



**Our Lady of the Rosary Parish,
Ennis Road, Limerick**

7/8 January 2023

**SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF
THE GOSPEL:**

Matthew 3:13-17

- 1 .The Baptism of Jesus marks a turning point in his life, and the start of his public ministry. Recall moments when your life changed and you moved into a new phase.
2. The experience was one in which Jesus had a new sense of his own identity. What have been the experiences which have helped shape your sense of who you are?
3. How have you come to an awareness of being a child of God, beloved by God, and one on whom rests the grace of God?
4. It is surprising that Jesus, the Saviour of the world, asks to be baptised by John. The request symbolises his desire to identify with us. At the same time he is filled with the Holy Spirit. That step of identifying with us is an important element in his being able to help us. Have you ever found that when someone identifies with you, it is easier for him/her to help you? Has your ability to empathise with others had any impact on your effectiveness in helping them?

John Byrne OSA

BEREAVEMENT MASS: On Sunday 15 January at 11:30 Mass will be celebrated for **US** the Bereaved. The bereavement can be recent or in our past. All are welcome.

PARISH ENVELOPE SYSTEM: Fr. McAuliffe, Fr. Ryan and the Parish Finance Committee would like to thank you all most sincerely for your contributions towards the upkeep of the Church and the parish.

To explain the Envelope System: under current tax legislation the parish may be entitled to a tax rebate on total donations of €250 or more in a tax year. Such contributions made by parishioners may consist of the weekly envelope contributions and also the Christmas and Easter dues. This rebate amounts to approximately €112 for every €250 donated to the parish annually. Over the past few years, for example, the tax refunds to the parish have averaged over €30,000 per annum.

Parishioners who are in the Envelope System are each given a number and a record is kept of their weekly donations. If their total contributions during the year, including their Easter and Christmas dues, amount to more than €250, the parish may receive a rebate.

However there are parishioners whose total Christmas and Easter dues amount to €250 or more but who are not in the Envelope System – the parish can claim for rebate on their dues contributions but not on their weekly contributions on the plate, because these are not recorded (under the Envelope System).

Also, there are parishioners who are not in the Envelope System and whose dues contributions may be just less than €250 per annum but when taken together with their weekly contributions would amount to €250 or more – the parish cannot claim for a rebate in respect of any of these contributions as their weekly contributions cannot be quantified, The parish would benefit greatly from the additional rebate it would receive from the latter two categories. Therefore the Parish Finance Committee would be very grateful if you would please consider signing up to the Envelope System. You can do this by calling to Margaret in the office.

Signing up to the Envelope System does not commit parishioners to a weekly contribution and you are free to opt out at any time.

Eligible contributors sign a simple tax form every 5 years. The Parish will contact the relevant parishioners regarding this as needed.

THANK YOU: The Society of St Vincent de Paul and Our Lady of The Rosary Conference would like to sincerely thank all those who contributed to the Christmas appeal.

The conference helped 120 families with both food vouchers and fuel over the Christmas period. We are very grateful for your continued support as this time of year can be very difficult for families.

Your help throughout the year is also greatly appreciated, as without it our work would not be possible. Wishing you all a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

PARISH WEBSITE

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Office Hours: 09:00 - 09:45 Weekdays
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MASS TIMES: Weekends and Holy Days

Saturday Vigil 18:00
Sunday 10:00; 11:30
Weekdays:
Mon. to Fri. 10:00

BAPTISMS: Saturday 17:00
Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 7	18:00	Marie Heenan (A) Patricia Cussen (A) Josephine O'Meara (M.M)
Sun 8	10:00 11:30	Celia Magahy (Rec.Dec.) Liam O'Shanaghan (A) Paddy Hartman (A)
Mon 9	18:00	Pro Popolo
Tues 10	10:00	Bridie & Jim Cuffe (A)
Wed 11	10:00	Chris Harty (Rec. Dec.)
Thur 12	10:00	Special Intention
Fri 13	10:00	Don O'Connor (Rec. Dec.)
Sat 14	18:00	Sarah McGarry (A) Michael, Willie & Bridie Ryan (A)
Sun 15	10:00 11:30	Paddy Quilligan (A) All the Bereaved of the Parish