
wise men to worship the baby
Jesus. Tradition tells us that their
names were Caspar, Melchior and
Balthassar. 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.

NOTICES

Best wishes to all the students and staff in our parish schools as they begin a new term.

Thank you to everybody who has returned their **Christmas Dues**. They are an important source of income for your priests.

Parish Bingo resumes this Tuesday evening in Árus Lorcáin at 8p.m.

East Coast Samaritans are based in the Paramount Arcade just off Main Street, Arklow and are always looking for new Volunteers. We will hold two information evenings in January to give you an understanding of what a listening volunteer in the Samaritans does. **Thursday 17th January @ 7pm in Arklow Library and Tuesday 22nd January @ 7pm in Gorey Library.** All welcome.

All **engaged couples** in the parish are invited to have their engagement rings blessed on **Saturday 9th February at the 6.30p.m. Mass.**

If you know any engaged couples who would like to attend please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Michael a.s.a.p. so we can send an invite.



Readings (*Intercom Magazine*)

1st Reading:
This ancient prophecy of Isaiah is applied to the wise men, who travel from afar to see the infant King. They are drawn to the light.

2nd Reading:
St. Paul makes it clear that Christ is for everyone, with no distinction as to colour, country or class. This is why the wise men are traditionally depicted as belonging to different races.

Gospel:
Herod tries to insinuate his wicked plan right into the joyful pilgrimage of the Magi, but God is not outdone by Herod's cunning.



Parish Young People's Choir: Rehearsal at 3p.m. in Árus Lorcáin on Tuesday 15th January for children from 3rd class upwards. **More voices are needed so please come along!**



Family Mass Club: Wednesday 16th January at 5p.m. in the Church. All are welcome.



Remember to take a copy of the family LOOK magazine.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation
It is important that all outstanding copies of Baptismal Certificates for children making First Holy Communion and Confirmation be returned to the parish office **no later than Friday 18th January.**



Jesus invites you to spend some quality time in the exposition of the **Blessed Sacrament** every Sunday 2pm to 6pm Tuesday 2pm to 7pm and Friday 2pm to 7pm.

Webcam from Parish

