

Sunday 13th January 2019

The Baptism of the Lord

Dear Friends, Although, according to the Church calendar, the Christmas season officially comes to a close today, we are by no means finished with Christmas. There is much to be done to complete the great event of Christ's birth; the great music and festivities and stories are but scraps of a greater story we have yet to complete. The good news spoken by the angels continues to unfold; the most wondrous part of the Christ story is yet to be revealed. The same Spirit that anoints the Messiah at the Jordan for his mission calls us to complete the work of Christmas: to seek out and find the lost, to heal the sick and hurting, to feed the hungry, to liberate the imprisoned, to rebuild families and nations, to bring peace to all peoples everywhere.

In the waters of baptism, we embrace the Spirit of God and that Spirit embraces us, as well: God the Creator and Father is present to us in all our tears and laughter, in all our struggles and triumphs, in our every grief and joy. May all that we hold, may all that we touch, and may all that we are, realize the true miracle of the Incarnation: that we and our world are holy and sacred in the sight of God, our Father and Creator.

Fr. Kevin

FEAST DAYS

- St Ita, virgin (*Tuesday*)
- St Anthony, abbot (*Thursday*)

Recently Deceased

Catherine Tremble

Bill Lynch

Anniversaries

Maureen Devitt

6.00 Sat 12th January

Gerard McCoy

9.00 Sun 13th January

Patrick Lee Senior

10.30 Sun 13th January

Mary Egan

Patsy Gaffney (*Month's Mind*)

12.00 Sun 13th December

Nancy & Joseph O'Malley

Pat Walsh

Angela Hennessy

Mary Flood

Regular Notices:

- Eucharistic Adoration Monday - Monday 10.30am-4.00pm and Sat. 10.30am-12.45pm. All welcome.
- Confessions – Saturday after 10.00am mass.
- Christian Meditation Group (Quiet Prayer Group) next meeting will be on Wednesday **16th January** in the parochial house at 8.00pm. All welcome.
- Tea & Coffee morning on Friday **19th January**.
- The **Legion of Mary** meets every Monday in the parish centre at 7.30pm. New members welcome.
- There are envelopes at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to make a donation to the church. They can be put in the collection baskets or left in the parish office.
- The Chalice on the table at the front of the altar rails is for people who are coeliac.
- **Society of St Vincent de Paul** – Anyone in need of assistance call 8550022.

Special notices:

- There will be no 10.00am mass this Monday **14th January**.
- There will be no coffee mornings on Tuesdays until further notice.
- **Minister of the Eucharist/Word** – Meeting next Saturday **19th January** at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre.
- Ecumenical Community Meal will take place on Friday **25th January** at 7.30pm in Café de Journal. The allocation for St Patricks Parish is 30 places. The cost of the meal will be **€15**. If you wish to attend please book and pay with Ann in the office.
- A letter regarding mass changes is available at the back of the church. Please take one.
- Blackrock Further Education Institute located on Main Street Blackrock will hold an open day on Tuesday **15th January** from 10am to 4pm.

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