

SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

8th JANUARY 2023

The Baptism of the Lord



As soon as Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming down on him.

REFLECTION – FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

NEW YEAR- NEW APPROACH

As human beings, we are often drawn to the new: a new car, new phone, or even new friends. These days we are excited as we embark on a New Year as we see it as a fresh start that brings new hope for the future. However, as the days go by, we can find ourselves a little disillusioned as we confront the same complex issues and difficult people as we did in 2022. We notice that the New Year fireworks haven't waved a magic wand on society, our situation in life, or those we come in contact with every day. Then, the temptation is to face these imperfections around us with the same impatience and arrogance as before.

This is where the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord comes in. Though positioned this year two weeks after the feast of Christmas and two days after the feast of the Epiphany, this event, we believe, took place 30 years after the Nativity of the Lord. However, in that long intervening period, it appears little had changed with humanity's approach, even in the wake of the Christmas event.

We notice, though, as He is baptised, Jesus offers a new and surprising approach as he embarks on His public ministry. As he presents himself for baptism by John in the Jordan, it is clear the hallmark of his ministry is not control and aggression but humility and gentleness. To use the words of the first reading from Isaiah, He 'doesn't make his voice heard, break the crushed reed or quench the wavering flame.'

Let us all remember, therefore, that, like Jesus, we are here to serve and not to be served and that we ought not to give up on this vital mission, the Lord has assigned to us in this year of 2023.

Happy New Year!

- Fr. Kevin

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Eithne & Denis Doran
TUESDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	11 am	Morning Mass
WEDNESDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	11 am	Morning Mass
THURSDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	11 am	Caroline Noone
FRIDAY	11 am	Morning Mass
SATURDAY	11 am	Dan & Una Doolan, Ann Birmingham, Maureen O'Keefe & deceased members of the Doolan & Morris families Thomas Horan
	7 pm	Marie Quinn (Months Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am	Tom Loftus (Months Mind) & Peggy & Luke Loftus
	11.30 am	Monsignor Travers (1st Anniversary)

Please note there is no 8 am morning Mass this week.



*We also remember Michael, Ellie & Tom Mongan whose
anniversaries occurs around this time.*

RECENT DEATHS:

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of



Mary Mullen, St. Theresa's Terrace, Roscommon.

Annie Crean, Lisnamult, Roscommon.

Moira Hogan, Athlone, sister of James Harlow, Lough Rd., and
Ailish Smyth, The Walk, Roscommon.

We offer sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to their bereaved families and friends

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL - Adorers for the following hours are urgently required: **Tuesday**: 2pm - 3pm & 3pm - 4pm. **Wednesday**: 4pm - 5pm & 5pm - 6pm. **Thursday**: 2pm - 3pm & 5pm - 6pm. & **Saturday**: 2pm - 3pm. Thank you for your support. If you can help out with any of the above hours, please contact Mae McBrien 086 862 2354 or Tom Beirne 086 386 1954.

SACRED HEART CHURCH RESTORATION- THANK YOU

Sincere thanks for your kind response to our church restoration appeal. As already outlined, these urgent works are costed in the region of €100,000 plus. *Thanks again for your support*

CHARITY DONATION SCHEME: We take this opportunity to thank those who have already signed up to the scheme in our parish. For those who are unaware of the scheme it is a simple way of increasing your annual contribution at no cost to you. If you make a donation of more than €250 to your church, in a calendar year, and sign up to the scheme, your contribution will increase by a substantial amount. For example, if you make an annual donation of €250, the parish can boost the value of your gift by an extra €112.32. The donation of €250 is regarded as 69% of the total donation and therefore we can claim the extra 31%, which is €112.32, as a rebate to the parish.

THANK YOU - In recent weeks there has been a noticeable increase in the amounts collected for the offertory collection. We thank you again sincerely for your generosity and support in these difficult economic times. It is much appreciated.

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 9th January - Group II

ST. PATRICK'S TEAM is hosting a talk by video link in the Abbey Hotel Roscommon on Friday, 13th January, at 8pm.

Subject: "Liturgy Wars: Are there two Masses?".

A discourse on the tension between the Traditional Latin Mass and the Novus Ordo.

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again.
Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame
So that in our time,
Many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.
Amen

Sunday's Offertory Collection: €4,430.00

Thank You

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