

**Saturday 30th November
6.30pm**

Murt Mulligan (Month's Mind)
(Anniv)

Lily Henderson
John Sweeney
Angela Walker

**Sunday 1st December
11.30am**

(Anniv)

Ann Holt
Stephen Lane
Brendan Mates
John Dillon
Mariam Devassy
Joseph Thottapillil
William Byrne
Michael & James Sheehan

**Monday 2nd December
10am**

Anna Wadden

**Wednesday 4th December
10am**

Anne Berry
(Birthday Remembrance)
Joseph & Christina Doran
(Anniv)

**Johnstown 1st December
10am**

Margaret (Maggie) Condren
(3rd Anniv)

With Sympathy

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Marie Mann (née Stanley) & Fr Bede McGregor (OP) May they rest in peace.



Ecumenical Service

Each year Arklow Cancer Support hold our very special Ecumenical Service for our clients. This year our service will take place in Sts Mary & Peter Church

**Tuesday December 3rd
7.30pm**

Liturgical Calendar December

Tuesday 3rd St Francis Xavier
Wed 4th St John Demascene
Friday 6th St Nicholas
Saturday 7th St Ambrose

The Pope's Intentions December 2024

Let us pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

We would like to thank Rev Arthur Barrett for his presence among us and remember fondly his participation with Arklow Churches together. We wish him and his wife Brigid God's choice blessings in their new life in Wexford.



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



Saint Vincent De Paul will be doing house to house collection this week please support. Starting 24th November to 4th December.

Weekend of Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th Diocesan Collection for St Vincent de Paul will take place at all Masses please support

CHAT N' CHA

Join us in the Árus Lorcáin after 11.30am Mass Sunday 1st December



St David's Johnstown

Sunday 8th December 10am

All Children preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation are invited to Mass in St David's Church Johnstown with their parents and grandparents. All welcome.



Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow

with St David's Johnstown

1st December 2024

First Sunday of Advent

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The advent spirit of waiting and longing for the Lord reminds us of the daily call to holiness. We are to be found blameless when He comes, living lives of honesty and integrity. We are to avoid the temptations of escapism from the true meaning of life. The temptations come in many guises.

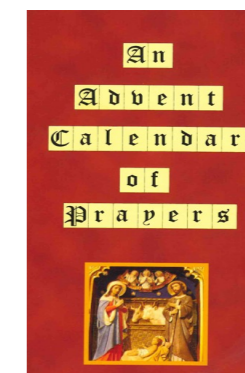


The Advent Wreath

Advent Candles shine brightly in the midst of darkness symbolizing and reminding us that Jesus came as light into our dark world. The Advent wreath tradition involves four candles around the ever-green wreath. A new candle is lit on each of the four Sundays before Christmas. Each candle represents something different, the first, second and fourth candles are purple; the third candle is rose-coloured. The first candle 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.

Advent Calendar

We have Advent Calendars of prayers available in the Sacristy if you would like to take one home. It's a lovely little booklet of prayers for every day of Advent.



SUNDAY 8th /9th December

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We celebrate Mary who, from the first instant of her existence in the womb of her mother Anne, was 'by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved free from all stain and original sin'.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Monday 9th December but it is not a Holy day of obligation this year as the Second Sunday of Advent takes precedence this year.

Gathering Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
To free your captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,

Until the Son of God appears.

Rejoice, Rejoice O Israel,

To you shall come Emmanuel

O come great daystar,
radiance bright ,

And heal us with your glorious light,

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night.

And death's dark shadows put to fight.

Rejoice, Rejoice, O Israel,

To you shall come Emmanuel.

Recessional Hymn

When creation was begun,
God had chosen you to be,
Mother of his blessed son,
Holy Mary full of grace.

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.
When Creation was restored

You were there beside the Lord,
Whom you cherished and adored
Holy Mary full of grace.

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.
Lead us to your child above

He will teach us how to love

How to pity and forgive

Holy Mary full of grace.

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

