



Saturday 31st January
6.30pm

Michael Kavanagh (Anniv)

Sunday 1st February
8.30am

Paddy McDonald (Anniv)

11.30am

Mary Donoghue (3rd Anniv)
Jonathan Malone (9th Anniv)
Anne Timmons (21st Anniv)
Myles Doyle (35th Anniv)
Jimmy Conway (Anniv)

Monday 2nd February
10am

Agnes Murray (1st Anniv)

Castletown
Saturday 31st January
8pm

Jim Condren (2nd Anniv)
Hugh McCarthy (7th Anniv)

Johnstown
Sunday 1st February
10am

Tom Whelan (6th Anniv)

CANON JOHN PIERT (1928 – 2026 RIP)

Canon John Piert died peacefully last Sunday night in Our Lady’s Manor, Dalkey, under the care of the Carmelite Sisters. The sad news filtered through early on Monday morning. His funeral Mass was celebrated in Dalkey on Wednesday with Archbishop Dermot Farrell and Bishop Donal Roche in attendance. His remains were brought to Gowran Cemetery in his native Kilkenny for burial. May he rest in peace! A goodly number of parish-ioners from Johnstown, Arklow and Castletown travelled to be present. We deeply appreciate Reverend Nigel Sherwood’s generosity in joining us at the Mass.



Fr Piert spent several happy years in Castletown before promotion to Parish Priest in Wicklow town. He came as curate in Johnstown in 1998 and made a deep impression on all of us. He was a wise, caring, and devoted pastor and was much loved. He and his faithful housekeeper Rita were a positive influence on our parish. He was elevated to Canon of the Metropolitan Chapter of the Dublin Archdiocese in 2007 – an honour he greatly appreciated.



Canon Piert was a victim of the restrictions imposed by the health authorities during Covid 19. They required full-time care which he received in Our Lady’s Manor. He expressed the wish to return to Johnstown which he did on several occasions.

He joined us in 2022 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of St David’s church. In 2023 we celebrated with great joy his 70th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood while Fr John Hayes of Scarnagh just recently deceased celebrated his 60th. Archbishop Dermot Farrell and retired Archbishop Diarmuid Martin did the honour of joining in their unique achievement. The reception for both in Arus Lorcáin was a truly memorable occasion and Canon Piert’s speech drew copious applause.

Fr Piert loved his native Kilkenny and up to this year followed their fortunes on the hurling field. It is fitting that his mortal remains will rest in the cemetery at Gowran outside Kilkenny city. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family, to Rita, his housekeeper, and to all who loved him. We hope to mark his passing with a Mass of Remembrance in the next few weeks accompanied by his relations and family.



Go dtuga Dia solas agus aoibhneas na bhFlaitheas dó! Amen! Thank you Canon Piert! Thank you Lord for the gift you gave us in a faithful priest and friend!

The Pope’s Intentions for
February 2026

For children with incurable
diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength & hope.

St David’s
Johnstown

Eucharistic Adoration

St David’s Church,
Johnstown

Monday 11am to 6pm

Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow

with St David’s Johnstown

St Brigid, Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st February 2026

St Brigid

Blessed are they who live the Beatitudes. They are blessed and know what make true happiness. Blessed are they who are poor in spirit, leaving space and time for God in their lives, blessed are they who are gentle and kind, merciful and pure in heart. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for justice, who work for peace. And blessed are they who suffer in Christ.

Prayer to St Brigid

St Brigid you were a voice

for the wounded and
the weary.

Strengthen what is weak
within us.

Calm us into a quietness
that heals and listens.

May we grow each day
into greater wholeness
in mind, body and spirit.

Amen

Liturgical Calendar
February

Monday 2nd The Presentation
of the Lord

Tuesday 3rd St Blaise
St Ansgar

Thursday 4th St Agatha

Friday 5th Ss Paul Miki &
Companions

Saturday 7th St Mel

Monday 2nd February The
Presentation of the Lord
Candlemas Day all candles will be
blessed at 10am Mass

Tuesday 3rd February St Blaise
Blessing of the Throats at 10am

With Sympathy

Sympathies are extended to the
family and friends of

Canon John Piert

Martin O’Brien

Eugene Brady

Sarah Farrell

John Fifield

Patrick (Whack) Shannon

Elenor Heaney (née Byrne)

May they rest in peace.

Entrance Hymn

Holy God, we praise thy Name!
Lord of all, we bow before
thee; All on earth thy scepter
claim, All in heav’n above
adore thee; Infinite thy vast
domain, Everlasting is thy
reign.

Hark! With loud peeling hymn,
Thee, The Angel choirs above
are raising; Cherubim and
Seraphim, One unceasing
chorus praising, Ever sing
sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy
Lord!

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name
thee, While in essence only
One, Undivided God we claim
thee, And adoring bend the
knee, While we own the
mystery.

Recessional Hymn

As I Kneel Before You,
As I Bow My Head in Prayer,
Take This Day, Make It Yours
And Fill Me With Your Love.
Ave Maria, Gratia Plena,
Dominus Tecum, Benedicta Tu.
All I Have I Give You,
Every Dream And Wish Are
Yours, Mother Of Christ, Mother
Of Mine, Present Them To My
Lord.

Ave Maria, Gratia Plena,
Dominus Tecum, Benedicta Tu.
As I Kneel Before You,
And I See Your Smiling Face
Every Thought, Every Word
Is Lost In Your Embrace.

Rejoice & be Glad
your reward will be great in heaven
Matthew 5:12



Join us for Chat N Cha
Sunday 1st February
after 11.30am Mass
Árus Lorcáin
All Welcome