

Second Sunday after Nativity

3rd January 2016

Next weekend's Scripture Pg 180(New Missal) **The Baptism of the Lord**
Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11
Psalm Ps103:1-2.3-4,24-25.27-30,R.v.1
Bless the Lord my soul! Lord God, how great you are.
Titus 2:11-14.3:4-7
Luke 3:15-16.21-22

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THE WORD

The Epiphany 6th Jan. 7:30pm Janet Morgan Pg.167
This weekend (Pg.159New Missal) Next weekend
7.30pm Ben Hogan **7.30pm** John Carey
11.00am Margaret Mc Keown **11.00am** Margo Duffy

HOLY COMMUNION

The Epiphany 6th Jan 7:30pm Aidan Cullen
This weekend Next weekend
7.30pm Mary Harding **7.30pm** Patrick Logue
11.00am Mary Mc Cabe **11.00am** Ben Devine

SERVERS

This week Next week
Ellen Mc Carthy & Katie O Connor Nicole Tully & Eva Fox

Altar Society members for week ending 1st Jan & 8th Jan
Gertie Ferguson, Greta Boylan & Anne Pentony.

Psalm Ps 147:12-15.19-20.R.jn.v.1:14
The word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

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.

Next '**Confirming our Children**' Mass : **Sat.16th January**
'**Do This In Memory**' (First Communion Preparation) : **Sun 24th January.**

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.

The Feast of the **Epiphany** Wednesday 6th January is a very special liturgical feast – marking the end of Christmastide and the announcing of the Good News to all Nations. 7.30pm Vigil Mass on Tuesday & 7.30pm Mass on Wednesday

Masses & Anniversaries

Saturday	2	7:30pm	Mass
Sunday	3	8:30am	Martin Walsh
Sunday	3	11:00am	Johnny Flanagan
Monday	4	7:30pm	Owen & Dora Fay
Tuesday	5	7:30pm	Mass for Parishioners
Wednesday	6	7:30pm	Norrie Kavanagh
Thursday	7	9:00am	Mass
Friday	8	7:30pm	Mass
Saturday	9	7:30pm	Sean Catherine & Jack Healy
Sunday	10	8:30am	Mass
Sunday	10	11:00am	Johnny Leonard

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

Last week Collection €1048. Dues €3860 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.

During 2016, May each of us accept the Mercy, Peace, Joy, Love and promise of Eternal Life, which the Christ Child offers. May it fill our hearts and homes this Christmastide and throughout 2016.

Many thanks to all parishioners for their support and generosity during 2015. Thanks also to those who have given so graciously of their time to ensure the preaching of the Gospel.

Adoration in the Church of the Assumption Fridays at 7.00p.m.

Emigrants / immigrants will be remembered during our Masses until 6th January.

Week of prayer for **Christian Unity** (18-25 January) (ecumenical worship service)in Mellifont Parish on Thursday 21st January at 7:30pm. Refreshments afterwards in the hall All are welcome! **This years' Christian Unity Service 2016: Called to proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord (cf. 1 Peter 2:9)** There will be a practice for those interested in leading the singing for the ecumenical worship in our church on Monday 11th of January at 8p.m.

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

Hopefully during this year we might also be able to arrange prayers: for **world peace** (as we recall WWI) and for **the next hundred years** in Ireland (as we recall the 1916 'Rising'). Anyone interested in helping arrange any of these liturgies – please contact Fr Dooley.

Interested in becoming a **Trócaire Ambassador**? If "yes", please email gemma.mccourt@trocaire.org.

"Used stamps" for the Medical Missionaries of Mary (MMM) in Drogheda. Mr Moonan collects used stamps in school for the MMM: adults & children can give stamps to him and he will distribute the stamps to the sister's.

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, gu^í orainn Amen.

An Croí Wisdom Institute: Tullyallen (Old Credit Union). www.ancroi.ie/ancroi@eircom.net; 041 9805050; 087 6240071. Geraldine Holton & Carmel Byrne.

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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

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

Prayer for the Jubilee of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ,

you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,

and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money;

the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things;

made Peter weep after his betrayal,

and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:

“If you knew the gift of God!”

You are the visible face of the invisible Father,

of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:

let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness

in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:

let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,

so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,

and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor,

proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,

and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.