

**THE BAPTISM OF THE  
LORD**  
**12th 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.

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

We congratulate our new Altar Servers who have been commissioned this weekend. We pray that they will be filled with God's Grace and Blessing



Baptisms will take place on the following Sundays at 12.30pm  
Jan 26<sup>th</sup>  
Feb 9<sup>th</sup> and Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>

**4<sup>th</sup> Jan/5<sup>th</sup> Jan**

**For the running of our parish**

Envelope Collection: **€480**  
Standing Orders: **€370**  
Upkeep Envelopes **€384**

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: €570**  
(First collection)

**Share €320**  
(second Collection)

**THANK YOU!**

**Christmas Due Envelopes**

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



**St Vincent de Paul**  
St Vincent de Paul will be having its monthly outdoor collection after all Masses this weekend in St Finian's church.



**Mon 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Christopher Mc Guirk (RD)

**Tues 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Nicholas Byrne (RD)  
Yvonne Sullivan (RD)

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Caroline Hughes (AN)

**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Gerry Kealy (AN)

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Ted Herlihy (RD)

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**11am** Caroline Hughes (AN)  
Joseph (13<sup>th</sup> AN)

**Vigil 6.30pm**  
Michael & Rita Browne (AN)

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**10am** Arnold O' Connor (AN)  
**11.30am** Tommy Perkins (1<sup>st</sup> AN)  
John Gannon (6<sup>th</sup> AN)  
Pauric Tunney (4<sup>th</sup> AN)

**Monday Prayer Group**

Please note that our Monday night prayer group will resume this Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in Our Lady's Oratory.

**All Welcome!**

**QUIZ NIGHT**

Back again by popular demand. Its Quiz night!  
We guarantee another great night of fun and laughter. Come along and support your parish on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February Peacocks upstairs at 8pm. Table of four €40