

Entrance Hymn:

'Christ be near at either hand'

Christ be near at either hand,
Christ behind, before me stand,
Christ with me where e'er I go,
Christ around, above below.

Christ be in my heart and mind,
Christ within my soul enshrined,
Christ control my wayward heart;
Christ abide and ne'er depart.

Christ my life and only way,
Christ my lantern night and day;
Christ be my unchanging friend,
Guide and shepherd to the end.

Recessional Hymn

Here I am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry,
All who dwell in dark and sin,
my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, is it I Lord.

**I have heard you calling in the
night. I will go Lord, if you lead
me. I will hold your people
in my heart.**

I the Lord of wind and flame. I will
tend the poor and lame. I will set a
feast for them. My hand will
save. Finest bread I will provide,
till their hearts be satisfied. I will
give my life to them

Whom shall I send? R

**Parish of Ss. Mary & Peter, Arklow
with St. David's, Johnstown
Sunday 27th November 2022
First Sunday of Advent**



Today is the First Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord.

In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus.

Today we light the First Purple Candle which symbolizes **hope** and is called the "Prophet's Candle." The prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the Messiah's arrival.

Sunday 4th December Second Sunday of Advent Reverend Arthur Barrett from the Church Of Ireland has been invited to light our Second Advent Candle, as we accompany each other on our journey of Hope

Mass Intentions

Saturday 26th November

6.30pm Rena Conroy

Gerry Byrne (Months Mind)

Brendan Canavan

Sunday 27th November

11.30am Ben & Kitty Coburn

Special Intention: Remembering deceased members of the Arklow Parish Choir.

Ann Holt (1st Anniversary)

William Byrne

Michael & James Sheehan

Denis, Eileen & John O' Donovan

John Deasey

Tuesday 29th November

10am Alec Ebbitt

Liturgical Calendar

Wednesday 30th Nov St Andrew

Saturday 3rd Dec St Francis Xavier

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

With Sympathy

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of

Robert (Bob) Moran

Fr Liam Kelly

Sr Stephanie King

Seán Maguire &

Fr Richard (John) Woods O.P



A thank you letter was received this week from Caoimhe De Barra from Trócaire to acknowledge a kind donation of €400.

WELCOMEING ADVENT
All Ages Advent Preparation Service
Sunday 27th - 3pm

**CROSSCARE CHRISTMAS FOOD POVERTY APPEAL**

2022 has been very difficult for families coming to Crosscare needing help. For the first time in many years, they have seen a rise in the number of working families struggling with ongoing increases in the cost of living. The demands of Christmas will put even more pressure on people already finding it hard to make ends meet. This Christmas, they are asking for help for the Food Poverty Service, where Crosscare supports families who find it hard to provide nutritious food. Sadly, almost 800 families and individuals, including 1,000 children, have needed help from the Service this year and demand is likely to increase in the coming months. Crosscare ensures they have a good supply of food while at the same time looking at all the issues that may have brought them into food poverty.

If you can, you can donate online at www.crosscare.ie or call 01 8360011 or send a cheque or postal order to Crosscare Christmas Appeal, 2 Saint Mary's Place North, Dublin D07 Y768. Envelopes will also be made available in all Parish Churches.



Arklow Cancer Support
Ecumenical Service
St Saviours, Church Of Ireland
Coolgreany Road
Wednesday 7th December at 8pm

**Árus Lorcáin**

We have some lovely Christmas ornaments, candles and gift ideas in Árus Lorcáin drop in to have a look Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars and Christmas Mass Bouquets are also available.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077. Visit www.hospicefoundation.ie

SS Michael and Peter Junior School, Arklow, Co. Wicklow

Parents seeking to enrol their child in SS Michael and Peter Junior School for September 2023 should submit a completed application form to the school. The period for submitting applications runs from the 22nd November to 20th December 2022.

The Application Form is available to download from the school's website. Parents can also request an application form by calling to the office, emailing office@ssmichaelandpeter.ie or by phoning 0402-39861.

All details regarding the application process can be accessed on the school's website at www.ssmichaelandpeter.ie under the 'Enrolment' heading.



There has been a generous response to the Organ Appeal at present 53 of the 900 Organ Pipes are already gone. Some people are donating pipes as Christmas gifts to their loved ones.

PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD**Advent**

Advent Newsletter available on the Altar Rails please take one home.