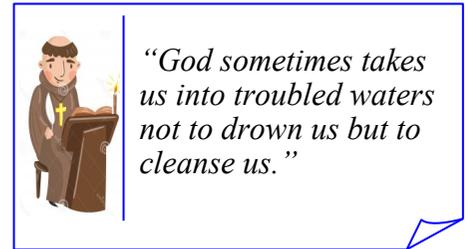
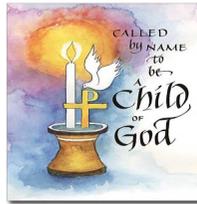


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Baptism of the Lord - 10th January 2021

Mass Times & Intentions

Due to the level 5 Covid-19 restrictions there will be no public celebration of Mass for the present. Anniversary Masses which have been booked will be streamed on the Parish Webcam or alternatively may be cancelled or booked for a later date. Because there is no public celebration of Mass, the Sunday Mass may be booked again for streaming until further notice.

Note: Masses will be streamed on the Parish Webcam as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at 10 a.m. The Church will not be open to the public during those times. Thank you.

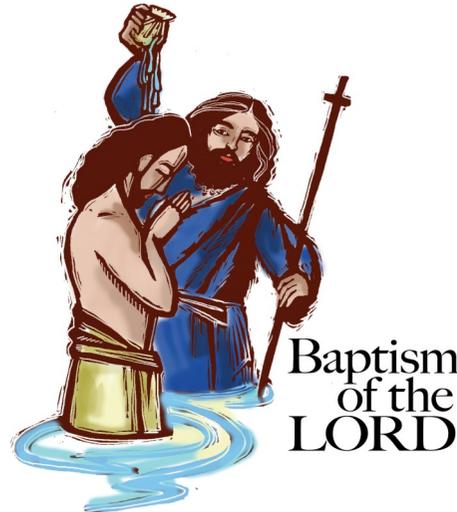
The following anniversaries will be streamed at 10 a.m. in the coming week:
Sunday 10th January: Misa Pro Populo
Friday 15th January: Catherine Keane, Main St.
Sunday 17th January: Frank McWade



Thank you for your continued support over the past year. You should have your new packet of envelopes for the coming year. As a means of cutting costs, only those who used the envelopes last year will receive new ones this year. If you wish to have a packet please contact me at 0868213422 or any member of the pastoral council. Thanks also to those who distributed the envelopes to the various areas.



Now more than ever it is important to have internet skills and to keep in touch with family and friends so Age Action is offering 5 hours of free remote tutoring by phone / video call to help older people use their smartphone, computer, tablet or iPad. The programme called Getting Started KIT takes place in your own home at a time that suits you and includes a free guide. For further information call 091 527831 or e-mail gettingstartedgalway@ageaction.ie.



The following were baptised and welcomed into our faith family in 2020. Today, on this special feast, we pray for them and for their families.

Shane Michael Battrim
Sean Seamus Prunty
Abigail Margaret O'Leary
Cara Jane Dolan RIP
Natalia Bronowska
Andrea Monica Katie Davis
Conor Paul O'Hara
Frank Nicholas Curley
Patricia Faith McGeary
Amy Jane Murphy
Tadhg Patrick McKeon
Rhys Michael Kenny
Jerome Aaron McKeon
Rene Gazik
Faye Marie Lynch
Kai James Feeney
Aiden Patrick Cunningham
Eabha Mary Duffy
Ciara Jane Mulligan
Ollie Max Sheehy
Sadie Jane Tully

Reflection on Today's Feast

Today's Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. By accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation. The Baptism of Jesus was a moment of manifestation. His baptism is a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son's mission to the world. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father. We allow Him to fulfil that mission in our own life.

Lord, I believe that You are the Son of the Eternal Father and the Saviour of the World. I believe that You have brought about a new era of grace and truth and that I am called to follow You wherever You lead. As we begin this liturgical season of Ordinary Time, may it be a time of extraordinary grace in which I daily heed Your voice. Jesus, I trust in You.

The Baptism

Like a baptismal rite, the waters flow upon the sandy shore marred by the feet of travelers. There, in the golden glow of sun where sky and land and ocean meet, each scar is washed away by the deep reach of blessed waves poured from the font-like sea... here liquid spirit bathes the pitted beach and leaves behind unblemished purity. I walked along the water's edge and saw the prints I made, which in a moment's time were gone...the shore, a gleam, without a flaw... and I exulted in the holy clime, as if my soul, like scarred and trampled sand, was mended by the blessed sea's great hand.
[Sandra M. Haigh]

Worship from 24th December 2020 until reviewed by Government on 12th January 2021

- ♦ With effect from 26th December public worship moves on line. Please ensure that no congregation is present; please keep the doors locked until after Mass. This applies to all Sunday and weekday Masses, Anniversary and Month's Mind Masses. Outside speakers should not be used at this time as organised outdoor gatherings are not allowed at Level 5.
- ♦ Churches may remain open for private prayer.
- ♦ Sacraments and devotions: All other ceremonies cease for the duration of Level Five including Baptism and the Sacrament of Penance. Novenas and other devotional practices may take place on line only, with no congregation present.
- ♦ Funerals: With effect from 24th December up to 10 mourners may attend at a funeral service.
- ♦ Weddings: Currently, up to 25 guests may attend a wedding in church. With effect from Sunday 3rd January 2021 the number of guests permitted to attend is reduced to 6.
- ♦ Anointing of the Sick and First Friday Calls: Anointing of the sick may take place when invited by the family and taking all the necessary precautions of hand sanitising, social distancing, face covering and anointing with a cotton bud. First Friday calls not to take place under Level 5.
- ♦ Level 5 details are at: www.gov.ie
Francis Duffy
Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois

