

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

The Baptism of the Lord 10th January 2021

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Neighbouring Priests: Fr T Mannion 964 3014 - Fr P Casey 916 4143 -

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Masses

During lockdown all Mass intentions will be included in private Masses.

Fri 8th Jan Beatrice & Joe Gallagher & Deceased of the Gallagher, Barton, McMorro & McTiernan Families

Sat 9th Jan Katie Meehan

Sun 17th Jan Brendan Devitt (1st Anniversary)
Kevie Harkin

Collection Envelopes: These can be dropped through the letterbox at the Parochial House, thanks. Also please check that you have paid your dues and offertory collections for 2020. The Dues support the priest. The Offertory supports the local church. If paying by cheque, make it payable into the appropriate account:

Dues	Priest's Revenue Account
Offertory - go to either	Tarmon Church Account
	Drumkeerin Church Account
	Creevelea Church Account

If you don't already get envelopes and would like to support your local Parish financially, please contact the Parish Office at the Parochial House, telephone 071 964 8025. Thanks.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

Online Masses: To access Masses in Churches around the Diocese, log on to the Diocesan website, www.kilmorediocese.ie and follow the links provided. Or go to www.churchservices.tv.

The Deep End - Come to the Water:

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus, the moment when God reveals who Jesus is. Our readings are rich with water imagery. Water is a powerful symbol throughout the Scriptures, from the story of creation and the crossing of the Red Sea, to the wedding feast at Cana and Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well. It is a symbol of life and newness, an opportunity for God to reach out to us, be present with us and teach us something, as well as an opportunity for cleansing and a fresh start.

Our Gospel today tells of Jesus being baptised by John in the River Jordan. This immersion in water marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry. By approaching John for baptism, along with all the others, Jesus is identifying with the people and allowing Himself to be counted among sinners. It is a sign that He is submitting to God's will. At this crucial moment, as soon as He emerges from the Jordan, Jesus sees the heavens open and the voice of God confirming Him as 'Beloved Son'. It is a moment of divine approval, confirming Jesus' identity and launching Him on His new mission.

The baptism of Jesus is a reminder of our own identity and mission. We are beloved daughters and sons of God, sisters and brothers of Jesus, members of God's family. In today's first reading we are invited: "Come to the water all you who are thirsty". We are called to the water, to that moment when we recognise who Jesus is, who we are and our mission to live as children of God.

'In order to live a life of holiness, we must first receive new life from God - we must be born from above.'

J. Vernon McGee

Triona Doherty

Priory Institute: Online Open Day Sat 23 Jan 11:30am - 1:30pm. Our next semester starts on Sat 13 Feb 2021 and the Open Day is a chance to look into what it would be like to study with us. People attending our online Open Day here in Tallaght will have the opportunity to meet with current students and staff over Zoom, attend a short introductory lecture on theology and find out if studying theology with us is the right thing to do. This will be an enjoyable day for anyone interested in theology - whatever you decide to do. Please call or email us with any questions.

Email: enquiries@prioryinstitute.com. Tel: 01 4048124. All are welcome.

Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme 2020/2021: Leitrim County Council invites applications for the Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme 2020/2021. This scheme aims to encourage the cutting of roadside hedges/trees along the Public Road Network. The scheme is open to individual applicants and groups of applicants/residents. Minimum length of road network per application is 2 km. Further information and application forms are available from our website www.leitrimcoco.ie or by contacting the Roads Department on 071 9620005 Ext. No. 617. E-mail: roads@leitrimcoco.ie. Closing Date is Friday 29th January, 2021.