



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

The Baptism of the Lord: 8 January 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 8 January

The Baptism of the Lord

Margaret Malone (MM)

Emma Fitzpatrick (7th A)

Anthony (Tony) Burke (A)

Randle Roberts (A)

Patrick, Agnes & Richard Dunne (A)

Monday, 9 January

Susan Hershey (RD)

Carmel Hynes (RD)

Tuesday, 10 January

Margaret Mary Bird (2nd A)

Wednesday, 11 January

Brian Kelly (D)

Orla Healy (D)

Thursday, 12 January

Eileen Bolger (MM)

Friday, 13 January

St Hilary, bishop & doctor of the Church

Nellie Coyle (A)

Mary Devine (A)

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 14 January

Allen & Pat O'Leary (D)

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

OUR LORD'S BAPTISM — AND OURS

The Fathers, those saintly, enlightened early pastors and writers of the Church, were lyrical about the gift of Baptism. This Sacrament which we all have received, makes us daughters and sons of God.

The Servant, "beloved of God" in the first Reading (from Isaiah) is a figure of Christ. The second Reading (from Acts) complements today's Gospel (Matthew 3) which deals with John's baptism, received by Jesus. John hesitates to pour the water, but Jesus in humility and solidarity accepts this sign of a penitent pilgrim.

The meaning of our Baptism

John the Baptist's ritual did not remove sin but prepared the way for the ministry of Jesus. On the occasion of today's story at the Jordan the voice of God the Father resounds over his Son: "This is my Son, the Beloved." This proclamation is emphasised by the appearance of the Holy Spirit descending upon Jesus in the form of a dove.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit enter our persons in Baptism. This Sacrament takes away all sin, original and actual. God lives in us. God's own life gives us life. We share in the divine nature.

Going on

Our Baptism turns on a fountain of new life. When we let it flow we taste and touch God. When we let this source immerse our being, then, by living in our ordinary ways, we possess and enjoy the beauty of God and the light of wisdom in our Church.

God is the fountain.

"Admit me to that fountain, righteous Lord,

so that I too may drink the living stream of the font of living water."

St Columban, of Ireland (540-615), monastic founder, great missionary in Europe, mystic.

Fr Eamon Flanagan CM

THIS WEEK - Monday 9 Jan

The weekly Mass and Novena in honour of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal resumes this Monday evening at 7.00pm and includes the blessing of medals, and the procession to Our Lady's Altar. Rosary begins at 6.40pm and confessions are available from 6.30pm.

CHY4 CERTS

Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their Tax Certs for 2022, you can continue to do so. However we are still looking for them for 2021. If you could please send them in to the parish office before the end of February.

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)**.

ACTIVE RETIRED

The Phibsborough Active Retired exercise classes resume on Tuesday 17th January at 3.00pm in St Peter's Club. New members are always welcome.

MASS TIMES:

Mon: 10.30am & 7pm (Novena to our Lady of the Miraculous Medal)

Tue to Sat: 10.30am. **Sun:** vigil 6.30pm (Sat), 8am, 10am, 11.30am

CONFESSIONS:

Sat 11am - 12.30pm and at any other time on request.

Mon from 6.30pm onwards

REPOSITORY:

(in Office) Mon to Thurs from 10am to 12.30pm

(in Church) Mon evening, Fri morning, Sat evening, Sun morning

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 8 January 2023

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

*Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.*

*He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.*

*Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.*

*I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people
and light of the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon*
The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1. O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court.

2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.

3. The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then Peter addressed them:

*'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not
have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God
and does what is right is acceptable to him.*

*'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them
that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus
Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent hap-
penings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in
Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed
him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with
him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into
the power of the devil.'*

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:

'This is my Son, the beloved. Listen to him.'

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him.

'It is I who need baptism from you' he said 'and yet you come to me!'
But Jesus replied, *'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that
we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands'.* At this,
John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and sud-
denly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending
like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven,
'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him'.
The Gospel of the Lord.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday's

		25 Dec	1 Jan
Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)	=	€2,417.54	€1,112.74
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments)	=	€1,041.70	€ 525.70
Share (2nd Collection)	=	€ 347.89	€ 261.99

Thank you for your support to the parish.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially
Sr Angela (Kathleen) Burns DC and Eileen Bolger (Avondale Road).

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon
them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

