

**Saturday 6th January
6.30pm**

Noel McDonald
(Month's Mind)
Rose Grehan (1st Anniv)
Karl Breen (2nd Anniv)
Bernard Hannigan (Anniv)
Eileen O'Brien (1st Anniv)

**Sunday 7th January
11.30am**

Thomas Hyland
(Month's Mind)
Marie Myler (1st Anniv)
Billy Fallon (Anniv)
Roisin Elliot (Anniv)
Bernadette Halpin (Anniv)
Betty Kelly (Anniv)
Gerard & Elizabeth Tallon
(Anniv)
Jim, Fintan & Desmond Tallon
(Anniv)
John & Anne Byrne (Anniv)
John & Molly Vickers (Anniv)
Mary Ann Carroll (Anniv)
Julia Byrne (Anniv)
Margaret & Thady Loftus
(Anniv)
Pat & Marcella Kavanagh
(Anniv)
PJ Mulhern (Anniv)

Johnstown

10am 7th January
Richard Southern (1st Anniv)

With Sympathy

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends
James Steadman
Laurence Scallan
Bridget O'Brien
Ann Gaffney
Joseph Byrne
Martin Carroll
Elizabeth Foxall
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George Ennis
&
Patrick Murphy
May they rest in peace

**Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter,
Arklow
with St David's Johnstown
7th January 2024**



**The Baptism of the Lord
Today's Feast closes the
Christmas Season**

The Baptism of the Lord. Jesus is anointed with the Spirit and his power. He is proclaimed Messiah. He now goes about doing good, working the signs that make him known as the Servant of God. He is the one who brings good news to the poor and tells of salvation. Through our Baptism each one of us is ordered to the life of Christ – Priest, Prophet and King– and the Father looks on us with favour.



**Liturgical
Calendar January**

Saturday 13th St Hilary

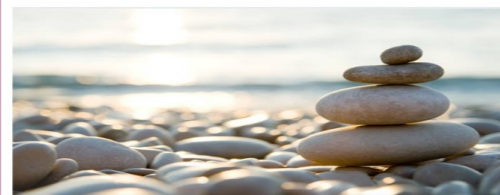
Anam Cara Wicklow, is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Monday 15th January at 7:15pm in the Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent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

**Week of Prayer for Christian
Unity 18th January to 25th
January**

You shall love the Lord your God... And your neighbor as yourself (Luke 10:27)

The theme for 2024 is based on a text from the Gospel of St Luke with material prepared by an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso, facilitated by the local Chemin Neuf Community, whose members have a special commitment to Christian unity.

Prayer service will take place in the Presbyterian Church on 25th January at 7.30pm



Anam Cara Wicklow meet on the 3rd Monday of the month (Sept-June) in the Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy, A63 FX72, from 7.20pm to 9pm.
Anam Cara Supports all bereaved parents, regardless of the age of their child or the circumstances of their death.
This informal and gentle evening gives us a chance to meet other parents, in safe and comfortable place, who understand the milestones and challenges of our grief and loss.

Would you like more information about Anam Cara Wicklow and our monthly meetings on 3rd Monday in the Parkview Hotel?

Would you like details of our Online Group, Bereavement Information Evenings and Family Remembrance Events?

Would you like us to send you an Anam Cara Information Pack and link to our other resources for bereaved parents?

Contact info@anamcara.ie or call/text 085 2888 888

Chat N'Cha: Join us in the Árus Lorcáin after 11.30am Mass on Sunday 7th January .



Sunday, 21 January–Saturday, 27 January



Sunday 21st January to Saturday 27th January Catholic Schools week begins the theme for this year is Catholic Schools as Communities of Service.

**Important Parish Notice
Painting of the Church**

The painting of the Church will start of Monday 8th January. It will take approximately 8 weeks to be completed. For Health and Safety reasons the Church will close for the duration of the painting.

All Masses will be held in Árus Lorcáin times are:

Monday to Saturday 9am

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday 8.30am, 11.30am and 7pm.

The Glendalough Room in the Árus Lorcáin will be open if you wish to call in during the day to light a candle for your loved one. For fire safety reasons all candles will be battery operated.

Mass will still be available on our webcam but please be aware transmission quality may not be of the same quality as the Church webcam.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Glendalough Room

Tuesday 5pm to 6pm

Friday 5pm to 6pm

Sunday 3pm to 5pm

Funerals will be accommodated in the Arklow Church on a limited capacity at 10am or alternatively St David's in Johnstown or on certain days in St Joseph's Templeraíneay.

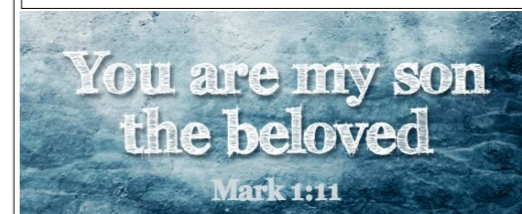
Please be aware of limited parking space in the Parochial Gardens so please be mindful where you park.

We apologize for the disruption to the daily schedule and we endeavor to keep the interruptions to the minimum.

We encourage the families of sick people in the Parish to contact the Parish Office (0402) 31716 to arrange to have the Priest call to their home with the Sacrament of the Sick.

All Mass bookings must be made in Parish Office before Wednesday at 11am if you wish the Anniversary to appear in the Parish Newsletter. Contact the Parish Office on (0402)31716 or email: office@arklowparish.ie

Thanks to all who returned their Christmas dues. Envelopes are still available on the Altar Rails and can be returned to either of the Priests.



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

**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/