



Saturday 20th December 6.30pm

Veronica Russell (1st Anniv)  
Patrick (Paddy) Murray (14th Anniv)  
Edward McLoughlin (Anniv)  
Lizzie, Ned & Peg McLoughlin (Anniv)  
Elizabeth Kenny (Anniv)  
Kathleen, Pat & Patricia Kinsella (Anniv)  
Brian McKay (Anniv)  
Eamy Doyle (Anniv)  
Roisin Murphy (Anniv)  
Paddy John & Baby Carter McManus (Anniv)  
William & Sarah Kavanagh  
Betty Breen (Anniv)

Sunday 21st December 8.30am

Michael & Anne McDonald (Anniv)  
Jack & Theresa Redmond (Anniv)  
11.30am  
Lily Murray (1st Anniv)  
Gavin O'Reilly (3rd Anniv)  
Lily Barnwell (17th Anniv)  
James McKenna (Anniv)  
Margaret Doyle (Anniv)  
Edward Kelly (Anniv)  
Michael & Rose Mordaunt & their Granddaughter Susan Noreen Larkin (Anniv)  
Leena Jacob (Thanksgiving )

Monday 22nd December 10am

Molloy & Byrne Families (Intention)

Tuesday 23rd December 10am

Special Intention



Friday 26th December 10am

Helena & Peter Murphy (Anniv)  
May Molloy (Birthday Remembrance)  
Michael Tyrrell (3rd Anniv)  
Bernie, Tom & Leonard O'Brien (Anniv)  
Renato & June Costosa (10th Anniv)

Johnstown

Sunday 21st December 10am

Richard Mills (Anniv)



The Parish Council send warmest wishes to all Parishioners



" Niech Boże Narodzenie przyniesie wszystkim mnóstwo miłości, dobroci, radości i pokoju Bożego w sercach. Niech wiara, nadzieja i miłość będą przewodnikami każdego nie tylko w czasie świąt, ale także w nadchodzącym Nowym Roku 2026."

Christmas timetable and dues envelopes are available in the Church please take one home

We invite you to visit our churches over this Christmas season. Arklow Church is open every day and Johnstown Church will be open each day from Christmas Eve to New Year's Day between 10am to 4pm. Come and spend a few moments away from the bustle and noise in the peaceful presence of the Lord. Light a candle or say a prayer before the crib. Maybe bring your children or grandchildren too. Everyone is most welcome.

Parish of Sts. Mary & Peter, Arklow

with St David's Johnstown

Fourth Sunday of Advent

21st December 2025

The Fourth Candle represents peace and is called the "Angel's Candle" The Angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace, He came to bring people close to God and to each other again. The Fifth Candle represents light and purity and is called "Christ's candle". The white candle is placed in the middle and is lit on Christmas Day to mark the birth of our Saviour.

The fourth Sunday of Advent Our attention is now directed fully to the coming of Christ in the Christmas mystery. The Preface calls us to wonder at this great happening, to prepare for Christmas in prayer and praise. The psalms tells us to purify our hearts as preparation. Prayer and reconciliation should be features of these days.

Mass Schedule for Christmas

**Christmas Eve**

Mass 10am  
(followed by Individual Confessions till 12noon)  
Family Mass 5pm  
Evening Mass 7pm  
Christmas Vigil 9pm

**Christmas Day**

Arklow Masses 8.30am & 11.30am  
Polish Mass 10am  
Johnstown St David's 10am  
Castletown St Patrick's 11am

Liturgical Calendar December

Tuesday 23rd St John of Kanty  
Thursday 25th The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
Friday 26th St Stephen  
Saturday 27th St John

New Ballroom Dancing Classes  
Árus Lorcáin

Starting Friday 16th January

2-3pm Friday afternoons

Contact Dermot 085 2504151

Mass Schedule week ahead

Normal Mass times resume

Friday St Stephen's Day Arklow 10am

Saturday 27th December

Arklow 10am & 6.30pm

Castletown 8pm

Sunday 28th December

Arklow 8.30am & 11.30am

Johnstown 10am

Monday to Friday 10am Arklow

The 'Seasonal Sounds' Concert in Aid Of Mother Kevin's Mission raised €1500 for this wonderful Charity. A huge thank you to Arklow Shipping Arklow Silver Band, Inver Choir, Michael Flood, Rose Hudson, Gaelscoil and Inbhir Mhóir, John Bonner and all involved in making the concert a great success

We're here, day or night, 365 days a year

Call free day or night on 116 123

SAMARITANS

Gathering Hymn

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child  
Holy Infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia  
Christ the Savior is born  
Christ the Savior is born

Recessional Hymn

Adeste Fideles

Adeste Fideles Laeti  
triumphantes  
Venite,venite in Bethlehem  
Natum videte, Regem Angelorum;  
**Venite Adoremus, venite adoremus**

Venite adoremus Dominium!

Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine,  
gestant puellae viscera.  
Deum veru, gentium non factum

Venite Adoremus, venite adoremus

Venite adoremus Dominium!

Cantet nunc io chorus Angelorum  
Cantet nunc aula caelstium:  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!