

8th January - The Baptism of the Lord



THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD: With this Feast, the cycle of the Lord's manifestations continues. It began at Christmas with the Birth in Bethlehem of the Incarnate Word, contemplated by Mary, Joseph and the shepherds in the humility of the crib. The Epiphany, when the Messiah, through the Magi, showed himself to all the peoples, marked an important milestone. On this day, on the banks of the Jordan, Jesus reveals himself to John and to the People of Israel. It is the first time that he enters the public scene as an adult, after leaving Nazareth.

ECHOING THE WORDS OF POPE BENEDICT RECENTLY WE SAY Welcome, dear mothers and fathers of these little ones, and you, the godfathers and godmothers, friends and relatives who have gathered round them. Let us give thanks to God who calls these Children to become his children in Christ. Let us surround them with prayers and affection and welcome them joyfully into the Christian Community which from this day becomes their family too.

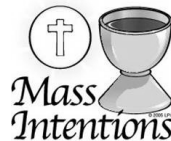
On this day we acknowledge the hard work of our **BAPTISMAL VISITATION TEAM** who visit the homes of parishioners who will have babies baptised in the Church. Last year **82 Babies** were baptised in Holy Redeemer, **56 (68%) of those came from our parish.** Out of that 56; **38 (67%)** were from the Coxes Demese area; **10 (17%)** from Lis na dara & Carrick Road, 7 from Ard Easmuinn.

THANKS: In conjunction with the Parish Pastoral Council, Fr. Paddy & Fr. Paul thank all those connected with the life of the Church all over the Christmas Season - from our Sacristan, Caretaker, the Sacristy Team, our Cleaner, the Friday Volunteers who assist with cleaning, the Altar Society, our Crib builders, the Front Porch Team, the stewards and collectors, choirs and organists, music groups and their organisers; We thank our Ministers of the Word & Eucharist, our helpers for the Christmas Eve Mass, The Liturgy Group and those who co-ordinated the groups; We acknowledge our Dues Collectors, Card and Calendar distributors, our parish staff, secretary, housekeepers, and parish workers and all those who assisted in any way. **THANK YOU**

REMINDER OF NEW TIMES FOR MASS IN OUR CHURCH FROM 1ST JANUARY 2012: Saturday Evening Vigil: 7.30pm (Confessions: 6.45pm - 7.15pm) and Sundays: 9.00 am, 11.30am, & 6.00pm. The Masses on Saturday morning, evening and Sunday evening are 'shared intention' Masses - due to the large number of requests we have had for Masses. **Participation at Sunday Mass and reception of the Eucharist are central to the life of Catholics because they are a clear expression of belief in the sacrifice of Christ, they create community and motivate charity.** Why not invite someone who has been away from Mass, to come with you next week?

ANNIVERSARY & REMEMBRANCE MASSES

Saturday 7th January (vigil) 7.30pm. Av.	Gerard Kearney. Bill Stephens. Mary Connolly. Paddy McEnteggart. Ben & Molly Lynam.
Sunday 8th January 2012	
9.00am. Av.	Kathleen & Peter McKevitt.
11.30am. Av.	Bridget & Dick Dunne
6.00pm. Av.	Bartholomew McCrave. Seamus McArdle. Reggie Murphy.
Monday 9th January	
10.00am. Av.	Patrick, Josephine & Lisa Murtagh.
7.30pm. Av.	Edward & Sheila McGahon.
Tuesday 10th January	
10.00am. Av.	Joseph & Margaret Ward.
Wednesday 11th January	
10.00am. Av.	Pat, Bridget & Breda McGorry.
Thursday 12th January	
10.00am. Av.	
Friday 13th January	
9.00am. Av.	Jackie Ladley.
Saturday 14th January	
10.00am. Av.	Paddy McShane. Lawrence Mulrey
Saturday 14th January vigil 7.30pm. Av.	Paddy & Peggy Mallon & Nancy & Tommy McCooley.
Sunday 15th January	
9.00am. Av.	Josie Agnew.
11.30am. Av.	Joan Agnew.
6.00pm. Av.	Rose Devlin.



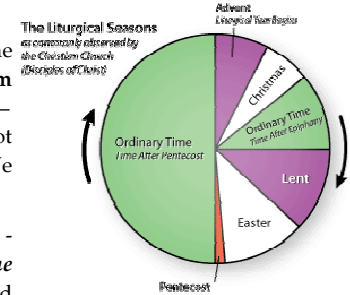
WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY: Paddy Shevlin, Knockbridge; Johnny Belton, Lis na Dara; Margaret Martin nee Stevens, late of Marian Park; Paddy Casey, London, late of St. Brigid's Tce. & St. Nicholas' Ave. Mark Toner, Stephenstown; Matt McNulty, Ravensdale; Raymond Higgins, Marian Park;

2012 PARISH CALENDARS are being distributed at present; if you have not received one, please pick one up at the entrances to the Church.

HOLY REDEEMER MEDITATION GROUP will resume on Wednesday 11th January 2012 at 8.00pm in the quiet room of the Holy Redeemer Church.

NEW TRANSLATION OF THE MISSAL: we are still in transition and the change will take time and patience for us to become fully used to it. **The new Sunday Missals available from the Sacristy for €5 will help make the transition easier.**

ORDINARY TIME is a season of the Christian liturgical calendar. The English name is intended to translate the Latin term **Tempus per annum** (literally "time through the year"). Ordinary Time comprises the two periods — one following Epiphany, the other following Pentecost — which do not fall under the strong seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, or Easter. We begin the First week of ordinary Time on Monday 9th January.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: WILL TAKE PLACE DURING 18th - 25th January. The theme this year is; **"We will all be changed by the Victory of our Lord Jesus Christ"** (1 Cor 15:51-58). As we pray for and strive towards the full visible unity of the church we - and the traditions to which we belong - will be changed, transformed and conformed to the likeness of Christ.

KEEP IN TOUCH with the parish by the website www.holyredeemerparish.ie and registering for our 'SMS' service by texting REDEEMER plus their name, (& ministry, if involved) to 51444

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHURCH: Tuesdays after 10.00am Mass until 11.30am

NIGHT CLASSES: Enrolment for the Adult Education Evening Programme in O'FiAich Institute will take place on Monday 16th from 10am-3pm and Tuesday 17th from 10am-3pm & 7pm-9pm. All Welcome

SATURDAY 14TH JANUARY. Louth Local Sports Partnership has organised a walk in Ardee along the Slí the Slainte route, starting at 11am leaving form Bridge Street Car Park, (beside the River Dee) and follows the 2.5km Sliabh Breagh route. Light refreshments will be served in Ardee Castle afterwards.

ISPC NORTH EAST is now recruiting for a new team of Advocacy and Childline Volunteers dates and times of the group information & interview evenings **please contact Mara O'Reilly via email moreilly@ispc.ie or telephone 041-9810858 by Wednesday 1st February.** Applicants must be child centred and have a belief and interest in Children's rights and protection issues. All volunteers are required to participate in a training course. More information can be found on our website www.ispc.ie.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION next weekend will be in aid of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa.

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE LOTTO: 2nd January 11-20-29-30. Two Match 3 winner €150 each. Lotto Jackpot: €7,450. Parish Bingo Monday on 2nd January at 8.30pm: Flyer: €5,795.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT: Celebrating our Pentecostal faith in the Eucharist, we continue to be a vibrant, inclusive, faith community, in the Spirit of our loving Redeemer.