

<p>Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Limerick</p> <p>The Baptism of the Lord</p>		<p>Parish Newsletter 7th January 2024</p> <p>PLEASE TAKE ONE</p>
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The Baptism of Our Lord

At the end of the Christmas Season, we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord in the River Jordan. Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist with the endorsement of God the Father and the appearance of the Holy Spirit. We are reminded today of our own Baptism and of its special significance in our lives.

**Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel
Mark 1: 7-11**

1. The baptism of Jesus was an extraordinary religious experience for him. Something happened that was a major step forward for Jesus in coming to know that he was the beloved Son of God. We all have events in our lives that are milestones along the road of discovering who we are. What have been these milestones for you?
2. "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased". Bring to mind experiences in which you knew you were the beloved (of God or of another person) and that the one who loved you was well pleased. Remember these experiences with gratitude knowing that the only proper response to love received is thankfulness. Perhaps you have also given that experience to another.
3. John gives an example of humility as a person confident in his own role but not seeking to claim to be more than he is. He acknowledges that Jesus is greater. There is a freedom in being able to acknowledge the gifts of others without losing a sense of one's own giftedness. Recall times when you were able to do this.

John Byrne OSA

Christmas Dues & Clerk's Collection

We wish to thank all who have returned the Offering Envelopes to the Church over Christmas and others who will drop them in as soon as possible. Please note that cheques should be made payable to 'Our Lady of the Rosary Parish', for the Priests, and to 'Margaret Clifford' for the Sacristan.

Children who were Baptised in 2023

On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, it has been our practice to invite families to bring to the Church for a Special Blessing their children who received the Sacrament of Baptism during the previous year. We have not organised it for today but we will do so at a Mass on a later date.

The Epiphany of the Lord

On Saturday 6th January, we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany, which marks the visit of the Magi - three Wise Men or three Kings - to the birthplace of Jesus in Bethlehem.

We have it that Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar were astrologers looking for the star that would lead them to the promised Messiah, as prophesied in the Book of Micah. They acknowledged the Birth of Our Lord when they brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Parish Envelopes for 2024

Boxes of Envelopes for 2024, for those parishioners who contribute to the Weekly Collection in this manner, are now ready for collection in the Church. If you can distribute some in your own area, please take them.

Parishioners who are not already in the Envelope System, might please consider it as the tax advantage to the Parish is considerable. To join, simply give your name and contact details to Margaret in the Sacristy.

Athbhliain faoi Shéan is faoi Mhaise Daoibh

On behalf of our priests, Fr. Des and Fr. Tom, our Sacristan, Margaret, and the Parish Pastoral Council: May you have a Wonderful New Year, yourselves and your families; May the Lord Bless you and Keep you Safe in 2024.

Mass Intentions

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| Sat 6 th Jan | 18:00 | Lawrence & Joan Cullinan (A) |
| Sun 7 th Jan | 10:00 | Anne Bowes (1st A) |
| | 11:30 | Liam O'Shanahan (A);
Paddy Ryan (A); Carmel Corbett (A);
Marie Heenan (A) |
| Mon 8 th Jan | 10:00 | Pro Popolo |
| Tue 9 th Jan | 10:00 | Lena McNamara (1st A) |
| Wed 10 th Jan | 10:00 | |
| Thur 11 th Jan | 10:00 | |
| Fri 12 th Jan | 10:00 | Bridie & Jim Cuffe (A) |
| Sat 13 th Jan | 18:00 | Mary B. Gleeson (A);
Phyllis McNamara (A);
Gerry Clancy (MM);
Maureen Reeves (A) |
| Sun 14 th Jan | 10:00 | Paddy Quilligan (A);
Michael Ryan, Bridie & Willie (A); |
| | 11:30 | Brenda Fitzgerald (A);
Paddy Hartmann (A) |

<p>Mass Times: Daily Mass – Mon to Fri – 10:00 Sat Vigil & Eve of Holy Day – 18:00 Sunday & Holy Day – 10:00 & 11:30 Baptisms: Sat 17:00 & Sun 12:15 by appointment Marriages: by appointment</p>	<p>Priests: Fr. Des McAuliffe P.P. tel - 061 324825 Fr. Tom Ryan C.C. tel - 087 2997733 Adoration: First Friday 10:30 to 11:30 except when there is a funeral Parish Website: www.ourladyoftherosaryparishlimerick.ie</p>	<p>Parish Clerk: Margaret Clifford at Church Sacristy tel - 061 325 288 Office Hours: Mon - Fri 09:00 to 09:45 & Sunday from 09:00 to 12:30 Church Open for Private Prayer: Mon – Sat from 09:30 to 15:00</p>
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