



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield



The Baptism of the Lord – A 12th January 2020

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Pastors Desk

The Feast of the Lords Baptism marks a significant time in Jesus Life. He leaves his private life behind in Nazareth to begin his public ministry. Joining the queue of sinners, he waits to be baptised by John in the Jordan. John is reluctant to baptise him, as he was the sinless one but eventually gives in to Jesus request.

We are told that as Jesus is leaving the water something truly amazing happens. The heavens opened and God the Fathers voice echoes from above confirming 'This is my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on him.' That favour is echoed in every Christian Baptism always.

Today's feast is also a powerful reminder of the significance of the gift of Baptism that most of us received as infants. It was the beginning of our journey in faith with God and other members of the Christian family. Now it challenges us to make a mature commitment as adults to respond, profess our faith anew and live Spirit filled lives guided by God alone. It reminds us that we have responsibility to respect, love and care for our fellow humanity and the world in which we live.

The New year also give us the opportunity to review our commitment to God in our lives and reflect on how that fits into the wider Christian family.

Fr. Gerry.

The **Laudate Festival** will be celebrated in four venues in the Archdiocese of Dublin during Catholic Schools Week, in Crumlin, Ballymun, Ballyroan & Templeogue.



A large choir of children from schools in the diocese, 500-1000 in each venue, will lead in song and prayer. The festival nights are joyful and reflective gatherings celebrating the gift of faith from 7pm to 8:15pm each night. This is for everyone to enjoy and is free for all parents, families, friends and parishioners.

- Church of St Agnes, Crumlin on Monday 27th.
- **Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road on Tuesday 28th January at 7pm - 8.15p.m.**
- Church of the Holy Spirit, Ballyroan on Wed 29th.
- Pius X, Templeogue on Thursday 30th

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

on which our faith is built, resumes next week
Monday 13th January 2020.



Monday to Thursday
from **10:30am - 12noon**
and
Monday and Wednesday evenings
7pm – 8pm.

Jesus invites us to come before him in prayer and adoration.

Please consider devoting ½ hour or 1 hour each week to adoration and its prayer. You will find a book on the table where you can indicate the day and the time you can be present.

Mass Times

Saturday : 6 pm Vigil
Sundays : 10:30 am & 12:30 pm
Weekdays : Mon, Wed, Thu & Fri. 10 am
Service of the Word with Communion : Tuesday 10am

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You Shall Be My Witnesses

You Shall Be My Witnesses is the Parish Preparation Programme for Confirmation.

For those of you who have volunteered to be Leaders in the programme, we say a big thank you. This programme will give you the opportunity to get more actively involved with your child's preparation for Confirmation.

The following are the important dates for your diary. The first two meetings will be facilitated by Rosemary Lavelle, who will explain the course to you. These will take place in Clonliffe College on **Wednesday 15th** and **Wednesday 22nd** of **January** from **7:30pm – 9:30pm**. You will be picked up from the church car park at 7pm on both nights.

The programme for the children will take place in the Pastoral Centre over four weeks, on the following dates.

- **Monday 27th** **January 2019** **8:00pm – 9:00pm**
- **Monday 3rd** **February 2019** **8:00pm – 9:00pm**
- **Monday 10th** **February 2019** **8:00pm – 9:00pm**
- **Monday 24th** **February 2019** **8:00pm – 9:00pm**

If you have any queries regarding the programme you may contact Freda in the Parish Office at 01-8160984.



Anam Cara North Dublin

The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 15th** of **January** at **7:20pm** in the **Carnegie Court Hotel**, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or **085 2888 888** for any queries.

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*We remember at Mass
and in our prayers
those who
have gone before us*



Saturday 21st (Vigil Mass) 6:00 pm

Pat Hennessy Anniversary
& Deceased members of the Hennessy Family

Betty Collins Months Mind

Sunday 22nd 10:30 am

Maeve Devlin Recently Deceased

Sunday 22nd 12:30 pm

Peter Perdue 2nd Anniversary

Emily O'Rourke 7th Anniversary

James Pimley 3rd Anniversary

*Your prayers are also requested for the
happy repose of the souls of*

**James Kavanagh, Elizabeth Murray
& Marie McCarthy** recently deceased.

Monday 13th 10:00 am

Paddy Fitzsimons Birthday Remembrance

Wednesday 15th 10:00 am

John, Bridie, Martin & Mary Farragher
Anniversaries

May they rest in peace. Amen

Thursday 16th 10:00 am

Kathleen, Keith O'Reilly & Family
Special Intention

Copies of **St. Paul's Parish Calendar 2020**
are available on the church stands.

Christmas Dues Envelopes are available at the church doors.

Christmas Dues are an annual diocesan collection, part of the Common Fund for the support of priests. This collection does not stay in the parish, it is an income that supports all the priests of the diocese

Notice to Coeliacs: *If you have been advised to abstain from Gluten, at communion time, there will be a ciborium placed on a small table at the side of the altar containing consecrated hosts with very low traces of gluten in them. You are invited to help yourself to receive this instead of the congregation hosts.*