



**The Pope's Intentions for January**

**For the right to an Education**

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

*With Sympathy*

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of  
Bridget Murphy  
&  
John Murphy  
May they rest in peace.

**18th /25th January**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

**Catholic Schools Week 2025**

**Alive in Christ**

**19-25th January 2025**

**Monday 20th January**

Life to the Full in our Community of Friends

**Tuesday 21st January**

Life to the Full in our Faith Community

**Wednesday 22nd January**

Life to the Full in our Families

**Thursday 23rd January**

Life to the Full, for and with Others

**Friday 24th January**

Life to the Full for the Common Good of All

**Saturday 11th January**

Michael Allen (Anniv)

**Sunday 12th January 11.30am**

Sean Hannon (1st Anniv)

Marie Myler (2nd Anniv)

Joe McGeary (25th Anniv)

Marcella (Stella) O'Brien (Née Lenehan ) (1st Anniv)

**(Anniv)**

Patrick Synnott

Jimmy & Michael Cullen

John & Anne Byrne

John & Molly Vickers

Mary Ann Carroll

Julia Byrne

Billy Fallon

Breda Clancy

Paddy O'Reilly

**Tuesday 14th January 10am**

Irene Baker Mahon (Anniv)

Richard Doherty (Anniv)

Pat Mahon (Anniv)

**Wednesday 15th January 10am**

Debbie Kearns (1st Anniv)

**Castletown 11th January 8pm (Anniv)**

John & Marcella O' Shaughnessy and deceased family members

Kathleen & Michael Kinsella

Patrick Brennan



Thanks to everyone who have returned their Christmas Dues.

**Liturgical Calendar January**

Monday 13th St Hilary

Wed 15th St Ita

Thurs 16th St Fursa

Friday 17th St Anthony

Saturday 18th Blessed Virgin Mary

**Escorted Tour to Knock Shrine & Mayo**

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10<sup>th</sup> February

2025. €699.00 pps. Price includes return train, 4 nights' in 4\*

Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport

included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre, Quiet Man

Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 094 900 6426 or

087 1890 236 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)

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

**Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow with St David's Johnstown 12th January 2025 The Baptism of the Lord**

The Baptism of the Lord. Jesus is anointed with the Spirit and his power. He is proclaimed Messiah. He now goes about doing good, working the signs that make him known as the Servant of God. He is the one who brings good news to the poor and tells of salvation.

Through our Baptism each one of us is ordered to the life of Christ -

Priest, Prophet and King - and the Father looks on us with favour.



**The Baptism of the Lord**

God alone can give faith, but you can offer witness.

God alone can give hope, but you can give confidence to others.

God alone can give love, but you can pass it on to others.

God alone can give peace, but you can work for unity.

God alone can give power, but you can sustain somebody who is feeling low.

God alone is the light, but you can make it shine for others.

God alone is life, but you can give others a taste for living.

God alone can do the impossible, but through you it becomes possible.

God alone is self-sufficient.....but amazingly, God prefers to count on you.

**Separated, Divorced, Widowed Are you coping?**

Few people are able to cope alone with the pain and loneliness following the loss of a life partner. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Beginning Experience is a peer support group dedicated to helping those who are navigating life alone whether through death, separation or divorce.

A team of trained facilitators, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share with you how they coped with their loss. A Three Day Coping with Life Alone Programme will take place

on: Saturday 25th, January, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (Advance Booking Essential) Carmelite Community Centre, Whitefriar Street, Dublin 2. For further information contact Beginning Experience 086 0877379, or email: [bedublin@gmail.com](mailto:bedublin@gmail.com)

**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,**

**Alleluie, 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/**