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Baptism of the Lord - 12th / 13th Jan 2019

This Weekend: January 12th / 13th

7.00p.m Seamus Smith

10.00a.m Robbie Muleady, Bracklin Road

12noon 1. Ned, Marie and Olive O'Reilly,
Cranley.

2. Patrick and Helen Gilmartin, Tinenaire and
deceased family members.

The Manor - Sunday 13th Jan - No Intention.

Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.

Next Weekend: January 19th / 20th

7.00p.m Mary - Alice, Michael and Margaret
Murphy, Curry

10.00a.m Tommy Nolan (Months Mind)

12noon Frank Whitney and his parents Frank and
Mary and his brother Joe

The Manor - Sunday 20th January - No Intention.

Offertory Collection: Sun Dec 23rd - €1,235 - sincere thanks.

COLLECTORS / COUNTERS MEETING - A meeting for all collectors and counters of Parish collections will be held in the Parish Hall on Tues Jan 22nd @ 8.00 p.m.

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

1. The people were searching and John pointed them in the direction of Jesus. On your life's journey who have been the John the Baptist people for you, people who have pointed you in the right direction?

2. The Baptism of Jesus was a very special moment for him that affirmed him in his identity as Son of God and in his mission. Recall the experiences that affirmed you - either in your sense of who you are, or in relation to the direction you were taking in life.

3. The Baptism of Jesus marks a transition point in his life, and the start of his public ministry. Recall the transition points in your own life. Where did you see the grace of God at work in those times?

4. This experience of Jesus occurred when he was at prayer. What part has prayer played in opening you to being aware of God in your life? What part has prayer played in helping you through a transition point in your life?

John Byrne osa - (INTERCOM)

STREETE PARISH PARK FUN RUN / WALK in aid of St Christopher's Services takes place on Sun Jan 13th @ 2.00 p.m. No registration fees - donations welcome. All ages welcome, refreshments and raffle on the day.

THE DEEP END: The Baptism of the Lord

Today's Gospel tells us that the people were 'filled with expectation'. It sounds like a very exciting time as they wonder who this prophet John could be. John must have been a very dynamic and inspiring preacher as the people speculated if he were the one they had been waiting for. He uses all of this attention for one purpose: to point people to Jesus. There are many people in our own lives who have pointed us towards Jesus, perhaps by an invitation to an event or a retreat or by sharing a reflection with us at just the right time. In them, we see something special and interesting that makes us wonder in our hearts and seek a little further. They are the John the Baptists in our lives, pointing us towards the Lord like signposts along the way.

John humbly responds to the people by saying: 'One who is more powerful than I is coming.' He emphasises that it is He who will really set their hearts on fire. While the words concerning 'winnowing forks' seem harsh, we might interpret them as speaking of God's power to transform our lives through Jesus. When Jesus enters into the narrative, Luke emphasises that He is at prayer, and it is then that this powerful experience of God occurs. A nice meditation for today is to repeat the last sentence of today's Gospel, imagining God speaking these words to you: 'You are my Daughter/Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

- Jane Mellett - (INTERCOM)

Dates for Sacraments - 2019

First Holy Communion

Enrolment Ceremony - Sat Oct 14th @ 7.30 p.m.

First Confession - Wed Mar 21st @ 7.00 p.m.

First Holy Communion - Sat May 12th @ 12.00 p.m.

Confirmation

Enrolment Ceremony - Sat Oct 7th @ 7.30 p.m.

Commitment Ceremony - Sat Jan 20th @ 7.00 p.m.

Service of Light - Sat Feb 24th @ 7.00 p.m.

Sacrament of Confirmation - Fri 9th Mar @ 4.00 p.m.

NATIONAL LEARNING NETWORK have a variety of free courses suitable for people who are looking for a stepping stone to further education, training, or work or who may have challenges or disabilities and need to improve the quality of their lives. We have psychological and resource support and may have a course that will suit your needs. Contact Hilary at 0867839078 for further details.

A Parent's Prayer

All praise to You, Lord Jesus,

Lover of children;

Bless our family,

And help us to lead our children to You.

Give us light and strength,

And courage when our task is difficult.

Let Your Spirit fill us with love and peace,

So that we may help our children to love You.

All glory and praise are Yours, Lord Jesus,

For ever and ever. Amen.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - JANUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Mikie Doyle, Monica Coyle.

Sunday 10.00 a.m.: Betty Mulhaire, Ruth McKeon.

Sunday 12 noon: Cora Murphy, Sarah Jane Murphy.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - JANUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Pat Appleford, Sr Dymphna Kelly,
Mairead Fulham.

Sunday 10.00 a.m.: Kathleen Dowler, Ita Farrell, John Cahill,

Sunday 12 noon: Kate O'Donoghue, Emma O'Reilly,
Siobhan Campbell.