THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 7th January 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. You bring light to those in darkness: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us... Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you. we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our praver: you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. you alone are the Most High. Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptised in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit. may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:1-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah. Thus says the Lord:

Oh! come to the water all you who are thirsty:though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me: listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant

out of the favours promised to David. See. I have made of you a witness

to the peoples. a leader and a master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you. Seek the Lord while he is still to be found. call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

> The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Is.12:2-6

R. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

- 1. Truly God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
- 2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name.
- 3. Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING 1 John 5:1-9

A reading from the first letter of John. Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ

has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us: this is what loving God is keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood. not with water only. but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness since the Spirit is the truth so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of them agree. We accept the testimony of human witnesses but God's testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! John saw Jesus coming towards him and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes the sin of the world. away Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 1:7-11

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. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

All bow for following three lines: and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver



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of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the

prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters, May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the offerings we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son,

so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.

SANCTUS

Amen

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.....

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith. Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

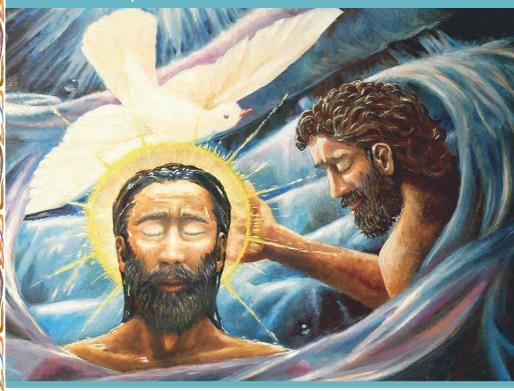
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully listening to your Only Beaotten Son.

we may be your children in name and in truth. Through Christ our Lord.

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Wherever there is water, there is life. Jesus' baptism in the Jordan marked the beginning of his life's work, his taking on the fullness of humanity. Our baptism is the source of our Christian vocation.





A birth is a joy to parents. The first words of a child or grandchild or nephew or niece make a big difference to our lives. A new estate of houses and the beginning of a parish, a country. We mark beginnings with some sort of ritual or ceremony.

Jesus' baptism begins his mission and joins him into the religious life of his people. Baptism for us is the beginning of faith. It introduces us into the prayer and sacraments for important times of life, joining us to the community within the area and the parish, with people we meet through the Church - friends, husband, or wife. It brings us into a meaning in life in the gospel of Jesus, and the big traditions of the Church, and faith in the afterlife; by baptism we are to care for the poor.

We are part of the church. Baptism not just a prayer but a joining into the church. Part of a community which with all its faults and failings has made a huge difference to the world. How much health care, education and other services in Ireland and abroad can we thank our church and the other churches for?

And knowing Jesus, a friend. The one who forgives. So that we can always move forward to a fuller life, more joy, and peace. As was said to him, is said to us - 'you are my beloved son and daughter.

For baptism we pray in thanks --- glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always. Amen.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger



Fr. Liam Hickey

Every child baptised with life is God's child. When we celebrate Baptism we give thanks for Three Special Friends ...God The Father who makes the sun shine on everyone, good and bad, God The Son Our Forever Friend, came at Christmas, and God The Holy Spirit who is the breath of our heart and life. 'We thank You God Our Father. You made us to live for you and for each other. We can see and speak to one another, become friends, share our joys and sorrows. We gladly thank You.'

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		7Fm & LIVE STREAM ON PARISH WEBSITE. es are in Mount Carmel Monastery Chapel	LIVE 4streaming	
Date	Time			
Sat 6th Jan 2024 - Epiphany Holy Day	5.00pm	Jimmy Murphy, Fairgate	1st Anniversary	
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass		
Sun 7th Jan - The Baptism of the Lord	8.00am	Kathleen Anderson, Mount Carmel	4th Anniversary	
	9.00am	Maureen Murphy, Ballyrue	17th Anniversary	
	10.00am	Margaret, Lily & John Dunphy, Irishtown	Anniversaries	
48	12.00 Noon	Richard (Dick) Cahill & his wife, Wendy (Winnie) Cahill (nee Forkin), Tower Grove & Kilmovee, Mayo	Months Minds	
Mon 8th Jan	8.00am	John & Mary Ann Cullen, Newbawn	Anniversaries	
	9.30am	The Rosary is recited every morning in the Parish Church from Monday to Saturday, however on the 1 st Saturday of the month the Novena to Our Lady of Fatima is held @ 9.15am.		
	10.00am	Philip May, Priory Street	40th Anniversary	
ues 9th Jan	8.00am	Intentions of the People of the Parish		
	10.00am	Patricia O'Neill, Mount Carmel	7th Anniversary	
	10.00am - 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration		
Wed 10th Jan	8.00am	Joe Crosbie, Pondfields	5th Anniversary	
	10.00am	Monica O'Connor, Bellville	3rd Anniversary	
Thurs 11th Jan	8.00am	Jim & Ellen Walsh, Marley, Graiguenamanagh	Anniversaries	
	10.00am	Paula Leahy, Ard Mhicil	7th Anniversary	
	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Divine Mercy Holy Hour for Vocations & Relig Sacrament Chapel	ons & Religious Life in Blessed	
Fri 12th Jan	8.00am	Jerry O'Rourke, Ballyrue	29th Anniversary	
	10.00am	The Venn, Monoghan, Howlett, Murphy & Franklin deceased family members	Anniversaries	
Sat 13th Jan	10.00am	Parish Mass Association		
	5.00pm	Martin Murphy, Ryleen	1st Anniversary	
	7.00pm	Polish Community Mass		
Sun 14th Jan 2024 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am	Martin O'Neill, Cross Street & his brothers, Jim & Sean	Anniversaries	
	9.00am	Glenis Coleman, Neville Street	Anniversary	
	10.00am	Marie Doyle (nee Smith), Chapel Lane	1st Anniversary	
	12.00 Noon	Therese Burke, Ardross Mary Lyng, Irishtown Blessing of Icons	Months Mind Months Mind	



Sanctuary Lamp **Intentions:** Available @ €10.00 / week

Commencing Saturday @

10.00am.

Our Lady's (Left): Pauline McCormack - RIP Altar (Centre): Mona Walsh - RIP St. Joseph's (Right): Ned Walsh - RIP

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for the souls of -Benny Rowe. The Maudlins. Margaret (Peggy) Lynam (nee Moran), Malahide, Dublin & New Ross, Maud White (nee Mullen), Cassagh, Mary Daisy Sullivan Seer (nee Murphy), Beara, Cork & Newbawn, John Boland Snr., Whitechurch & Boland Motors, New Ross, Patrick (Pat) Lee, Church Lane & Folly House Lane. Michelle Power, Tintern, Saltmills,

Clare O'Reilly (nee Crerand), Woodland

Monica O'Grady (nee Keenan), Mountgarrett,

Fr. Ben (Ger) O'Brien O.S.A., Augustinians. Dungarvan & formerly Charlton Hill & Eileen Furlong, William Street & Poulfur, who passed away recently, May they rest

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember & pray for the souls of -Margaret, Lily & John Dunphy, Irishtown, Andy Cullen, Abbeyview House, Kathleen Anderson, Mount Carmel, Maureen Murphy, Ballyrue, Helen Barrett, Arklow, Iohn Boland, Charlton Hill, Patrick Kinsella (22nd Anniversary), Ballvrue & Johnny Sullivan, Collrahween, Taghmon, whose anniversaries occur around this

BAPTISMS: Baptisms take place on the 1st Saturday and 3rd Sunday each month @ 1.00pm. Minimum two weeks notice is required and a maximum of two candidates per booking. To book your child's baptism, please contact the parish office. Bookings are secured on receipt of baptismal booking forms with a copy of the candidates Birth Certificate and Photographic ID for the Guardian.

Should you wish to have a loved one included in this section, please contact the Parish Office with the details by the previous Wednesday before 2.00pm.



Thursday 1st February 2024: Feast of St.

Friday 2nd February 2024: The presentation of Our Lord. Blessing of Candles at all masses.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - NEW ROSS: 085 8313073

Radio & Live Stream Mass: 104.7FM & New Ross Parish Website Live Stream, for all Masses including Funeral Masses excluding 8.00am in Mount Carmel Monastery Chapel.

Mass Bookings: We are currently taking mass bookings up to and including

Next Weeks Readings: 1 Samuel 3: 3-10. 19. Ps. 39 2.4 7-10. 1 Corinthians 6: 13-15. 17-20. John 1: 35-42.

Confessions: Saturdays after 10.00am Mass & before Vigil Mass. Mon - Fri on request after 10.00am Mass. Please notify the priest before Mass in

Meals on Wheels: Avail of our high quality meals available five days a week. To order just call 051-445711, St. Aidan Centre, Cross St. To maintain this valuable service, funding is greatly appreciated at any time. To donate € 10.00 on a monthly basis or on a once off payment / donation, please contact the Manager on 051-445711.

Safeguarding Representative: Mairin Jackson - Contact No: (051) 421348 For any queries in relation to working with children or adolescence within our parish please contact the above.

Bethany Bereavement Support: If you need support please ring 087 3846577. Drop in Centre in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre on the first Thursday of every month @ 11.00am.

Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish: Collections 24th December 2023 @ € 2,697.85 & 31st December 2023 @ € 1,903.08 (Envelopes No. 350 & 2nd Collection combined). You can donate via The Ferns Diocesan Website (www.ferns.ie) by clicking the big pink button. Should you wish to become a regular Parish Contributor, please contact the Parish Office. We can also accept donations over the telephone. Please ring the Parish Office. Thank you for the support. Please make all cheques payable to St. Mary & St. Michael Parish Church New Ross.

St. Michael's Pastoral Centre: Available for Parish based activities, please contact the Parish office.

Intentions for the living: Intentions for the living will be announced as "Special Intentions" unless the person who the intention is for signs the GDPR Regulation Slip. Please advise at time of booking.

Certificate Requests: Request forms are available from the Parish Office. Certificate fees at € 5.00 each. Photographic ID is required for the candidate including Photographic ID for the person who has been authorised by you to collect it. Collection on Fridays only.

PRIEST ON DUTY (051) 421214: We are anxious to visit those who cannot celebrate Mass with us due to illness, aged or infirm. Arrangements can be nade to receive the sacraments at home on the first Friday of every month by calling the Parish Office.

LECTIO DIVINA: Come and join our Group every Wednesday morning at 10.45am in the Pastoral Centre and experience God in our lives through the Sunday Gospel

Legion of Mary: Meetings every Tuesday evening @ 7.30pm in St. Michaels Pastoral Centre. Contact: Alex Dovle, Tel: 087 273 8703.

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Irish Catholic Newspaper: Available in the Parish Office @ € 3.00 each.

Church Carpark: In the interest of safety we request Parking to take place in designated areas ONLY

Parish Office / Shop in Legion of Mary Pastoral Centre: All items for sale are Blessed on the First Friday of every month.

SumUp Parish Office can now take card payments over the telephone.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, we trust in your loving kindness. Bless our Diocese of Ferns with many priestly and religious vocations. Give the men and women you call the light to understand Your gift and the love to follow always in the footsteps of



Diocesan Lay Ministry: Beginning a Journey

This weekend as we **celebrate** the Feast of the Epiphany, thirty candidates for lay ministry gather in Maynooth with their formation team to mark the beginning of a six-month discernment period. This is just one step to prepare and form lay people for leadership roles in catechesis and pastoral care. We wish them well in their discernment and pray for the success of this vital mission for our Diocese



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL.

We pray for the thirty women and men who have begun their journey of discernment and preparation for ministry in our Diocese. May God's Holy Spirit guide them and guide those who will work in their formation.



REFLECTION: HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

Three days after Christmas, we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Innocents and the escape of the Holy Family from a similar threat to the life of the Child Jesus. Seldom does history repeat itself in such graphic and frightening fashion. But unbelievably during these days we are experiencing an absolute repetition of those tragic events.

In fear of the Infant Jesus Herod decreed that all male children under the age of two should be murdered.

In so many war-thorn parts of the world children, together with their parents and family members are being murdered on a daily basis.

Mary and Joseph were forced to take flight to save their Child and themselves. Thousands are fleeing their homes and homelands to escape certain death and tragically many are walking into further danger and death-traps. PEACE is in very short supply in our world today. Peace was also scarce in the world into Jesus was born. The Holy Family experienced all the horrors that are the lot of so many today. It was not immune from hardships and rejection. The popular hymn O HOLY NIGHT reminds us that "HE KNOWS OUR NEEDS; TO OUR WEAKNESS NO STRANGER."

It is very hard to hope that things will change.

But hope we must. Jesus came to restore peace to His and our broken world.

WE WILL LIVE IN PEACE FOREVERMORE BECAUSE OF CHRISTMAS DAY.

Monsignor Joe

HISTORY NOTES - PART VIII

Saved from the Guillotine



The Augustinian Fr. Philip Crane was travelling in disguise through Paris in 1792 during the height of the "Reign of Terror", when clergy and religious were being arrested and sent to the guillotine. His lodgings in Paris were close to the prison and he was requested to secretly administer to a dying Irishman who was a prisoner. He also met another prisoner who, to his amazement, turned out to be Charles Tottenham of Ross – "No friend of mine or my religion" said Fr. Crane. Nevertheless, he returned to the prison, disguised as a miller delivering bread and by subterfuge, which involved changing cloths with Tottenham, succeeded in freeing him. Tottenham hurried to Dieppe and sailed to safety. Meanwhile Fr. Crane, pretending to be a chaplain who had defected, talked his way out of the Paris prison and made his way back home. This act of bravery and kindness by Fr. Crane was not forgotten by Charles Tottenham as we shall read.

Courtesy of Jim Sutton

New Ross Parish Community strives to be a welcoming, life-giving PEOPLE, nourished by FAITH, WORSHIP of God and SERVICE of all in the example of Jesus Christ.