

## The Baptism of the Lord 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021



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.



Baptisms have been postponed in the parish due to government guidelines. As soon as restrictions are lifted we will celebrate Baptisms. Thank you for your understanding

### THANK YOU

Thank you for all your donations to the parish over the Christmas. Your generosity helps us to keep our church open. A big thank

you for your contribution to the Christmas Dues Envelopes. God bless you all.



All donations to the crib this year will be given to the Morning Star Hostel. The Morning Star provides beds and meals for 64 homeless people in the city.

The hostel has been running since 1927 and has no paid staff. It is run by the Legion of Mary who provide volunteers to manage and staff the hostel 24/7 every day of the year. Thank you all for your kind donations.

### Parish Office

The Parish Office is not open for personal callers at the moment due to the virus.

You can contact Steph via email [stfiniansparish@gmail.com](mailto:stfiniansparish@gmail.com) or by phone 8409043.

Envelopes can be dropped in the parish office letterbox at the front of the church (in the external office door beside Our Lady's statue near the main church door).

### PPC and Volunteers

Once again we would like to thank our parish volunteers along with the parish PPC for all their hard work in

keeping everyone safe while they attended Christmas Mass in the parish. A lot of work went into organising it but it was all worth it as everyone got to celebrate the birth of our Lord in a safe way. Thank you all again.



### Monday 11<sup>th</sup>

David Homan (RD)  
Christina Kealy (AN)  
Special Intention

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>

Colm Maloney (Birthday Rem) (RIP)  
Special Intention

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>

Gerry O'Connell (RD)  
Eileen Mc Guinness (RD)  
Special Intention

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>

Thomas Murphy (RD)  
Frances Downey (RD)  
Special Intention

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

Anthony Gibbons (RD)  
Kathleen Kelly (RD)  
Michael Browne (AN)  
Special Intention

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>

### Vigil 7pm

Gerry Kealy (AN)  
Jacqui Lynch (3<sup>rd</sup> AN)

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>

10am Jim Dillon (AN)  
Jimmy Dolan (RD)  
Pat Mc Carthy Kelly (RIP)