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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord - 8th Jan 2023

This Weekend January 7th / 8th

7.00 p.m. No Intention.

11.00 a.m. Robbie Mulleady.

Weekday Masses: Our Lady's Manor at 11.00 a.m.

Wed Jan 11th People of the Parish

Next Weekend: January 14th / 15th

7.00 p.m. Gwen O'Ferrall (Months Mind).

11.00 a.m. 1. Patrick and Helen Gilmartin and deceased family members.

2. Peter, Margaret, Patrick and Tommy Gallagher.

Offertory Collection: Sun Jan 1st - €1,005 - sincere thanks.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today's feast marks the dividing line between the hidden and the public life of Jesus. No sooner does Christmastide end than we move directly into the last 3 years of Jesus' life. The liturgy, like the scriptures, pass quickly over the thirty or so years in between.

First Reading - Here we are given a portrait of a true servant of God. He is gentle and humble of heart and totally dedicated to his mission, which is to bring about true justice.

Second Reading - Here we have a description of how the early Christians saw Baptism. The baptised person was said to have been "anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power."

Gospel - This tells of the Baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan by his cousin John, how his true identity was revealed and how he was given power for the mission he was about to begin

"Today let us do honour to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness.

Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed.

Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men,

for whom His every word and every revelation exist.

He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world.

You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light,

bathed in the glory of Him who is the light of heaven.

You are to enjoy more and more, the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity,

as now you have received - though not in its fullness - a ray of its splendour,

proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen"

St Gregory of Nazianzen (330-390)



The Baptism of the Lord - Reflection

Begin by recalling some special moments between yourself and your parents. Did you ever hear from them the equivalent of "This is my son, my daughter, the beloved: my favour rests on you". In Jesus' ministry, on several occasions, he felt such a word from his Abba, his Father. His baptism by John was one such moment, as was the Transfiguration later on. Such deep love and affirmation grounded him as a human being and as God's prophet to the people of Israel. Our sense of calling grows out of our relationship with the Father, whose beloved we are, whose favour we enjoy.

Friendship

Let there be love and understanding among us; let peace and friendship be our shelter from life's storms. Eternal God, help us to walk with good companions, to live with hope in our hearts and eternity in our thoughts, that we may lie down in peace and rise up to find our hearts waiting to do your will. - Jewish Prayer

Friendship

If you have a friend worth loving, Love him. Yes and let him know that you love him, ere life's evening tinges his brow with sunset glow. Why should good words ne'er be said Of a friend till he is dead? - Daniel W Hoyt

Celebrating the Mass:

"The idea of strangers gathering for Eucharist, and remaining strangers thereafter, does not sit easily with the Gospel message." (CTM 14)

"The people are assembling as table guests of the Lord to share in a supper as sisters and brothers." (CTM 48)

"In the celebration of the Eucharist the assembly is united in and by the principal actions of gathering, listening to God's word, praying for life of the Church and the world, giving thanks, sharing communion and being sent out for the work of loving and serving God." (CTM 24)

Edgeworthstown Active Retirement Club - would like to invite new members and is open to retired Ladies and Gentlemen over the age of 55. The Club is organised by local older people themselves through the Local Active Retirement Associations. The Club re-opens on Friday 13th January @ 11.30 at the Green Club House - so come along for a coffee and a chat and Bingo and light activities.

SUNDAY MISSALS - St. Paul's Sunday Missals for 2023 are now available. All Parish Readers are welcome to collect a copy from the Sacristy. Missals are available at rear of church costing €5.00.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - JANUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Matt Farrell.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Ashling O'Reilly, Ann Mulligan.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - JANUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Margaret Kelly, Diane Spillane.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Kate O'Donoghue, Emma Reilly.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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- Fr Tom Healy -

