

The Baptism of the Lord

10th January 2016

Next weekend's Scripture Pg 191(New Missal) **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**(year C)

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm Ps95:1-3.7-10.R.v.3

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2:1-12

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THE WORD

This weekend (Pg.180New Missal)

7.30pm John Carey

11.00am Margo Duffy

Next weekend

7.30pm Leoina Tully

11.00am Paula Fox

HOLY COMMUNION

This weekend

7.30pm Patrick Logue

11.00am Ben Devine

Next weekend

7.30pm Mary Harding

11.00am Declan Walsh

SERVERS

This week

Nicole Tully & Eva Fox

Next week

Christopher Carey & Grace O'Neill

Altar Society members for week ending 15th Jan & 22nd Jan.

Bernadette Black & Ann Ward.

Psalm Ps 103:1-2.3-4.24-25.27-30.R.v.1

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.

Next 'Confirming our Children' Mass : Sat 6th February

'Do This In Memory' (First Communion Preparation) :Sun 24th January.

New Minister of Holy Communion rotas available in the sacristy

New Minister of the Word rotas & new Missals available in the sacristy.

New Altar Society rotas available in the sacristy

A **Holy Door** was opened in St Peter's Church on 13th December. During the year we might be able to arrange a pilgrimage to St Peter's.

Christian Unity Service 2016 in the Church of the Assumption, Tullyallen (Mellifont Parish) on Thurs 21st of Jan at 7.30p.m. All are welcome to mark the week of prayer for Christian Unity (18-25 Jan). Light refreshments afterwards in Parish hall. This is quite significant in this Year of Mercy. I hope you can encourage parishioners and fellow Christians to come and mark this event. There will be a practice in the Church (Mon 11th of Jan at 8p.m) for all who wish to lead the singing.

Masses & Anniversaries

Saturday	9	7:30pm	Sean Catherine & Jack Healy
Sunday	10	8:30am	Mass
Sunday	10	11:00am	Johnny Leonard
Monday	11	7:30pm	Mass
Tuesday	12	7:30pm	Mass for Parishioners
Wednesday	13	7:30pm	Emmy Martin
Thursday	14	9:00am	Mass
Friday	15	7:30pm	Mass
Saturday	16	7:30pm	Theresa Carry
Sunday	17	8:30am	Mass
Sunday	17	11:00am	Mass

Adoration Friday nights at 7:00pm Church of the Assumption

Last week Collection €615 Many, many thanks to you for sustaining your contributions to the Weekly and Dues collection.

Due to an increase in numbers our Masses may now be shared.

January Day by Day books available. Cost €1:50

If in hospital and want a visit: contact Fr Caraher 9834293.

World day of Prayer – Friday 4th March (St Peter's C o I) Drogheda.

The 4th **Diocesan Trócaire Ambassadors' Meeting** will take place in Newry Pastoral Centre on Sat 16th Jan at 10.30 a.m. and conclude with lunch at 1.00p.m. The presenter is Trócaire's Gemma McCourt (marketing Officer). The main item on the agenda will be Trócaire's Lenten Campaign 2016. Interested in becoming a Trócaire Ambassador? If "yes", please email gemma.mccourt@trocaire.org.

The **Young Adult Prayer Group** (between 18 and 40?) led by the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal 041 983 0441.

Viatores Christi: To learn more about the possibility of overseas volunteering and/or training in Overseas Development & Mission! Information & Recruitment Session on Sat 16th Jan at 12.00 at VC HQ, 8 New Cabra Road, Phibsboro, Dublin 7 Tel. 01-8689986

info@viatoreschristi.com www.viatoreschristi.com <http://vcvolunteers.ie/the-other-side-of-the-world/>

St Joseph's Young Priests Society Archdiocese of Armagh – A group of lay people that pray for and promote vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life. – Like and Follow us on **Facebook**. E-mail - sjyparmaghdiocese@outlook.com

The Armagh Diocesan Pastoral Centre 0429336393 (10am – 2pm)
The Magnet, The Demesne, Dundalk

Beginning Experience: Coping programme for Widowed, Separated & Divorced; 14th, 21st, 28th January & 4th February 2016: 5 Thursday evenings 8pm-10pm. Registration required.

Bereavement Support: One to one Bereavement Support - confidentiality assured.
Appointment not necessary (No cost involved); Thursdays 10.30am – 12.30pm

Mr Aidan Gordon is the Diocesan Director of **Safeguarding**. Diocesan Safeguarding Office, Archdiocese of Armagh, Cathedral Road, Armagh, BT61 7QY, Tel: 048 3752 5592

Parish Bingo – Tuesday's 8.30p.m. in Mellifont Parochial Hall, Tullyallen. Good company & good prizes.

Our Claim for **Repayment of Income Tax** by Eligible Charities (2012) amounted to €4061.99

Dundalk Institute of Technology (**DkIT**): CAO and Course Information Morning –for school leavers, mature students and parents on Sat 16th Jan (10am -1pm) in the Muirhevna Building in DkIT. www.dkit.ie/ThinkDkIT/

The Baptism of the Lord

Christ's Baptism

Jesus begins his public life after having himself baptized by St. John the Baptist in the Jordan. After his resurrection Christ gives this mission to his apostles: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

The Sacrament of Baptism

This Sacrament is called *gift* because it is conferred on those who bring nothing of their own; *grace* since it is given even to the guilty; *Baptism* because sin is buried in the water; *anointing* for it is priestly and royal as are those who are anointed; *enlightenment* because it radiates light; *clothing* since it shows our new identity; *bath* because it washes; and *seal* as it is our guard and the sign of God's Lordship.

The Baptism of infants is often treated as a "family" moment, and it surely is: but in Baptism, children become part of a larger family - the Church. We are a liturgical church, a church that expresses what it believes through rites and prayers. Celebrating the sacrament of Baptism in the presence of the parish community, is quite simply the best way we have of learning what it means to be baptized.

Diocesan Pastoral Plan prayer

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Trinity of love, Guide the plans and actions of Your Church in the Archdiocese of Armagh.

At this time You are calling us to a deeper understanding of our faith;

You are inviting us to worship you in a prayerful Spirit-filled manner;

You commission us to be courageous witnesses to the Joy of the Gospel.

Pour out Your Spirit on us. Rekindle in us the fire of Your love.

Give us courage to reach out in service to others, accompanying them with Your mercy, so that everyone can share the joy of a personal encounter with You.

Saints of Armagh: St. Patrick, St. Brigid, St. Malachy, St. Oliver Plunkett,

walk with us on our pilgrim way. Naomh Mhuire, Máthair Dé, guí orainn

Amen.

Interesting Websites

MyCatholicFaith.org

<http://www.emmauscentre.ie/>