

4. Our Parish, Sunday, 9th January 2022

MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday 9th January
 6.30p.m (Sat Vigil)
Esther & Tom Flanagan
 R.I.P. (A)
Gerry Hickey R.I.P. (A)
 9.00 a.m.
Sheila & Austin Carey
 R.I.P. (A)
 10.30a.m.
Seán & Joan Kelly R.I.P.
 Recently Deceased
 12 Noon
James Caffrey & Son James R.I.P. (A)

MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday 16th January
 6.30p.m (Sat Vigil)
Pat Bugler R.I.P. (A)
Maureen & Jack Galvin
 R.I.P. (A)
Kevin & Mary Delaney
 R.I.P. (A)
Denis & Eileen Delaney
 R.I.P. (A)
 9.00 a.m.
Geraldine Guiney R.I.P. (A)
 10.30a.m.
Sarah Byrne R.I.P. (A)
 12 Noon
James Keogh R.I.P. (A)

Reading References for Sunday 16th January, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Is 62:1-5. Ps 95: 1-3, 7-10, R/ v 3. 1Cor12:4-11. Jn 2:1-11

Mass Collections
Sunday 2nd January
 1st Collection: €935
 2nd Collection €748
 Family Offering: €530
 Thank you for contributing so generously.

IN BAPTISM

“We were anointed with the Oil of Catechumens, the sign of Christ’s gentle strength, to fight against evil.
 Blessed water was poured over us, an effective sign of interior purification through the gift of the Holy Spirit.
 We were then anointed with Chrism to show that we were thus consecrated in the image of Jesus, the Father’s Anointed One.
 The candle lighted from the Paschal Candle was a symbol of the light of Faith which our parents and godparents must have continually safeguarded and nourished with the life-giving grace of the Spirit.”
St. Pope John Paul II
Let us ask Our Lord today to make us faithful to our Baptismal promises. Let us thank Him for the privilege of being joined to His mission of preaching the "Good News" by our transparent Christian lives of love, mercy, service and forgiveness.

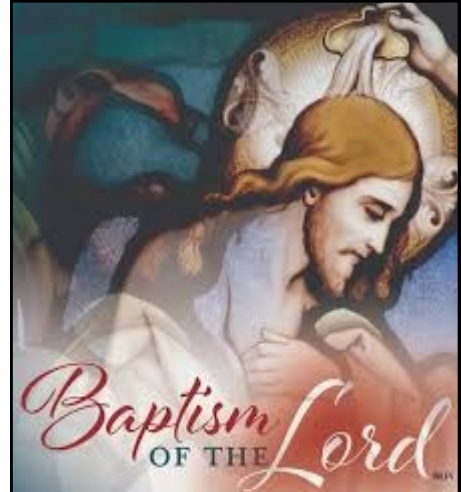
2022 Celebrating 70th Year Anniversary of the Building of our Church
 If you have some interesting memories of Parish Events from the early decades please put pen to paper,. Mark it for the attention of Fr. John O’Brien and drop them into 211 Navan Rd. or the Parish Office.
 It is planned to collate a ‘Booklet of Reminiscences’

Our Lady Help of Christians, Navan Road Parish, Dublin 7



Our Parish

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 9th JANUARY 2022



REFLECTION

Neither John nor Jesus invented baptism. It had been practiced for centuries among the Jews as a ritual equivalent to our Confession. Until the fall of the Temple in 70 AD, it was common for Jewish people to use a special pool called a *Mikveh* -- literally a "collection of water" -- as a means of spiritual cleansing, to remove spiritual impurity and sin. Men took this bath weekly on the eve of the Sabbath; women, monthly. Converts were also expected to take this bath before entering Judaism. The Orthodox Jews still retain the rite. John preached that such a bath was a necessary preparation for the cataclysm that would be wrought by the coming Messiah. Jesus transformed this continuing ritual into the one single, definitive act by which we begin our life of Faith. In effect, He fused His Divine Essence with the water and the ceremony.
Fr. Anthony Kadavil

“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased” Lk 3:22

Psalm 103 “
Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, How great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe!..... I will sing to the Lord all my life, make music to my God while I live”



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION
 The monthly Church Gate Collection will take place after all Masses this weekend 15th/16th January.
 Your ongoing support for St. Vincent de Paul is greatly appreciated. Thank You

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18th -25th JANUARY

This Week we have celebrated The Feast of Incarnation and Epiphany. The Magi have sometimes been seen as a symbol of the world’s diversity – different religions and cultures – that comes to pay homage to the Christ-Child. The story might therefore represent the unity of all created that God desires. The Magi travel from far-off countries, and represent diverse cultures, yet they are driven by the same hunger to see and know the new-born king and are gathered into the little house in Bethlehem in the simple act of giving homage.

In this we can find a metaphor for Christian unity: that is, of different Christian peoples drawn together in their common search to recognise Christ, to know him and to worship him and witnessing to wider need for unity and to overcome injustice.

This text has been chosen by the churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterized by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. Since the Palestinian Nakba (the exodus of Palestine’s Arab population during the 1948 war) the region has seen a series of bloody wars and revolutions and the rise of Islamic extremism. The story of the Magi also contains many dark elements, most particularly Herod’s despotic orders to massacre all the children around Bethlehem who were two years old or under (Matt 2:16-18). The cruelty of these narratives resonates with the long history and difficult present of the Middle East.

It was in the Middle East that the Word of God took root and bore fruit: thirty and sixty and one hundredfold. And it was from this East that the apostles set out to preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). The Middle East has given thousands of Christian witnesses and thousands of Christian martyrs. And yet now, the very existence of the small Christian community is threatened as many are driven to seek a more secure and prosperous life elsewhere. Like the light which is the child Jesus, the light of Middle Eastern Christianity is increasingly threatened in these difficult times. *(Continued next week)*

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**DIOCESAN SYNODAL PATHWAY
Communion, Participation, Mission**

Dear brothers and sisters, may this Synod be a true season of the Spirit!

For we need the Spirit, the ever new breath of God, who sets us free from every form of self-absorption, revives what is moribund, loosens shackles and spreads joy. The Holy Spirit guides us where God wants us to be, not to where our own ideas and personal tastes would lead us.

Father Congar, of blessed memory, once said: “There is no need to create another Church, but to create a different Church”

That is the challenge. For a “different Church”, a Church open to the newness that God wants to suggest, let us with greater fervour and frequency invoke the Holy Spirit and humbly listen to him, journeying together as he, the source of communion and mission, desires: with docility and courage.
Pope Francis

**MAINTENANCE GARDENER REQUIRED
FOR PARISH GROUNDS**

Experienced Gardening Contractor required to maintain the Church Grounds & Parish Property Grounds.

Must have Tax Clearance and Insurance.

**If interested please contact Fr. John O’Brien
Ph: 018681436 for further details.**

CHRISTMAS DUES ENVELOPES

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Christmas Dues so generously over the past weeks. If you would like to contribute to Christmas Dues, you can still do so by dropping an offering into the Parish Office or 211 Navan Road. Envelopes are available from the Church tables.

NAVAN ROAD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy - consultation period has been extended to 10th January - if you have time or interest to make a submission it would be very important:
www.nationaltransport.ie/publicconsultations/ postal address National Transport Authority, Dun Sceine, Harcourt Lane, Dublin 2 D02 WT20 . Sadly, all information only on line, depriving many.

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**The Parish Office is open Monday to Friday
9.a.m. to 1 p.m.**

*Shop items 2022 Calendars & signed Mass Cards
(shared Masses) are available from the
Parish Office*