



Baptism of the Lord

Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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ST. THÉRÈSE'S CHURCH, MOUNT MERRION



We hope this Christmas was very special for you and your family.

We would like to invite you, your parents and friends to a special Mass for all the children who were baptised in our parish during the past year.

We will have some refreshments afterwards in our Community Centre.

Date: Sunday 19th January, 2020
Time: 11.15am Family Mass

We look forward to seeing you again and wish you and your family every blessing for 2020.

Fr. Joe

Fr. Brian

"There is one body and one Spirit — just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call — one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

EPHESIANS 4:4-6



When Jesus stepped into the waters of the Jordan and was baptized by John the Baptist, he did so not because he was in need of repentance, or conversion: he did it to be among people who need forgiveness, among us sinners, and to take upon himself the burden of our sins.

— Pope Francis —

AZ QUOTES

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday 11th
10.00
6.00 Des Hare – A
Helen O'Driscoll - 1st A
Donald Hickey - A
Niall Harnett – A
- Sunday 12th
10.00
11.15 Josh & Alice Regan – A
Maria Aprile – M.M
Brian Murphy – A
Baby Albie Delaney – BR
- 7.30
Monday 13th
10.00 For all who are ill
Tuesday 14th
10.00 Liturgical Service
Wednesday 15th
10.00 Dympna Kenny – RD
Thursday 16th
10.00
Friday 17th
10.00
Saturday 18th
10.00 Ann D'Arcy - A
6.00 Mary Cummins - A
Thomas Toomey – A
Sharron McDonald – A
- Sunday 19th
10.00 Bernard & Catherine Shanahan – A
Dave Walsh – A
11.15 John O'Connell – A
Margaret & Patrick O'Connor -A
Kevin Smith – A
Simone Kenny
7.30 Marie Cockburn -A
Don Cockburn – R
The Scully Family - R
Eilis Roche Byrne – A
Margaret (Peggy) MacMahon M.M

Almighty, eternal God,
when the Spirit descended upon Jesus
at his baptism in the Jordan,
you revealed him as your beloved Son.
Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit,
faithful to our calling.
Amen



"The Spirit of God descended like a dove"

This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

With the feast of the Epiphany ending the main season of Christmastide, we come this Sunday to the Baptism of the Lord. Today we consider the adult Jesus, his identity and his mission.

We are encouraged in the First Reading to see Jesus in the person of the Servant of God. Isaiah presents him as chosen and beloved; gentle, but filled with the power of the Spirit. He has the authority to bring about justice and righteousness. As 'covenant of the people', he will heal and free them.

The Psalm tells of the glory and power of God. The thundering storm contrasts with the humble and simple account of Jesus's baptism.

Peter's speech to the household of Cornelius in the Second Reading also summarizes the mission of Jesus after his baptism. Jesus has a mission to all peoples, because 'God does not have favourites'.

Matthew's account of the baptism of Jesus in the Gospel, reflecting the previous readings, shows Jesus to be the beloved Son of God, anointed by the Father with the Holy Spirit and with power.

We, too, are the beloved children of the Father, and we may pray to follow Jesus his Son more closely this week.

St. Beuno's Outreach



Our sympathies to the family, relatives and friends of **Joe Curran and Maureen Pigott** whose funeral took place here this week.