



# St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

## Parish Newsletter

The Baptism of the Lord: 7th January 2024

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, 7th January

*St Raymond of Penyafort, priest & Bl. Lindalva Justo de Oliveira, virgin & martyr, are not celebrated this year*

Marie Mills (MM)

Emma Fitzpatrick (8th A)

Susan Breen (A)

Patrick, Agnes, Richard & Kathleen Dunne (A)

Patrick & Mary Ellen Scollan (A)

Terence & Margaret Lowen (A)

Jane Power (A)

Una O'Sullivan (A)

Anthony (Tony) Burke (A)

John Paul Brennan (D)

#### Monday, 8th January

Margaret (Ena) Griffin (RD)

Holy Souls

#### Tuesday, 9th January

Holy Souls

#### Wednesday, 10th January

Carmel McGlynn (1st A)

Holy Souls

#### Thursday, 11th January

Catherine Maguire (BR)

Holy Souls

#### Friday, 12th January

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Holy Souls

#### Saturday, 13th January

*St Hilary, bishop & doctor of the Church*

Marion Grehan (SI)

Holy Souls

### POINTS TO PONDER

The baptism of Jesus immerses him in the life of the people. He joined the queue of people for John's baptism, wanting to share the joys and sorrows of his people. In the depths of the water he entered into the depths of his own humanity and the depths of his people. We could say that Jesus has entered into that part of all of us which laughs and sings, dances and cries, feels for the sick and the suffering, desires the best for self and others; nothing human is foreign to him as he was baptised into the life of his people and the God of his ancestors.

To untie someone's sandal was a slave's task, but John feels unworthy even to do that for Jesus, because he is so important. Next the Father reveals the identity of this seemingly ordinary man Jesus from Nazareth by declaring him to be his beloved Son in whom he is well pleased. Next the Spirit descends on him like a dove. Lastly the heavens are rent open to indicate that Jesus belongs in the divine realm. Certainly, Mark does his best to help us as disciples to keep in mind the divine reality of Jesus: we will need this help as the story moves on.

Jesus' baptism gives us a window into a powerful religious moment. Jesus knows his identity. The imprint of the Spirit has sealed his life.

*Lord, remind me that I too bear your  
seal of approval. I am marked by your  
Spirit, called to participate in your  
mission as your beloved son or daughter.*

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(taken from 'Intercom')

### IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Brendan Neville, Rose Kelleher, Dermot Byrne, Rory Larkin, Mary (Maire) Kelly, Elizabeth (Ettie) Gorman & Marie Mills.

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.**

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

## LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 7th December 2024

### FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

*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 cap-  
tives 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.

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.

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.

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

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household:

*'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God  
does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nation-  
ality 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 happenings  
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 be-  
cause 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 holy Gospel according to Mark

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said,  
'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful  
than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the  
strap of his sandals. I, have baptised you with water, but  
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

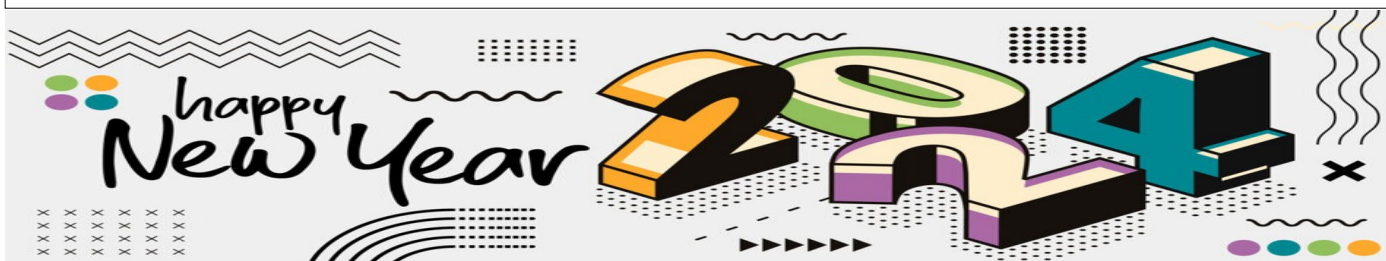
It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in  
Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John.

No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw  
the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove,  
descending on him.

And a voice came from heaven,

'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



### COLLECTIONS

		Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	New Year's Eve
Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)	=	€1,136.99	€1,945.17	€1,201.03
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments)	=	€ 393.20	€ 519.40	€ 327.20
Share	=	€ 316.06	No Share	€ 222.26

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