

Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow with St. David's, Johnstown

Sunday 29th January 2023-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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/

Mass Intentions

Saturday 28th January

6.30pm

Eileen O'Brien (Month's Mind)

and her husband Francis

Tommy O'Leary (Month's Mind)

Annette McManus

Kathleen Hall

Castletown

8pm

Matt Byrne (Month's Mind)

Sunday 29th January

8.30am

Paddy McDonald

11.30am

Michael Tyrrell (Month's Mind)

Marie Browne (1st Anniversary)

Nick Tancred

Myles Doyle

James & Dora Gregory

Jim Kennedy

7pm

Phyllis Murray (Month's Mind)

Michael Cullen

Tuesday 31st January

10am

Nancy Dunne

Wednesday

1st February

10am

Jonathan Malone

Thursday

2nd February

10am

Tony Whelan

With Sympathy

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of

Kathleen Murphy (née Fox)

&

Thomas Hamilton

who died recently may they rest in peace.

St Brigid's Day

Wednesday 1st February

St Brigid is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick, when she was young her father wished to make a very suitable marriage for her, but she insisted in consecrating her virginity to God. The St Brigid's Cross, in legend used by Brigid to explain the Christian faith, remains a popular sign of Gods protection.

In 2022 the Government of Ireland announced St Brigid's day would be a new Bank Holiday in Ireland to mark the effort of all frontline workers during the Covid Pandemic. It's the first Bank Holiday to be named after a woman.

February 2nd February

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

World Day for Consecrated Life

Candlemas Day

February 2nd is the feast of the Presentation of the



Lord Jesus in the

Temple. It commemorates Simeon's famous prophecy that Jesus would be a "light of revelation to the Gentiles." It is also known as Candlemas since it is the day that candles are blessed for use throughout the Church year. Jesus in time will also echo the words of Simeon and boldly proclaim.

"I am the light of the world" (John 8:12).

Candles bought in the Parish Office will be blessed in time for the procession at Mass.

February 2 is also World Day for Consecrated Life. An opportunity to recognise the contributions that Consecrated Men and Women make to the Church and Society at large. It was instituted by St Pope John Paul II in 1997. World Day for Consecrated Life is a Day of Prayer for Women and Men in Consecrated Life.

ST. BRIGID'S BLESSING

MAY BRIGID BLESS THE HOUSE
WHERE IN YOU DWELL.
BLESS EVERY FIRESIDE,
EVERY WALL AND DOOR.
BLESS EVERY HEART
THAT BEATS BENEATH ITS ROOF.
BLESS EVERY HAND
THAT TOILS TO BRING IT JOY.
BLESS EVERY FOOT
THAT WALKS ITS PORTALS
THROUGH.
MAY BRIGID BLESS THE HOUSE
THAT SHELTERS YOU.

Friday 3rd February

Memorial of St Blaise

Blessing of the Throats 10am Mass

The Blessing of St Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick.



Liturgical Calendar

January /February



Monday 30th	St Aidan
	Bl Margaret Ball & Francis Taylor
Tuesday 31st	St John Bosco
Wednesday 1st	St Brigid
Thursday 2nd	The Presentation of the Lord
Friday 3rd	St Blaise
	St Ansgar

Polish Mass Sunday 5th February at 10am

Kolejna msza w języku polskim odbędzie się 05.02.23 o godzinie 10.00. Po mszy wszystkich serdecznie zapraszamy do Árus Lorcaín na kawę i ciastko.



Next mass in polish will take place on 05.02.23 at 10 am. There will be tea and cake after in Arus Lorcaín. All welcome.

Organ Development Project

As you are aware we launched our Organ Development Fund in November 2022 with a target of €132,000 required to carry out essential repairs and restoration to the existing Parish Organ.

The initial fundraising project is to sell 900 pipes for €100 each. We are happy to tell you that we have now reached quarter way to that target thanks to the fantastic generosity of our Parishioners. An amazing achievement in such a short space of time.

The Committee would like to publicly acknowledge a small number of Anonymous Donations received since the project commenced. We take this opportunity to thank you, and assure you that your money has been received, accounted for, and added to the fund. All other donations are acknowledged personally.



A big thank you to those who donate from far and wide, receiving generous support from people outside our Parish boundaries is a real blessing.

If you would like to contribute Information Packs are available in the Church or from the Parish Office.

Gift Certificates are also available by contacting Treasa at the Parish Office Árus Lorcaín .

The Apostolic Journey to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan marks the 40th voyage of Pope Francis at 86 years old and relying on a wheelchair. He will make the visit with the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, as an Ecumenical Pilgrimage of Peace. 31st January to 5th of February.



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