

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

13<sup>th</sup> January 2019



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.



Baptisms will take place on the following Sundays at 12.30pm  
Jan 27<sup>th</sup>

Feb 10<sup>th</sup> and Feb 24<sup>th</sup>

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



Couples intending to marry are required to give at least **three month's 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.

5<sup>th</sup> Jan /6<sup>th</sup> Jan

**For the running of our parish**

Envelope Collection: **€670**

Standing Orders: **€370**

Upkeep Envelopes **€105**

The above are the **ONLY** collections that stay in the parish to support the running costs of our parish. Please consider contributing if you don't already do so.

Please contact Stephanie in the parish office for details.

**Collections for outside the parish**

**Common Fund: €690**

*(First collection)*

**Share €390**

*(second Collection)*

**THANK YOU!**



St Vincent de Paul will be having its monthly outdoor collection this weekend in St Finian's after all Masses. The conference would like to wish all parishioners a very happy new year and to thank them for their support and generosity throughout the year.

**THANK YOU**

**Many thanks to everyone who helped to take down the Christmas decorations in Our Lady Queen of Heaven church and to Valerie in St Finian's for all her hard work with the Christmas tree.**



**Mon 14<sup>th</sup>**

Geraldine Griffin (RD)

Alex K (AN)

**Tues 15<sup>th</sup>**

Caroline Hughes (AN)

Alex K (AN)

Health Intention

**Wed 16<sup>th</sup>**

Gerry Kealy (AN)

**Thurs 17<sup>th</sup>**

Maureen Barrett (RIP)

Alex K (AN)

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup>**

Noel Donohue (RD)

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>**

**11am** Leonie Kelly (RD)

John Gannon (5<sup>th</sup> AN)

Evelyn Harrington (1<sup>st</sup> AN)

Kevin Newman (1<sup>st</sup> AN)

**Vigil 6.30pm**

Maureen Barrett (RIP)

Michael Browne (AN)

Dolores Martin (MM)

Arnold O' Connor (AN)

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**

**10am** Nora Mc Hale (RD)

**11.30am** Special Intention

**Holy Family J.N.S. River Valley**

Enrolments for September 2019 will

take place Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday

16<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019

between 9.30am and 1.00pm.

Please see Website

[www.holyfamilyjns.ie](http://www.holyfamilyjns.ie)