

PARISH NEWS

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“ **CHRIST THE KING PARISH — A FAMILY OF FAMILIES** ”



The Baptism of Jesus

Today is the feast of Baptism of Jesus. We can be perplexed over why Jesus was baptised, since he had no original sin to get rid of, or no official Church to join.

So what is the meaning of the Baptism of Jesus. For Jesus himself it was not a cleansing from sin but it was, at a deeper sense, a public declaration of His identity and His mission.

His identity was that he was God's Beloved Son, and at our Baptism we get our identity as God's beloved daughters and God's beloved sons.

Our baptism defines us publicly in relationship to God and, consequently, to one another, so we can pray openly, *OUR Father*.

We are God's beloved daughter, beloved son, in a most profound sense. As Christians this is our fundamental identity. This is very often challenged by our culture, mass media and by our own sense of unworthiness. We can very easily forget our identity as children of God.

Archbishop Tutu, (whose funeral took place last week) said that he always preached one message to his people. "God loves you".

"I tell them that because the entire culture tells them that they are unlovable, and I have to give them the message of who they really are because God loves them".

"I know that I am a child of God" That's what Baptism is all about, Jesus' and our own.

Jesus was baptised as a sign of public definition of who he really was." You are my Beloved Son".

At our Baptism we are defined forever as God's children, a fact no one should be allowed to take from us, and we have been given an undertaking at Baptism to do the works of Christ, to continue his mission.

Baptism makes us "**Beloved Children**".

Have a good week,

Fr Charlie

Mass Intentions this Week

We pray for all those who died recently including **Anna Byrne**, Rockbarton Park;(funeral Monday @ 11am); **Ann O’Dea**, formerly Dr Mannix Road (funeral 3pm Monday); **Dermot Murray**, Dalysfort Rd (funeral 11am Tues); **Jack Kissane**, Glenard Avenue; **Frank Helly**, Dr Mannix Road; **Margaret Jordan**, sister of Kathleen Daly, Oaklands; **Johnny Ward**. Wards Shop, University Rd father of Joe, Glenard Crescent; **Ethna Stewart**, Howth sister of Sr Catherine Campbell, Dominican Convent and for all with Anniversaries, Birthday Remembrances etc. at this time of the year and all who have gone to God.

Sat 8th	5.30pm	Nora Naughton, Devon Park (Months Mind) Rita & Bernie Gannon, Devon Gardens (A) Kathleen & Jimmy Mc Namara (A) Eddie Rice (A); Richard Kinneen (6th A) John & Bridget O’Brien (A)	C.S.
Sun 9th	9.30am	Private Intention	C.S.
	11 am	John & Pauline Butler (A) Teresa Scannell (A) Mary (2nd) & Gerry (24th A) Connaire	D.W.
	12.30pm	Finbarr Lillis (1st A) Christy O’Connor Jnr (A) & decd family members Tommy Walsh (A); Tony O’Malley (A) Clara Villarino Rodriguez (B’day Remb)	D.W.
Mon 10th	10 am	Special Intention P J Mahoney R.I.P.	D.W.
Tues 11th	10am	Private Intention	
Wed 12th	10am	Clare Fennell (A) Special Intention	
Thurs 13th	10 am	Patrick & Ellen Walsh (A) and sons Padraic & Seán	D.W.
Fri 14th	10 am	Ray Knott R.I.P	C.S.
Sat 15th	10 am	Frank Sweeney (A)	C.S.

Next Weekend

Sat 15th	5.30pm	Eugene Dunleavy (1st A); Fr P J Doherty (3rd A) Frank & Etta Burke (A) & their sons Frankie & Noel John Lee (A)
	9.30am	Jack Kissane R.I.P.
	11am	Phyllis & Dermot Byrne (A) Seán & Rita Cullinan (A)
	12.30pm	Frank (13th A) & Maureen (17th A) Mc Dermott (A)