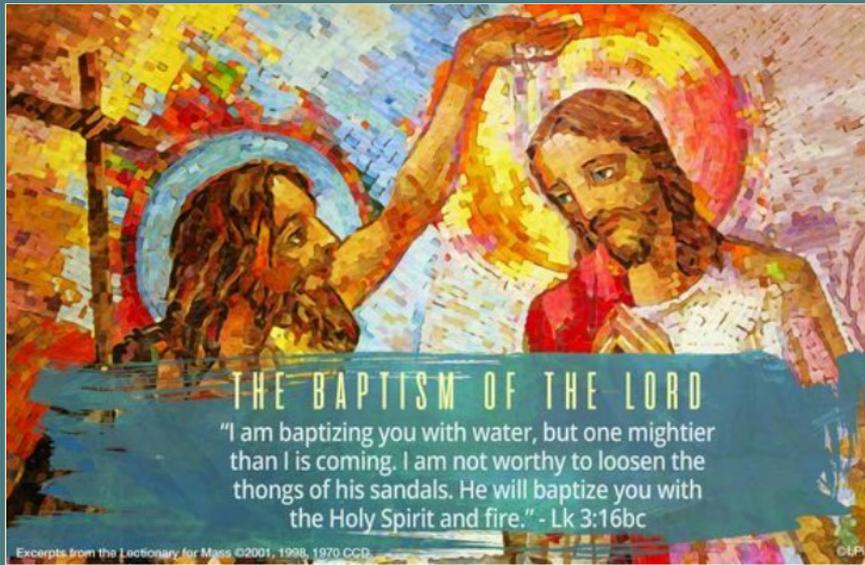


CHURCH OF ST. CRONAN

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH NEWSLETTER

The Baptism of Our Lord
9th January 2022 Year C



Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes. Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the

"Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

— Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas

'We Saw His Star in the East...'

**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is observed from the 18th to the 25th January
– the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul.**

The story of the Magi visiting the Holy Family in Bethlehem is one very familiar to us. The Magi have sometimes been seen as a symbol of the world's diversity – different religions and cultures – that comes to pay homage to the Christ-child. The story might therefore represent the unity of all created that God desires.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 has been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. The Christians of the Middle East offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness.

Serving the Gospel today requires a commitment to the human being, especially the poorest, the weakest and those marginalised. It requires from the churches transparency and accountability in dealing with the world, and with each other. This means churches need to cooperate to provide relief to the afflicted, to welcome the displaced, to relieve the burdened, and to build a just and honest society. This is a call for churches to work together so that young people can build a good future according to God's heart, a future in which all human beings can experience life, peace, justice, and love.

*We Saw His Star
in the East...*

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022



Anam Cara North Dublin
the organisation that supports bereaved parents,
is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents
on Wednesday 19th January at 7:20pm in the
Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is free and open to all
bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances
of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

Please contact us on:
info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.



COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Dates for First Holy Communion 2022 & Confirmation 2022

Sacrament of Confirmation

30 th April 12:30pm	Ms. Crotty
30 th April 2:30pm	Ms. Conroy
1 st May 1:00pm	Ms. Smithwick
7 th May 12:30pm	Ms. Quinn
7 th May 2:30pm	Mr. Gregan
8 th May 1:00pm	Mr. Melia
14 th May 12:30pm	ETNS
14 th May 2:30pm	Rang Aodan
15 th May 1:00pm	Rang Clodagh

First Holy Communion

21 st May 12:30pm	Ms. Lehany
21 st May 2:30pm	Ms. Kelly
22 nd May 1:00pm	ETNS
28 th May 12:30pm	Rang Abby
28 th May 2:30pm	Ms. McSweeney
29 th May 1:00pm	Mr. Taafe
11 th June 11:00am	Rang Mark
12 th June 1:00pm	Mr. Bailey

Tap & Donate

We thank those of you who have been using our Tap & Donate machine at the main door of the Church. €125 was received for the month of September. 60% goes to First Collection for priests and retired priests of the Diocese and 40% goes to the Share Collection.

If you use the white envelopes for the Mass collections so that we can record your offering, please continue to do this instead of using the Tap and Donate as this machine cannot record your details.



Bethany Bereavement Support Group

offers a free and confidential telephone support to any bereaved parishioners who might wish to avail of it.

Please phone Denise - 086 0610463 week Sunday 9th to Saturday 15th January after 6pm

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Mai Delamere-Thompson (RD)
Tues: Special Intention
Wed: Mick Hanrahan (BR)
Thur: Lily & Willie McNamara (A)
Fri: Vivienne Fox (RD)
Pray for: Peter Harford (A)
Sat: Edward Brum (9A)

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Anniversaries

John McNally
Catherine Mallon (8A)
Michael Hoare (10A)
Shane Behan (BR)

Recently Deceased

Catherine (Kathleen) Gilmartin
Mary Inegbedion Ojeremen
Winifred Hills
Bella Barnwall

Christmas Dues

The Christmas Dues together with the First Collection at Mass and the Easter Dues goes to support myself and the sick and retired Priests of the Diocese. We really appreciate your generosity to this collection. There is a financial benefit to the Parish as your Dues contributions can be included in your Family Offering for the Tax Reclaim Scheme. Thank you again for your generosity and for all your support.



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INVITATION

You are invited to pray for your intentions through the intercession of Servant of God Frank Duff on Tuesday 11th January 8pm—9pm in Parish Pastoral Centre
Everybody most welcome

CALENDARS

Church Art Calendars, Candles, Children's Books, Statues, Holy Water Fonts and other religious goods available in Parish Centre after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. Also by emailing brackenstownparish@gmail.com Catholic Papers & Magazines are available in the new bookrack at the back of the Church.

THE ROSARY

Praying for a special intention? Praying for peace? The Rosary Statue was blessed for use in the homes of the Parish. If you would like to pray the Rosary and have the Rosary Statue in your home for a week, or get more information, please contact a member of Legion of Mary or email the Parish Office.

