



# Mount Merrion Parish Newsletter

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## MASS TIMES

Monday: 10:00am

Tuesday: 10:00 am Liturgical Service

Wednesday: 10:00am

Thursday: 10:00am

Friday: 10:00am

Saturday: 10:00am | Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 10:00am | 11.30am | 7:30pm

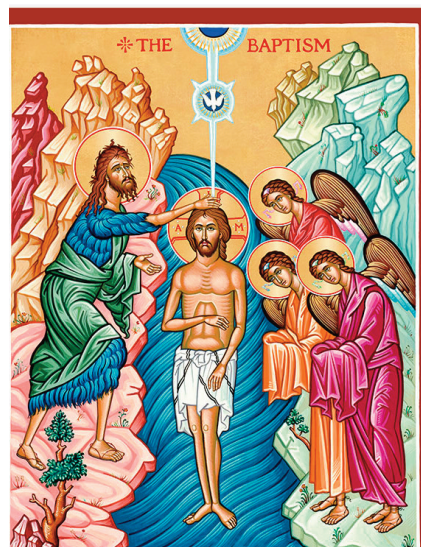


Our sympathies to the families, relatives and friends of **Thérèse McMullan and Patrick (Pat) O'Driscoll** whose funerals took place here.



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Mass collection  
60% CLERGY  
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## You are my Child, the Beloved; my favour rests on you'



Today's feast of the Baptism of Our Lord follows on from the Epiphany. It can be seen as a second manifestation of Christ, as the heavens are opened before the whole world. Through Christ's baptism, in which the entire Trinity is present (Gospel), the world is made into a second creation.

In the **First Reading**, from Isaiah, we hear how God's word will bear fruit in us. The one we see being baptised in the Gospel is the Word and, by carrying out the Father's will perfectly, all creation is restored.

This is why we can join with the **Psalmist**: 'With joy we shall draw water from the wells of salvation'!

St John develops this theme (**Second Reading**) when he says that because Jesus overcame the world by water and blood, so we, with the Spirit living in us, can be saved.

This coming week, let's strive to deepen our trust in the Father, who is our salvation; to nurture our faith in the Spirit, who works in us to ensure we do not return empty-handed; and to strengthen our joy in the Son, through whose incarnation and baptism we are made into God's children.

## Brigid 1500 Celebrating a Woman, a Life, a Legacy

To mark this year's St. Brigid's Festival, February 1st, and to celebrate the 1500th anniversary of the saint (d.525), the Solas Bhríde Centre and Kildare CC have launched a programme of events aiming to bring communities together to commemorate the life and teachings of St. Brigid, bridging the gap between the ancient past and the vibrant present. Our Care for Creation group will repeat (from last year) our link-in with two of the events, and all are welcome to participate:

**REFECTION WALK:** January 31st, afternoon, Deerpark  
**PAUSE FOR PEACE:** February 1st, 12pm -1pm, (wherever you are).

More information will be available in the next weeks.



**SOLAS BHRÍDE  
CENTRE AND  
HERMITAGES**

**BRIGID 1500**  
Commemorating St. Brigid: A Woman, A Life, A Legacy 2024



## Saturday 6th January

6.00 Gearoid Ferris – 20th A  
Donald Hickey – A  
Mark and Eilis Taylor – A  
Joe Dineen - A

## Sunday 7th January

11.30 Patrick, Margaret and John Monaghan – A  
Alice, Josh and Paul Regan – A

## Monday 08th January

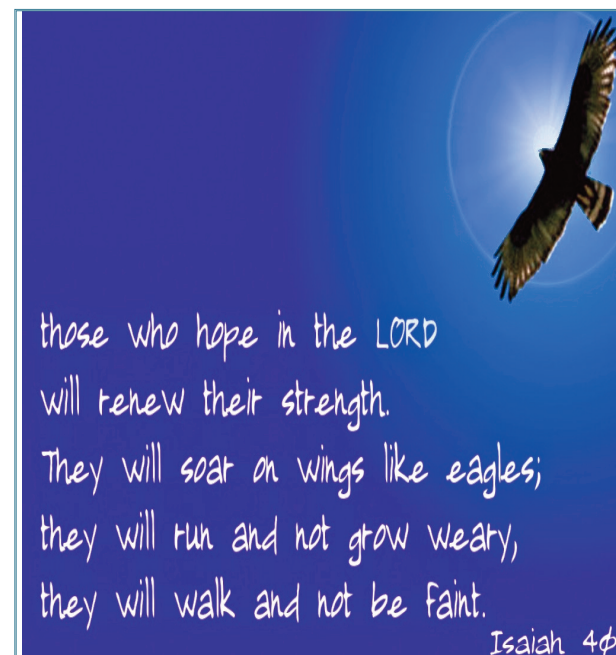
10.00 For all who are ill  
Jane MacDonald – R.D

## Tuesday 09th January

10.00 Liturgical Service

## Friday 12th January

10.00 Special Intention – Lawler Family



"In the end, **every Christian man and woman**, by virtue of baptism, has received a mission. Each one of us has to respond, as best we can, to the Lord's call to build up his Body, the Church."

**Pope Francis**

Homily Philadelphia Cathedral  
September 2015

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## Standing at the Beginning of a New Year

Sacred Mystery,  
waiting on the threshold  
of his new year,  
you open the gates  
and beckon to me:  
"Come! Come!"

Be not fearful of what awaits  
you as you enter the unknown  
terrain, be not doubtful of your  
ability to grow from its joys and  
sorrows.

For I am with you.  
I will be your Guide.  
I will be your Protector.  
You will never be alone."

Guardian of this new year,  
I set aside my fears,  
worries and concerns,  
I open my life to mystery, to beauty,  
to hospitality, to questions,  
to endless opportunity  
of discovering in my relationships,  
and to all the silent wisps of wonder  
that will draw me to your heart.

I welcome your unfailing Presence  
and walk with hope into this new year.

--Joyce Rupp

