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The Baptism of the Lord - 7th Jan 2024

This Weekend Jan 6th / 7th
7.00 p.m. No Intention. 11.00 a.m. No Intention.

Weekday Masses:

Wed Jan 10th 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor
People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: Jan 13th / 14th
7.00 p.m. Peter, Margaret, Tommy and Patrick Gallagher.
11.00 a.m. 1. Patrick and Helen Gilmartin and deceased members of the Gilmartin Family (Anniv).
2. Robbie Mulleady (Anniv).

Offertory Collection: Sun Dec 31st - €1,150 - sincere thanks.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Please pray for Grainne Hussey, Devine Crescent and for Sr Rose Macken, Our Lady's Manor who died recently. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Requiescat in pace.



The Baptism of the Lord - Jesus is anointed with the Spirit and with his power. He is proclaimed Messiah. He now goes about doing good, working the signs that make him known as the Servant of God. He is the one who brings good news to the poor and tells of salvation. Through our Baptism each of us is ordered to the life of Christ - Priest, Prophet and King - and the Father looks on us with favour.

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

1. The baptism of Jesus was an extraordinary religious experience for him. Something happened that was a major step forward for Jesus in coming to know that he was the beloved Son of God. We all have events in our lives that are milestones along the road of discovering who we are. What have been these milestones for you?

2. 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' Bring to mind experiences in which you knew you were the beloved (of God or of another person) and that the one who loved you was well pleased. Remember these experiences with gratitude, knowing that the only proper response to love received is thankfulness. Perhaps you have also given that experience to another.

3. It is easy to lament the growing secularisation in the world today, but the Spirit of God who spoke loudly to the world in the Christ-event is active today. How can we be open to the new things the Spirit is saying to the church today?

4. John gives an example of humility as a person confident in his own role but not seeking to claim to be more than he is. He acknowledges that Jesus is greater. There is a freedom in being able to acknowledge the gifts of others without losing a sense of one's own giftedness. Recall times when you were able to do this.

- John Byrne OSA (INTERCOM)

A Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord, please give me...

A few friends who understand me and remain my friends;
A work to do which has real value, without which the world would be the poorer;

A mind unafraid to travel, even though the trail be not blazed;

An understanding heart;

A sense of humor;

Time for quiet, silent meditation;

A feeling of the presence of God;

The patience to wait for the coming of these things,

With the wisdom to recognise them when they come.

Baptism

If some day they take the radio station
away from us.

if they close down our newspaper,

if they don't let us speak,

if they kill all our priests and the bishop too,

and you are left, a people without priests,

each one of you must be God's microphone,

each one of you must be a messenger,

a prophet.

The Church will always exist

as long as there is one baptised person.

And that one baptised person who is left

In the world

is responsible before the world for holding aloft

the banner of the Lord's truth

and of his divine justice.

- Archbishop Oscar Romero (1917 - 1980)

Pope Francis on Baptism:

It is another birthday, it is the day of our rebirth," he said.

Although baptism occurs only once in a Christian's life, Pope

Francis said, "it illuminates our entire life, guiding our steps until

(we reach) the heavenly Jerusalem."

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."

"Celebrate the date of your baptism every year in your heart. Do it. It is also a duty of justice to the Lord who has been so good to us."

Reflection

Today the Church celebrates that point in Jesus' life when he went public, so to speak - his baptism. He began to reveal who he was. There is another revelation in today's liturgy - God is Trinity. At his baptism when Jesus the Son came up out of the water the Spirit descended on him and the voice of the Father declared that Jesus was his Son.

- St Paul's Sunday Missal.

Longford Women's Link Community Employment Scheme are seeking Childcare Workers, a Receptionist and a Cleaner for St Mary's Childcare Campus, Edgeworthstown. Eligible Candidates must be in receipt of a Social Welfare Payment. The positions are 19.5 hours weekly and full training will be provided. For further information please contact Siobhan on 086 4136718

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - JANUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Gerry Greene.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Eze Ejikeme, Ikedike Eze-Ejikeme.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - JANUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Margaret Kelly, Angela Kelly.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Kate O'Donoghue, Orla Noonan.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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- Fr Tom Healy -