



St. Nicholas' Parish News

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Baptism of the Lord



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Mass Times

WEEKDAY 9.45am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, St Munchin's College Chapel
All are welcome to join us for mass at 10am in St Mary's on Thursday and Friday.

WEEKEND Sat.6pm, Sun.10.30am, St Nicholas' Church 12 noon, St Munchin's College Chapel

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The Baptism of the Lord

1. The people were searching and John pointed them in the direction of Jesus. On your life's journey who have been the John the Baptist people for you, people who have pointed you in the right direction?

2. The Baptism of Jesus was a very special moment for him that affirmed him in his identity as Son of God and in his mission. Recall the experiences that affirmed you - either in your sense of who you are, or in relation to the direction you were taking in life.

3. The Baptism of Jesus marks a transition point in his life, and the start of his public ministry. Recall the transition points in your own life. Where did you see the grace of God at work in those times?

4. This experience of Jesus occurred when he was at prayer. What part has prayer played in opening you to being aware of God in your life? What part has prayer played in helping you through a transition point in your life?

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Prayer for when you can't receive communion

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 into 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.



PARISH NEWSLETTER

We encourage local groups to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, pray for the sick etc.

We also welcome local **GOOD NEWS** stories or messages you want to share.

Items for the newsletter can be given to Maura 086 0429952 or Grace 086 8296193

E-mail: Stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com

3 young women from Limerick Diocese have entered Religious Life in the last 2 years!
PLEASE, PRAY FOR VOCATIONS.

DID YOU KNOW?

Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit. - Pope Francis
Please, Pray for Vocations....



Parish Office Opening

hours Tues 2pm—4pm. Thurs 9.30am—1.30pm for anyone who may need to book Masses get certificates or any other church related enquiries. Entrance to the office is through the Adoration Chapel opposite the priest's house.

Phone: 061-341300

Baptism



Baptism time will be on 1st & 3rd Saturday at 4.30pm and on the 2nd & 4th Sunday at 1:00pm.

Contact the church office 061-341300

Remembering those who are Sick



Let us continue to pray for those who are ill at this time, those preparing for and awaiting results of tests, those in hospital. Continue to pray for Brian, Paddy, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, William, Méabh, Anna, Amy, Agnes, Dympna, Muirinn, Orla, Carmel, Ruby, Michelle, Aoife, John, Michael, Ralph, Karen, Pat, Martina and Ciara.

Lord Jesus, you are the true friend of all those who suffer anguish and pain in spirit, mind or body. Please share with them now the gift of your consoling love.

If you know of anybody needing prayers etc, please let Maura/Grace know by E-mail: stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com or Tel. Maura 086 0429952 / Grace 086 8296193

Today is my Gift to You

'Baptism is an outward expression of an inward faith.'
~Watchman Nee

For shopkeepers January must be their least favourite month. After December and Christmas people are slow and reluctant to spend in January. We are not willing to go for the extras only the essentials. Our baptism helps us also to deal with the essentials of life and remind us that God is to be found in the ordinary events of our everyday lives. Our baptism may be a distant memory. It may have been a once off event but its effects lasts a lifetime. It is the fuel of our spiritual lives and should give us the reason to be upbeat and optimistic. Today is the feast of the baptism of Jesus and he was baptised to show us that there is a better way. He was baptised to show that there is light and hope to be found in darkness. His baptism was an outward sign that he will help us along every step of life's journey starting with today. What does our baptism mean for us? It means that God is not absent, distant or removed but with us very much in the essentials of life.

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After the Winter, God Sends the Spring

by Helen Steiner Rice

Springtime is a season
Of hope and joy and cheer.
There's beauty all around us
To see and touch and hear.
So, no matter how downhearted
And discouraged we may be,
New hope is born when we be-
hold

Leaves on a budding tree,
Or when we see a timid flower
Push through the frozen sod
And open wide in glad surprise
Its petaled eyes to God,
For this is just God saying,
"Lift up your eyes to Me,
And the bleakness of your spirit,
Like the budding Springtime
tree,

Will lose its wintry darkness
And your heavy heart will sing"

For God never sends the Winter
Without the joy of Spring.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: THE POPE FRANCIS LIST

1. Don't gossip.
2. Finish your meals.
3. Make time for others.
4. Choose the 'more humble' purchase.
5. Meet the poor 'in the flesh'.
6. Stop judging others.
7. Befriend those who disagree.
8. Make commitments, such as marriage.
9. Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord'.
10. Be happy.

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