

## 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,**  
**Alleluia, 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/

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



## Mass Intentions

**Saturday 21st January**  
6.30pm Eileen Bentley (Month's mind)  
Jem & Betty Bermingham  
Aidan Forde  
Reggie, May & Maisie Gleeson  
Mary McCarthy  
Jim Gilbert

**Castletown**  
8pm Dorothy Reeves (Month's mind)

**Sunday 22nd January**  
8.30am Maggie Murray  
Danny & Donal Murray

11.30am Gavin O'Reilly (Month's mind)  
Edward Long  
Mike Keogh  
Mary Sheane  
Kathy Stewart  
Jimeno Costosa  
Ligaya Costosa

7pm Elizabeth Kenny (Month's mind)  
Paddy O'Reilly

**Johnstown**  
10am Edward Moorehouse

**Tuesday 24th January**  
10am Joe & Kitty Fitzgerald

**Wednesday 25th January**  
10am Francis Briody

**Friday 27th January**  
10am John Hogan

### With Sympathy

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of  
Kathleen Murphy (née Fox)  
Patrick (Pat) Synnott  
&  
Martin O'Brien

who died recently may they rest in peace.

## Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow

with St. David's, Johnstown  
**Sunday 22nd January 2023**  
**Sunday of the Word of God**  
**Catholic School Week begins**

### Catholic School Week 2023 22nd January –29th January

*Walking together in Faith and Love*

Monday 23rd January

*Walking Together in Faith*

Tuesday 24th January

*Walking Together in Love*

Wednesday 25th January

*Walking Together to Celebrate*

*(Grandparents Day)*

Thursday 26th January

*Walking Together to Transform our World*

Friday 27th January

*Walking Together in Hope*

### The Pope's Intentions

January 2023

For Educators



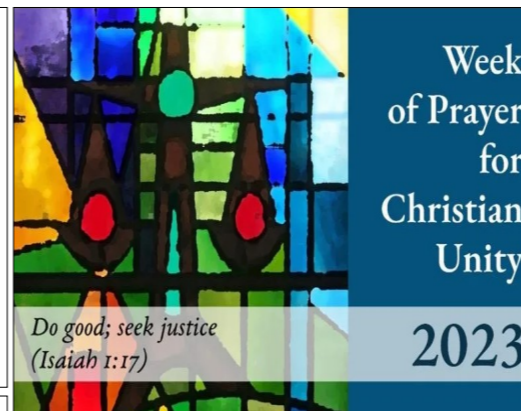
We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

### Liturgical Calendar



#### January

Tuesday 24th St Francis de Sales  
Wednesday 25th St Paul  
Thursday 26th Ss Timothy & Titus  
Friday 27th St Angela Merici  
Saturday 28th St Thomas Aquinas



### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th- 25th January 2023

*The theme for 2023 is Do good; seek justice, from Isaiah 1:17-'Learn to do good', seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow'.*

**Service of Prayer for Christian Unity**  
**Methodist Church Arklow Tuesday 24th**  
**January 7.30pm**

### St David's Church Johnstown

**Sunday 22nd January 10am**  
**Welcome Communion Mass**



Congratulations to Derek McMullen, Diarmuid O' Briain and Gearoid O' Briain from Rathdrum. Tom Nolan, from Tinahely and our Arklow man Shane Culleton on finishing the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge, rowing day and night from LaGomera in the Canary Islands to Antigua in the Caribbean, in

33 days. 12 hours. 39 minutes.

Winning their class, setting a new world record and most importantly raising a substantial amount for their chosen charities Laura Lynn and RNLI. Our parishioners Martin and Eileen Culleton are rightly proud of their son Shane and all of team Ireland's achievement. Well done lads!

Samaritans are available 24/7 to offer emotional support by calling freephone 116123 or email [jo@samaritans.ie](mailto:jo@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 [eastcoast.recruitment@samaritans.org](mailto:eastcoast.recruitment@samaritans.org)**

## Sunday of the Word of God

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time –22nd**  
**January 2023**



At the end of the Year of Mercy Pope Francis had proposed setting aside 'a Sunday given entirely to the Word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people.' He declares the Third Sunday in Ordinary time (this year :22nd January) to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. He notes this as a fitting time 'to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity.'

## The Presentation of the Lord Candlemas Day 2nd February

This feast is a remembrance of the Lord and Mary, mother of the Lord. With candles in their hands, the people go out to meet the Lord and to acclaim him like Simeon, who recognised Christ as 'a light to reveal God to the nations'

Candles can be bought in the Parish Office and will be blessed on the day.



### Planning your Wedding in 2023

It is important to give three months notice of your intention to marry it is common practice for a couple to book the church a long time in advance. So it is important to contact the Parish Office to make sure the church and priest is available on the day you require.

**Church Requirements:** Church Law requires three months notice of your intention to marry.

It is strongly recommended that couples preparing for marriage complete a pre-marriage course. Courses are run by Accord the Catholic Marriage Advisory Centre for the Diocese Tel 01 4780866 or [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

To Book a Wedding in Arklow, Johnstown and Castletown church please call Siobhán in the Parish office on (085) 2534718 or email [Siobhan.murphy@arklowparish.ie](mailto:Siobhan.murphy@arklowparish.ie)

