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The Baptism of the Lord - 12th Jan 2025

This Weekend Jan 11th / Jan 12th

7.00 p.m. No Intention.

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

2. Robbie Mulleady.

Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor

Wed 15th Jan People of the Parish.

Next Weekend: Jan 18th / Jan 19th

7.00 p.m. Peter, Margaret, Tommy & Patrick Gallagher.

11.00 a.m. 1. Frank Whitney his parents Frank & Mary, and Kathleen, Joe & Marie.

2. Patrick Casey (5th Anniv.)

Offertory Collection: Sat 4th/ Sun 5th - €1,105 - sincere thanks.

BAPTISMS - We welcomed Eanna Murray, Coolagherty, into our Christian community recently.



St Paul's Sunday Missals - 2025 Missals are available in the Parish Church. Parish Readers - please call to Sacristy for your copy.

Sunday Scriptures - First Reading - The prophet is urged to deliver a message of hope and consolation to the exiles in Babylion. Like a shepherd caring for his sheep, God is coming to save his people.

Second Reading - This talks about the kind of life the baptised should live and the kind of ambitions that should motivate them. Salvation, with its hope of eternal life, is a gift from God through Jesus Christ.

Gospel - This reading gives us a snatch of John the Baptist's preaching and concludes with a brief account of the Baptism of Jesus.

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

• Thought for the Day •

God alone can give faith, but you can offer witness.
God alone can give hope, but you can give confidence to others.
God alone can give love, but you can pass it on to others.
God alone can give peace, but you can work for unity.
God alone can give power, but you can sustain somebody who is feeling low.
God alone is the light, but you can make it shine for others.
God alone is life, but you can give others a taste for living.
God alone can do the impossible, but through you it becomes possible.
God alone is self-sufficient ... but amazingly, God prefers to count

• Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel •

The Baptism of the Lord

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 preparing you to be 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)

Baptism - Archbishop Oscar Romero

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 the 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 baptized person.
And that one baptized 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

Pope Francis - "In baptism it is God who comes into us, purifies, heals our heart, makes us forever his children, his people, his family, heirs to paradise. God becomes intimate to us and he does not leave us anymore. Christians should pause, and ask themselves: Am I aware of the immense gift I carry within me through baptism? Do I acknowledge in my life the light of the presence of God, who sees me as his beloved son or his beloved daughter?"

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Eucharistic Adoration takes place on Sat mornings from 10.00 to 11.00 in the Parish Church. All are welcome to partake in this devotional prayer to Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.

COMHALTAS: Adult Group - Traditional Lessons - Edgeworthstown Library starting Sat 18th Jan. **Beginners:** 11.30-12.30, **Intermediate:** 12.30-1.30pm. Telephone (086-8762577). **Junior Session:** Fri 17th Jan - The Green, Edgeworthstown 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

2025 OFFERTORY AND PRIESTS DUES ENVELOPES: Thank you for your generous contributions to Edgeworthstown Parish over the past year which have enabled us to meet our financial commitments. Thank you to all who have distributed Boxes of Envelopes for 2025 in their local areas. If you are not already receiving a Box of Envelopes and would like your name to be included on the list, please contact the Parochial House @ 043 66 71046. It is very beneficial for the parish if parishioners use the boxes of envelopes as this enables us to use the Tax Relief Scheme.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - JANUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Mary Reynolds.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Aishling O'Reilly.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - JANUARY

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Diane Spillane.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: John Cahill, Kathleen Dowler.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

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Fr Tom Hughes