Gathering Hymn

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark the herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn king" Peace on earth, and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled Joyful all ye nations rise Join the triumph of the skies With angelic host proclaim "Christ is born in Bethlehem" Hark the herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn king"

Christ, by highest heaven adored Christ the everlasting Lord Late in time behold him come Offspring of the virgin's womb; Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate deity, Pleases, as man with men to dwell Jesus, our Emmanuel Hark the herald angels sing "Glory to the newborn king"



Recessional Hymn ADESTE FIDELES

1. Adeste Fideles laeti triumphantes, Venite, venite in Bethlehem. Natum videte, Regem Angelorum;

Refrain:

Venite adoremus, venite adoremus, venite adoremus Dominum!

- 2. Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, gestant puellae viscera. Deum verum, genitum non factum
- 3. Cantet nunc io chorus Angelorum cantet nunc aula caelestium: Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Mass Intentions

29th December **Saturday** 6.30 p.m. Hattie Walker

Fergus Murray

Sunday

30th December

8.30 a.m.

11.30 a.m. **Andrew Enriquez**

> Eileen Dempsey Seán Brough John Sean Briody John & Eamy Doyle

John Walker

Caroline O Regan (Months Mind)

7.00 p.m. Hatty Walker

Monday 31st December

11.00 a.m.

Tuesday 1st January 11.00 a.m. Ian English

Wednesday 2nd January 11 a.m.

11.00 a.m.

Thursday

3rd January

Friday 4th January

Altar List of the Dead 11.00 a.m.

5th January Saturday 11.00 a.m. Eileen Kane

Sarah Sweetman

1st Reading: Hannah, the mother of Samuel, did not conceive until after a long and anxious wait.

2nd Reading: This reading is all about love, and all about commandments. There is no contradiction, as love is the highest of the commandments and the fulfilment of the commandments.

The Gospel: Mary and Joseph suffer the anxiety of losing their child. Jesus is becoming independent of his parents, yet still defers to their authority.



Notices for the Churches of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow and St. David, Johnstown - Sunday 30th December 2018

The Parish Team and the Parish Pastoral Council would like to extend best wishes for the New Year to all parishioners.

A sincere **thank you** to everybody who helped with the preparations for Christmas, and who have given so generously of their time during the year. Their hard work and commitment is very much appreciated.

Mass Times for the **Feast of the Epiphany**, Sunday 6th January are as follows: Vigil Mass Saturday at 6.30p.m. & Sunday at 8.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.

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

The **Parish Office** will re-open on Wednesday 2nd January at 9.00 a.m.

Usual **Mass Times** will resume on Monday 7th January 2018

Tuesday 1st January 2018 – Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God



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

Any engaged couples who would like to attend please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Michael.



March As the year of the **World Meeting of Families** draws to a close, WORLD MEETING of FAMILIES here are some memories from the year in the parish.



The **Holy Family Prayer**



JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother. nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the centre of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

