



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

The Baptism of the Lord: 12 January 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 12th January

Rosaleen Baxter (RD)
John O'Leary (RD)
Catherine Maguire (RD)
Dunne Family (D)
Martin Family (D)
Anthony (Tony) Burke (A)
Allen O'Leary (20th A)
Nellie Coyle (A)
Carmel McGlynn (2nd A)

Monday, 13th January

St Hilary, Bishop and Doctor
Meverly Rodrigus (GW)
Lottie Susan Thomasina Kearney (RD)
Martin Lawrence (4th A)
John & Michael O'Connor (A)

Tuesday, 14th January

St Fursa, abbot & missionary
Holy Souls

Wednesday, 15th January

Julia Bonham (1st A)

Thursday, 16th January

St Anthony, abbot
Noel Lawlor (A)

Friday, 17th January

Nuala & Christy Daly (A)
Cullen Family (D)

Saturday, 18th January

Mass of Our Lady
Special Intention

A = Anniversary
B = Birthday
BR = Birthday Remembrance
D = Deceased
GW = Get Well
MM = Months Mind
RD = Recently Deceased
SI = Special Intention
W = Wedding
WA = Wedding Anniversary

Baptism of Jesus at the River Jordan, about AD29, and our Baptism now

Preparation for, and Baptism of Christ

In Isaiah 40, the 1st Reading, (6th Century BC), a splendid new condition is presented. It is God's restoration of the people in the wake of hard times. It is all a sign of a new era for humanity to be ushered in by Christ, beginning with today's Gospel (Luke 3). St Paul in the 2nd Reading (Titus 2) focuses on this new age: our God and Saviour, Christ sacrificed himself for us. We are purified by Him in the water (of Baptism) and with the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel Jesus comes for baptism to John who hesitates but he agrees to baptise the sinless One. Christ joins the mass of sinful people in humanity, in love so as to save all.

Our Baptism - now

We begin our spiritual life with the sacrament of Baptism, which brings us into the Catholic Church. We become 'Christians, children of God, heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven' (Catechism). This marvellous gift opens the way for the other sacraments, and full Church life. All sins are taken away (though we all need Confession - Penance as we go on). Here at St Peter's, parents, family and sponsors are helped by our devoted Catechists, guided by the Parish Priest. Our Baptism is a vast treasure, always pointing us to the highest holiness. It raises hearts to purity of life and love of God and of people, and its light reaches out to illumine a whole civilization. We can enjoy the light of the Father, the love of the Holy Spirit, and Jesus is always with us.

"Be cleansed so that you may be like light in the world, beside the great Light, Christ". St Gregory the Great (from today's Office of Readings)

Fr Eamon Flanagan CM

THIS WEEK - Monday 13 January

- The weekly Mass and Novena in honour of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal takes place on Monday evening at 7.00pm and includes the blessing of medals, and the procession to Our Lady's Altar. Rosary begins at 6.40pm, confessions are available from 6.30pm.
- Baptism Preparation Meeting - 7pm in the Frank Duff Room (entrance via the Sacristy corridor from the Church)

DATE FOR DIARY

Child Safeguarding & Best Practice training for all our volunteers & staff will take place on Tuesday 11 March 2025 at 7.00pm in Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Navan Road. This training takes place every three years and is for all in any kind of ministry in our parish. All 4 parishes in our Partnership will attend.

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 12 January 2025

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

'Console my people, console them,' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God,
how great you are!

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Titus

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are wait-

ing in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good. When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptise with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Christmas Concert Collection - Monday 16th December

€1,117.00 for families with additional educational needs.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 22nd December

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,214.27
Envelopes (Online/Payzone) = € 577.50
Share (2nd Collection) = € 281.73

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 25th December

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €2,839.37
Envelopes (Online/Payzone) = € 345.00

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 29th December

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,342.25
Envelopes (Online/Payzone) = € 737.00
Share (2nd Collection) = € 275.69

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 5th January

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online) = €1,414.71
Envelopes (Online/Payzone) = € 562.00
Share (2nd Collection) = € 252.57

Thank you for your support to the parish and to the Diocese.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)

Preparation meetings take place on Sundays at 9am in the Frank Duff Room. Access is via the Sacristy corridor from the Church

TEA / COFFEE

On Tuesday next, 14th January, tea & coffee will be available in the Chapel of Adoration after the 10.30am Mass. All are welcome to attend.



ADORATION

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament takes place every Saturday after 10.30am Mass from 11.00am - 12.30pm (except if there is a funeral).