

The Baptism of the Lord 9th January 2022



Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His Baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget children of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes. In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the Baptism of Christ in the River Jordan, God appeared in three persons. The Baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ, it moved people to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the Baptism of John. He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world. "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's Baptism are symbolic of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's Baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His Baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father, at our Baptism we become the adopted children of God. At Christ's Baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His Baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we pray to God the Father as His beloved children.

Baptism Team

Our parish is very blessed to have such a wonderful Baptism team. We thank them and ask the Lord to look after them in their good work throughout the year.

Holy Water

Holy Water is always available from our church. You will find it in bottles at our Lady's Statue, and if not please ask any of our sacristy team to get some for you.



**Welcome into our faith Community
all children who will be baptised
this Sunday.**



We welcome all our First Holy Communion Children and their Parents and Guardians to our Mass this weekend.



Couples intending to marry are required to give at least **three months' notice** to the priests of the parish, whether the wedding will take place **inside** or **outside** the parish, so that the pre-marriage papers can be completed.

Parish Lotto



Thank you to all who participated in the parish Lotto last week. We had no winner; two people matched three numbers The Lotto jackpot next Monday 10th January is €1000 Best of luck to everyone! Thank you all for your support.

Christmas Dues

Many thanks to all who have given towards the Christmas dues envelopes. Your donation is very much appreciated.

Volunteers

We would like to thank our parish volunteers for all their hard work in keeping everyone safe while they attended Christmas Mass in the parish. Everyone was able to celebrate the birth of our Lord in a safe way. Thank you all again.



Monday 10th

Special Intention
Health Intention

Tuesday 11th

Christina Kealy (AN)
Siobhan Murray (RD)
Maria Reilly (RD)

Wednesday 12th

Colm Maloney (Birthday Rem)
Jenny Lennon (RD)

Thursday 13th

Peggy Kelly (RD)
Jenny Lennon (RD)

Friday 14th

Special Intention

Saturday 15th

Vigil 5.30pm

Jacqui Lynch (AN)
Michael Browne (AN)
Julie Kehoe (RD)
Health Intention (Sadie Gallagher Wicklow)

Sunday 16th

10am Betty Hynes (RD)
12noon Tony McDonagh (RD)