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Baptism of the Lord - 12th Jan 2020

This Weekend January 11th/12th

- 7.00p.m** 1. Seamus Smith.
2. Ken Sheridan (Month's Mind).
3. John Sweeney & Tom McCormack, Liscahill, and deceased family members.
- 11.00a.m** 1. Frank Whitney, his parents Frank & Mary and brother Joe.
2. Robbie Mulleady, Bracklin Rd.

The Manor - Sun 12th Jan - No Intention.

Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m.

Wed Jan 15th - People of the Parish.

Next Week End: January 18th/19th

- 7.00p.m** No Intention.
11.00a.m Helen and Patrick Gilmartin, and Family.

The Manor - Sun 19th - No Intention.

Offertory Collection: Sun Dec 29th - €1,140. Feast of the Epiphany €315 - sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Margaret Mahon, Main Street who died recently. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. *Requiescant in Pace.*

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

• The Deep End •

John the Baptist was driven by one mission: to point people to Jesus, to prepare the way for Jesus. Yet John is uneasy in this account of Jesus' baptism. The moment has arrived but he is standing before someone much greater than himself and is being asked to minister. John feels unqualified, unworthy of such a task. After some persuasion 'John gave into him' and accepted his responsibility. This is a lesson to all of us, not to let feelings of inadequacy stop us from carrying out our various missions and vocations in our lives. Jesus explains to John that this is necessary as a sign for the beginning of his ministry, a public statement of identity.

Today we might consider our own baptism and what it means to us. At that moment we were anointed as priests, prophets and Kings. To what extent do we live this out in our Christian lives? John points us towards Jesus and we can ask, do we also point the way to Jesus for others? How can we be a signpost for others?

Remember today those who pointed the way for you at various times in your life. Maybe a chaplain in school or college, a teacher, grandparent, a friend, a retreat you participated in. At various times in our lives we meet these 'signposts' which help us to grow in our faith and deepen our awareness of Christ's love. Let us celebrate all of these 'baptismal' moments today.

- Jane Mellett (INTERCOM)

The Baptism of the Lord

12 January 2020

Matthew 3:13-17

1. The Baptism of Jesus marks a turning point in his life, and the start of his public ministry. Recall moments when your life changed and you moved into a new phase.

2. The experience was one in which Jesus had a new sense of his own identity. What have been the experiences which have helped shaped your sense of who you are?

3. How have you come to an awareness of being a child of God, beloved by God, one on whom rests the grace of God?

4. It is surprising that Jesus, the Saviour of the world, asks to be baptised by John. The request symbolises his desire to identify with us. At the same time he is filled with the Holy Spirit. That step of identifying with us is an important element in his being able to help us. Have you ever found that when someone identifies with you, it is easier for him/her to help you? Has your ability to identify with others had any impact on your effectiveness in helping others? - *John Byrne(INTERCOM)*



SCOIL BHRÍDE, GLEN - Enrolment forms for entry in September 2020 to Scoil Bhríde, Glen are now available for collection from the school or can be requested by calling 043 6671778 or email sbgleann@gmail.com.

RECIPE FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time.

Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing— don't do it), prayer, meditation, and one well-selected resolution. Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.

"The Pope loves everyone, rich and poor alike, but the Pope has the duty, in Christ's name, to remind the rich to help the poor, to respect them, to promote them." - Pope Francis

"Peace starts with a smile"

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - JANUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Matt Farrell, Sarah Lee Greene

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Niamh Gogan, Sean Noonan

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - JANUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Angela Kelly, Marie Reilly, Mairead Fulham

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Kathleen Dowler, Colm O'Reilly, Siobhan Campbell

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

- Fr Tom Healy -