



Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

The parents of the **60 children** who were baptised in our church from October 2015 to September 2016 have been invited with their children to a special Mass at 12 noon today. As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we thank God for our own baptism, and we give a warm welcome to the newest members of our community.

We also welcome Sue, who was a catechumen for over a year, and received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the wonderful Easter Vigil last March.

Refreshments afterwards!

We have a lovely baptism board in the Baptism area. This has the photos of all the babies baptised in the past year. Today we invite the parents to take these photos home with them.

Also you might note that you can see the Ambry, which is the cabinet with the holy oils.



Please pray for those who died recently:

*Paddy Woods
Lil Ó Nualáin
Joe Taggart
May Doran
John Kelly Senior
(The Father of Fr. John Kelly)*

May they rest in peace



Baptisms

Saturday January 21st at 12:15
Saturday February 18th at 12:15
Saturday February 25th at 12:15
Sunday February 26th at 1:15
No Baptisms During Lent

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NB. Please bring booking form & birth cert when booking baptism

Baptism meeting

Baptism meeting for those being baptised in January

takes place on Thursday 12th January at 8pm. The meeting will take place in the original Baptism Area

Finance Meeting Tuesday 17th
January at 5:30pm

7.30am Mass

has resumed and will be celebrated for two weeks, then suspended

There will be no Mass from;
Mon. 23rd Jan to Wed. 1st Feb inclusive.

The World Meeting of Families will take place in Ireland in 2018. A special message from **Pope Francis** is located beside the Crib, and prayer cards are available to take home.

Mobile number if you need to ring
SVDP - 087 392 7023

New Year's Resolution

Are you thinking of a New Year's Resolution. We always need new people to get involved in the life of the parish. Would you be willing to ask about signing up for one of ministries?

Chair exercises back on Mon 9th

at 2.30 in the Parish centre .
New members especially welcome.

Church Unity Week

as usual is from 18th - 25th January.
more details next week

Previous Newsletters available from
the rack under the vi Station

New Minister Training

We are looking for new ministers of Communion. We will have a short course and training on Sat 14th and 21st January.

Please contact Niamh in the office for further details. You are welcome to come to the training, even if you are not ready to be a minister.



Star

many have complimented the star outside the church. The one from Oakdown Road looks really great, while the one on Nutgrove is only half lighting. (hopefully fully lit next year).

When the Church was re wired, the bell tower was wired for a star, but we were unable to get the star that high unfortunately.

A big thank you to Brian McMahon, and his team from Total Tree Care who put the star in place this year.

Parish Lotto

Has now reached **€5300**
Results of the draw held on
Tuesday 3rd January 2017

7 ♦ 18 ♦ 25 ♦ 32