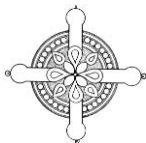


Baptism of Our Lord



11th January 2015

MASS INTENTIONS

6:30pm Noel Flynn (1st A)
9.00am Altar List of the Dead
11.00am John McNally (A)
12.30pm George & Bridget Taylor (A)
5.30pm Delores & Billy Edwards (A)

PRAY FOR

Joe Barnwell (RD)
Thomas Shaw (RD)
Bernard McGlynn (A)
Tanya Flynn nee Browne (A)
John Gallagher (A)
Charmaine Carroll
Ashling Middleton
Gemma Nolan
Niamh Doyle

MASSES NEXT WEEK 10.00 AM

Mon: Sarah Keane & Dsd Family Members (A)
Tues: McIntyre Family
Pray for: Patricia Burns (A)
Wed: Maureen Reilly (RD)
Thurs: Noel Hoey (A)
Fri: Maisie Ward (A)
Sat: Julia Pentony (A)

POLISH MASS

Msze Swieta w Jeryku Polskim
dzisiaj, Niedziele 11 Stycen o godz 18:45. (Spowiedz 18:15 – 18:40).

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Times of Adoration are:

Mon: 10.30 am – 11.30 am
Wed: 6.00 pm – 11.00 pm
Fri: 10.30am – 5.45 pm
Sat: 10.30am – 11.30am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on each Sunday of Advent from 4 - 5 pm.

ORDINATION

Fr. Joseph's cousin Joseph Thomas Malayil is to be ordained in Kerala, India on Friday 16th January and we remember him in our prayers on this special day for him.

BAPTISMS

Dates for Baptisms in February:

Saturday 7th February at 4:00pm
Sunday 8th February at 1:45pm
Saturday 21st February at 4:00pm
Sunday 22nd February at 2:00pm

Parent/Guardian Meeting is **Thursday 5th February at 8:00pm.**

Please contact the Parish Office for details.

FAMILY OFFERING

We thank all those parishioners who support the running of the parish through the Parish Family Offering fund. The December standing order figure is €3,131.00. The Weekly Outdoor collection for the last two weeks amounted to €1,483.90. The Family Offering Envelope Collection is the ONLY one which supports the daily running costs of the Parish and the upkeep of the Church. Thank you for your commitment to this collection.

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS

"WAKE UP THE WORLD" – THE HOPES OF POPE FRANCIS – a focus on the year of consecrated life with Fr Michael Paul Gallagher SJ on Monday January 19th, 7.30pm in St Francis Xavier's Church, Gardiner St, Dublin 1.

PRAYER MEETING

Prayer Meeting on **Tuesday next, 13th January** from 8 – 9pm in Sister's House, 29 Brackenstown Village (opposite School). This Prayer Group promotes devotion to Servant of God, Frank Duff, Founder of Legion of Mary. Everybody most welcome.

THE ROSARY

The Rosary Statue was blessed for use in homes of the parish at the October Candlelight Procession. If you would like to pray the rosary and have the statue in your home for a week, or get more information, please contact a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Sunday morning Masses.

LEGION OF MARY

Legion of Mary needs new members to help bring people to Jesus – over 18's – Tuesdays 10:30am in Sisters' House and Wednesdays 7:30pm in Sacristy; Junior members Fridays, 5:00pm in Sacristy. Come and see, you'll be most welcome.

WATER FROM RIVER JORDAN

Water from River Jordan in ceramic jugs, **Diocesan Guidebooks, Calendars** – Our Lady Untier of Knots Picture with liturgical date pad and Church Art calendars available in main porch after weekend Masses.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Spread the Good News for the New Year! Volunteers needed to deliver the free Catholic Paper "Alive" in Ard Cian, Ashton, Brackenstown Road, etc. Information from Legion of Mary members in main porch after weekend Masses or leave your name & phone no. with Louise in Parish Office.

ST CRONANS JNS ENROLLING

St Cronan's JNS now enrolling for Junior Infants September 2015. Closing date for completed applications is 31 January 2015. Application forms available from Secretary's office in the school.

VIATORES CHRISTI

For those interested in overseas volunteering and/or joining the VC Training Course on Overseas Development & Mission, Viatores Christi (VC) will hold an Information & Recruitment Session on Saturday 17th January 2015 at 12.00 noon at VC HQ, 8 New Cabra Road, Phibsboro, Dublin 7. Tel. 01-868 9986 info@viatoreschristi.com www.viatoreschristi.com

CHURCH UNITY WEEK

This begins on Sunday 18th January to Sunday 25th January 2015. During the week prayers for unity and between the Christian Churches will be offered at all Masses. Our inter-Parish Service will take place on **Thursday 22nd January at 8:00pm in St. Columba's Church.** The speaker will be Rev. Asa Bjork, who is the Rector of Dun Laoire. An important part of the ministry of her community is outreach to people who are hungry, homeless or have hit hard times. This reflects the theme for this years Church Unity Week "*The Well is Deep, Give me a Drink.*"

these will be kept to a minimum. If at any stage during the construction you have concerns or comments, please contact Fr. Paul. Our Parish Finance Committee will soon be launching the fundraising campaign to raise the €50,000.00 which is needed to complete construction and furnish the building.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

The theme for this year is “Catholic Schools: Called to Serve”. The week gives us an opportunity to think about and celebrate the contribution that our Parish schools make to our children, parents/guardians, families and community. The call to service of God is also a call to serve one another and these are core values that our Catholic Schools teach. During the week 25th January to the 1st February we will pray for our schools and each morning a class group from St. Cronan’s SNS will join us for Mass. There will be other events to celebrate this week which we will let you know about closer to the time.

PARISH RETREAT

This year the theme of our Retreat is Family. As the Synod on the Family has reflected on many of the challenges that face Catholic families today and will again discuss them in October, our Retreat is a time to nourish and support our families and appreciate their vital role in the life of the Church.

The Retreat begins with the Blessing of Children, Babies and Expectant Parents on Sunday 1st March at 3pm. Each morning there will be Mass at 7:30am and 10:00am and each evening our Retreat Session will take place.

Monday 2nd March led by Archbishop Diarmid Martin; Tuesday 3rd March led by the Catholic Grandparents Association; Wednesday 4th March led by Fr. John Harris OP, Thursday 5th March Mass of Healing with Anointing of the Sick at 1:00pm and the evening session led by Mrs. Elva Walsh (mother of the late Donal Walsh) and Friday 6th Taizé Prayer during which the Sacrament of Confession will be available.

CONFIRMATION NOVENA

From Sunday 1st February to Tuesday 10th February, Parishioners will be invited to share in a Novena of Prayer for our young people who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on the 11th, 12th and 13th February. The prayer will be said at all Masses and cards with the names of the candidates will be available at the Masses on the Sunday for you to take and pray for a particular young person.

DO THIS IN MEMORY COMMUNION PREPARATION

Will take place at the 6:30pm Mass on Saturday 17th January and the 12:30pm Mass on Sunday 18th January. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Baptism of Our Lord Year B 11th January 2015 **THE GIFT OF BAPTISM**

In his first general audience of 2014, Pope Francis began a new series of catechesis on the Sacraments, starting with Baptism. Baptism is the Sacrament “on which our faith is based, and which grafts us to Christ and His Church, as living members. Together with the Eucharist and Confirmation it forms the so-called ‘Christian initiation,’ that aligns us with the Lord and makes us into a living sign of His presence and His love”.

Pope Francis continued to say that baptism “is not a mere formality! It is an act that touches the depth of our existence. We are immersed in that inexhaustible fount of life that is the death of Jesus, the greatest act of love of all history; and thanks to this love we are able to live a new life, no longer at the mercy of evil, sin and death, but rather in communion with God and with our brothers”.

The Pope again commented that many of us do not know the date when we were baptised and, as before, asked, those present in St. Peter’s Square to find out the date of their baptism, as “it is a happy date”. “Obviously we do not remember the ceremony, especially if we were baptised soon after birth, but it is a pity not to recognise the importance of this day, as we thereby “risk losing sight of what the Lord has done for us, of the gift we have received. We end up considering it merely as an event that took place in the past – and not even by our will, but rather by that of our parents – that has no effect on the present.”

Instead, “we are called to live out our Baptism day after day, as a current fact of our existence. If we succeed in following Jesus and remaining in the Church, even with our limits and our frailty, it is precisely because of the Sacrament in which we became new creatures and were re-clothed in Christ. It is by Baptism that we are able to forgive and love even those who offend us or harm us; and that we are able to recognise in the marginalised and the poor the face of the Lord who visits and draws close to us.”

Today as we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, we thank the members of our Baptism Team who prepare and welcome families for this special moment in their family and in the life of the Parish. The members of the team facilitate the monthly meeting and are here for the four Baptism times each month. Their dedication, commitment and kindness to the preparation and celebration of the Sacrament is very much appreciated.

THE BEGINNING OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE

On Tuesday the enabling works will begin to facilitate the construction of the Parish Centre. The trenches for the diversion of the Gas and Electricity supply to the Church is the first of these works. Our ‘Intention to Commence Construction’ has been lodged and accepted as valid by Fingal Co Co. This means that on Monday 19th January, Duke Construction will move on site, erect the hoarding to the left of the Church and start to build. The project will take 22 weeks and they are confident, weather permitting, to complete on time.

There will be some disruption as gas and electricity supplies are changed over, but