

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 Ebbit

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

Trócaire

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

WELCOMING 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

This year, Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services Wicklow Hospice takes part in the *Light Up A Life* fundraiser for the third year.



Volunteers from the Wicklow Hospice will be in Bridgewater Shopping Centre from 26th November to 11th December selling Christmas cards, wrapping paper, gifts and decorations. The Stall, which is situated just outside of Dunnes Stores in the main mall, will be available from 10.30am to 4.30pm every day.

People can also get involved by sponsoring a light on the tree in Magheramore in memory of a loved one. The lights are then displayed in their honour on the Our Lady's Hospice website, with all proceeds going to the hospice.

The Memory Tree at Bridgewater Shopping Centre is another way to remember a loved one – with the help of Wicklow Hospice volunteers, you can tie a ribbon on the tree in memory of a friend or loved one. All donations go to the Wicklow Hospice.

www.lightupalife.ie or by phone (1850 66 06 06)



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

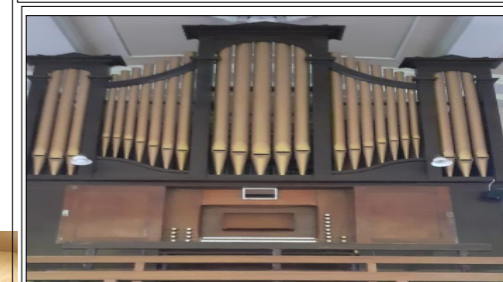
SS Michael and Peter Junior School, Arklow, Co. Wicklow



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.