

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/

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Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow

with St. David's, Johnstown

Sunday 8th January 2023

The Baptism of the Lord

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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.



Mass Intentions

Saturday 7th January
6.30pm Micheál Barnes
Karl Breen 1st Anniversary
Bernard Hannigan
Annie, Peter &
John McCarthy

Castletown
8pm
Kathleen & Michael Kinsella

Sunday 8th January
11.30am
Gerard & Elizabeth Tallon
Jim, Fintan & Desmond Tallon
Billy Fallon
Dymphna Kelly

Johnstown
10am
Kathleen Kavanagh (Months Mind)

Monday 9th January
10am Paddy Byrne
Tuesday 10th January
10am Molly Sorensen /Ford

With Sympathy

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of
Vera Kavanagh
Thomas Holt
Micheál Barnes
Bridie Cox
Kathleen Kavanagh
Dorothy Reeves
Elizabeth Kenny
Gavin O'Reilly
Eileen Bentley
Michael Tyrrell
Matthey Byrne
William Murray
Eileen O'Brien
Thomas O'Leary
Thomas Redmond
&
Phyllis Murray

who died recently may they rest in peace.

Liturgical Calendar



Friday 13th January St Hilary

Arklow Parish Bingo will return on Tuesday night 7th February in Árus Lorcáin. The return will be for a trial period of one month to determine general public interest and uptake.



Parish tribute to Pope Benedict XVI-10am Mass on Wednesday was offered for the repose of our late Pope Benedict. Parishioners prayed for him at a small shrine placed in front of the altar. May he rest in peace Amen.

Prayer for Benedict XVI from the Litmus Office

"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope." — Pope Benedict XVI.

May the welcoming gates of paradise open to this gentle shepherd and may his soul rest in the eternal peace of God. Requiescat in pace.

"Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary." — Pope Benedict XVI
[Homily, St. Peter's Square, April 24, 2005](#)



Anam Cara Wicklow, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening on Monday 16th January at 7:15pm in the Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkenedy, Co. Wicklow. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents. We also now offer an online meeting too. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

CHURCH GROUNDS & CAR PARKING

The Parish Workers on the Community Employment scheme spend many hours keeping the Parish Grounds beautiful. We thank them for all their hard work. Many people both locals and visitors comment on their beauty even in winter-time. The state of the grass is particularly important. Unfortunately, some car users have infringed on the grass, digging unsightly tyre tracks which are very difficult to repair and reflect badly on our workers who take justifiable pride in their work. In order to prevent us having to shut the grounds to car users we ask you to follow the procedures below:

- Parking within the Church Grounds is for people with disabilities
- All able-bodied people should park outside the immediate grounds to allow space for those who really need it.
- Car park in the school grounds next door to Arus Lorcáin has been extended to accommodate 25 cars. There is only a short walk from this car park up to the church.
- Please help our Community Employment workers by keeping your car off all grass surfaces.
- Do not block the roadway up to the Parish House as it may need to be used for Emergencies

Many thanks in advance for your co-operation!

SAMARITANS

Samaritans are available 24/7 to offer emotional support by calling free-phone 116123 or email io@samaritans.ie

There will be a new training session for new volunteers in January. All are welcome if anyone would like to enquire about joining a dedicated team of volunteers please email east-coast.recruitment@samaritans.org

**Please
Do Not
Drive Or
Park
On Grass**

Sts. Mary & Peter's Parish
BINGO
IS BACK
Tuesday 7th February
Árus Lorcáin, Castletown, Arklow
at 8:00pm

BAPTISM

If you would like to have your child's Baptism in St Mary & Peter's Arklow, St David's Johnstown or St Patrick's Castletown please contact Siobhán in the Parish Office for more details on 085 2534718 or Email: Siobhan.murphy@arklowparish.ie
Baptism forms are also available on www.arklowparish.ie