

The Baptism of the Lord 7th January 2018



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.

30th Dec /31st Dec For the running of our parish

Envelope Collection: €710
Standing Orders: €370

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: €510
(First collection)

Share €450
(second Collection)

THANK YOU!

Christmas Due Envelopes

Many thanks for your Christmas Due Offering. It is very much appreciated.



Baptisms on the following Sundays at 12.30pm

Jan 14th and Jan 28th
Feb 11th and Feb 25th

Do This in Memory



Please note that our next Do This in Memory Mass will take place next Sunday 14th January at 10am.

School Enrolments

Junior Infant school enrolments will take place on Tuesday 16th Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th January between 9.30am and 1.00pm. See website for requirements www.holyfamily.ie



Mon 8th

Maura Mc Cabe (4th AN)

Tues 9th

Jackie Reilly (4th AN)

Wed 10th

John Tully (AN)

Evelyn Agnew (AN)

Thurs 11th

Christina Kealy (1st AN)

Friday 12th

Colm Maloney (Birthday Rem)

Patrick O' Connor (19th AN)

Saturday 13th

11am Health Intention

Vigil

6.30pm

Eileen Keady (AN)

Sunday 14th

10am Eamonn Roche (RD)

11.30am Alice & Patrick Davey (AN)

Arnold O' Connor (4th AN)



The parish has invested in a Defibrillator (AED) for our church and a number of people have been trained to use it. It is important that one knows where the Defibrillator is kept. It will be kept on the right hand side on the wall as you enter our Lady's Oratory.