PORTLAOISE PARISH

The Baptism of the Lord



9th January 2022 'You are my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on you.' Image from Mysteries of the Rosary at Our Lady's Shrine. In ther Parish Church

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New Beginnings

Now when all the people were baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit

descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

This is a great moment for Jesus, a moment when he receives affirmation from God his Father. For the rest of us it is also a momentous occasion. This is the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and a promise of great things to follow. What a shame that our own baptisms aren't as momentous. At best we might have got a party, though of course we were far too young to share the sausage rolls and champagne. Perhaps there's a bit of video footage somewhere in the loft, but it's not likely that we got doves from heaven or God's voice from the clouds. This doesn't however make our baptism unimportant.

Jesus' baptism came at the start of his public ministry and marked a new beginning for us all. The story invites us to look at our own beginnings in light of Jesus' ministry. What have we made of our lives so far? Is there anything we can point to that we feel might have particularly pleased God? Perhaps we have done nothing to please God. Perhaps we have made rather a rocky start. Perhaps we haven't done much to be proud of at all. It doesn't matter; coming so close to the beginning of the year, this feast day is a perfect invitation to start again.

The second thing we learn from this gospel reading is that Jesus was not alone; he was enabled by the Holy Spirit who descended in the bodily form of a dove. The really exciting news is that according to John, we too receive the Holy Spirit in our baptism. We are not alone in our struggles. We too are enabled. That's a genuinely powerful belief.

As we begin yet another new year, we set about facing our challenges with a renewed courage and a renewed faith in the Holy Spirit. We begin again with an appreciation that our baptism is more than just a distant childhood memory.

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- The people were searching and John pointed them in the direction of Jesus. On your life's journey who have been the John the Baptist people for you, people who have pointed you in the right direction.
- The Baptism of Jesus was a very special moment for him that affirmed him in his identity as Son of God and in his mission. Recall the experiences that affirmed you either in your sense of who you are, or in relation to the direction you were taking in life.
- 3. The Baptism of Jesus marks a transition point in his life, and the start of his public ministry. Recall the transition points in your own life. Where did you see the grace of God at work in those times?
- 4. This experience of Jesus occurred when he was at prayer. What part has prayer played in opening you to being aware of God in your life? What part has prayer played in helping you through a transition point in your life?

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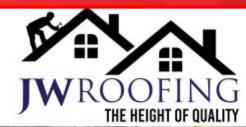
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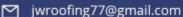
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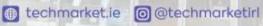
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Not by making your path easy,

But by making you sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from you,

But by taking fear from your heart;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,

But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant,

But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,

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support throughout 2021, your generosity has helped many families in Laois, one of which has recently qualified for acceptance on the Assistant Dog Programme for Autism in 2022 which will be life changing for this family. Wishing you all a very happy, safe and peaceful new

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Make Your Father Proud

When you were growing up your parents probably kept a photo album of you as you were growing up. Parents would normally take pictures the very first day you were born and probably haven't stopped to this day. People don't use put pictures in photo albums much anymore. I guess you might say that a mobile phone is your new photo album. I guess we don't really need a photo album. We always have our camera with us and as soon as we take a photo, it is right there on our phone for all to see. Almost everyone is on Facebook these days. When you go to my Facebook page, it is full of the photos posted by your Facebook friends of their children or grandchildren.



Do you know why people like to show pictures of their children? It is because they love them and they are proud of them. They are proud of them on the day they are born and they are proud of them when they learn to walk and talk. They are proud of them when they start to school, when they play sports, or when they are in a play. In each and every stage of life, parents are proud of their children.

Do you think God was proud of his Son, Jesus? I know he was! How do I know? The Bible tells me so! The Bible says that when Jesus was baptised, there was a voice from heaven that said, "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Why do you think God was proud of his Son? I think it made God proud to watch him grow. The Bible tells us that "Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men." (Luke 2:52) It always makes a father proud to watch his children grow in maturity and become wiser. And, of course, a father is always proud when his child is well-liked and respected by other people.

Another reason that God was proud of his Son is that Jesus always did what his Father told him to do. Do you always do what your father tells you to do? I doubt if any of us could answer "yes" to that question, but Jesus could. Jesus said "I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me." (John 6:38) That would make a Father proud, wouldn't it?

The Bible tells us that when we trust in Jesus as our Saviour, we become the children of God. Wouldn't you like to be the kind of child that would cause God to look down from heaven and say, "My child, I'm proud of you!"



OUR PRAYER

Dear Father, help us to be more like Jesus, so that we will be the kind of child of which you can be proud.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.



The Baptism of Jesus

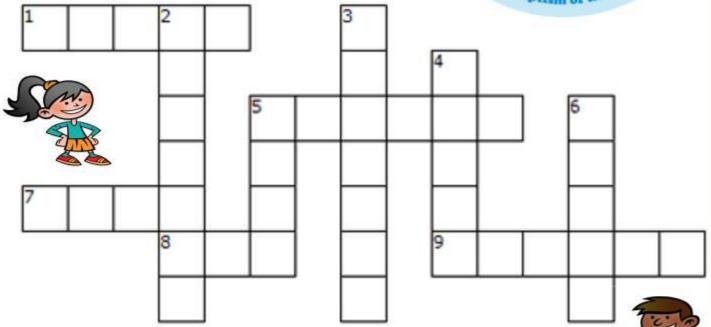
As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.

And a voice came from heaven:

"You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Mark 1:4-11





ACROSS

- What was heard when Jesus was baptised.
- The river where Jesus was baptised
- 7. The Spirit cam down from heaven like a ______.
- To break one of God's commandments.
- To turn away from sin.

DOWN

- To admit that you have done wrong.
- 3. To pardon for sins.
- 4. The liquid used to baptise someone.
- Name of the man who baptised Jesus.
- A sticky, sweet fluid made by bees.

FORGIVE JORDAN JOHN DOVE REPENT
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Time to Think!

Happy New Year

A new year is here!

This means new beginnings, new journeys and new resolutions. The New Year is often seen as an opportunity to improve ourselves or what we have, but while this can be a healthy practice, it is also beneficial to reflect on the blessings that we already have.

On New Year's Eve, people around the world watched their clocks strike midnight and brought in the New Year with fireworks, celebrations, and time with loved ones. It seems like, at least for a little while, we were all united in our gratitude for another year of life. For many, a new year brings hope because it represents a chance for a new start. All of us need a new beginning, a fresh start. The good news is that Jesus is with us along the way and turning our eyes to Jesus renews us every time. As we begin a new year, we often desire change like weight loss or having a better work/life balance. These things are good; however, the change Jesus brings, impacts this life and the life to come.

He can change us on the inside in such a way, that everything becomes new. He brings a new beginning to how we see God and ourselves. He brings a new beginning to our purpose. He may not change our problems, but he can help us overcome our troubles. He may not change the way you look, but he will make you confident in the skin you are in. He may not bring back the person you lost, but he will comfort you so you can comfort others. He is the Light and he knows how to chase away the darkness. We have a new beginning in Jesus. We do not have to wait another year to get our fresh start. Our Jesus knows how to make everything new.

This New Year, let us open our hearts and ears and receive what God has already given us. Let us experience His grace and love and deep peace. Happy New Year.



New Year's Prayer

As we begin a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains.

Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way.

Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, colour or creed.

Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day.

Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none.

May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love.

May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

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ANTHONY O' SHAUGHNESSY - Clerical Student



Hello everyone. My name is Anthony O'Shaughnessy and I am a seminarian currently studying for the Priesthood here in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin. I hail from a little place called Mullaghcreelan; on the Athy road from Castledermot. At the moment, I am only in my first year of seminary formation (I've just put the L plate up). I am studying in Spain in a city called Valladolid at St. Alban's Royal English College. It would seem that Bishop Denis has seen fit to place me here in the Parish of Portlaoise, and I am looking forward to working alongside Msgr. John Byrne, Fr. David, Fr. Ciprian, Fr Theodore and Deacon Eugene and the rest of the Parish team. More importantly and most of all, I look forward to *learning* from each one of you, the people of the Parish and meeting as many of you as possible during my brief stay here before I return to Spain at the end of the month.

So a little bit about myself; I don't actually come from the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, but from the Dublin Diocese...

I know, I'm just a blow in! Though, this is where it gets tricky. I do in fact live in County Kildare. I come from the small rural Parish of Castledermot/Kilkea/Levistown - as I'm sure many of you may know of. It just so happens to be that my home Parish is situated within the Dublin Diocese...so I proudly stand by that! Not that it's anything to boast of. My brother in fact is a Priest in the Dublin Diocese, currently serving as curate in Tallaght, Springfield, Jobstown area – though I believe Bishop Denis refers to him as "the one who got away;" so it would seem you're going to have to settle with me. I attended Primary school in St. Colmcille Moone National School. I received my Secondary education in St. Mary's Knockbeg College Carlow (from where I got my first taste of Kildare and Leighlin). Whilst in Knockbeg, from which I have many fond memories, I participated in the Pope John Paul II Award (as I'm sure many of you may be quite familiar with) in Transition Year. From there I became heavily involved with the Parish of Graiguecullen/ Killeshin where I completed the Gold and Papal Cross Award under the tutorage of Cathriona Kelly and Fr. John Dunphy where I have made lifelong friendships. From there, I took an active role in my own local Parish back home for a number of years as a reader and an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, eventually serving as Chairman of the Pastoral Council... that was fun! I often wonder if I may have been the youngest person to ever serve as Chairman of a Pastoral Council; from such a role, I can only conclude that God must definitely have a sense of humour!

After completing the Pope John Paul Award and my Leaving Certificate, I then took to an Undergraduate degree in Theology and Arts in St. Patrick's College Maynooth for three years, where I have just completed a two year degree in Master's of Theology eventually making the decision to enter Seminary in September of last year where I currently find myself in formation.

Many of my interests include and certainly not limited to reading, music (mainly Irish traditional and American country), I have my mother to thank for indoctrinating my brothers and I in the likes of the great Man in Black, Johnny Cash, Elvis, Roy Orbison, Simon and Garfunkel, to name just a few. Other activities include hiking, walking and not least of all, the odd trip or two to the cinema to catch the latest blockbuster movie.

Indeed, I have my time in Knockbeg to thank for planting the seeds of my vocation in discernment of the priesthood. I thank especially Mrs. Annmarie Buckley who encouraged me in spending time before the Blessed Sacrament every week in the college chapel while praying the Rosary. Those years before the Eucharistic Lord were invaluable in leading and guiding me on whatever path the Lord has in store for me which has consequently landed me here in Portlaoise. I sometimes cannot help but feel that is it by divine providence that sent me here as Portlaoise hospital was the place I was born... who knows. In any case, I am delighted to be here as I begin to take the first steps towards my journey with the Lord in service and learning with His people. I look forward to seeing you all during my time here in Portlaoise.

Thank you and may God bless you all.

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Rest in Reace Mollie



In Loving Memory of MARY TYNAN



Rathevan, Portlaoise. 2nd Anniversary occurs 9th January 2022



There is no night without a dawning, No winter without a spring, And beyond death's dark horizon, our hearts once more will sing.

For those who leave us for a while, have only gone away,

Out of a restless careworn world, into a brighter day.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 9th January at 12.30pm.

Sadly missed and always remembered by her husband Luke and family.

Rest in Reace Mary



In Loving Memory of



Late of Capoley, Portlaoise. (Died 7th January 1981)



Each time we look at your picture You seem to smile and say; "Don't be sad, but courage take and love each other for my sake"

Sadly missed by your son Martin, daughter-in-law Jacqueline, grandchildren Lorraine, Michelle & Sarah and her great-grandchildren Danny Joe & Maeve.

May Rily Rest in Reace



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A special person, never forgotten.

Loved and remembered always by
her husband Damien, sons Jamie
and Jack and the Waters and
Carroll families.

Rest in Reace Oatherine



In Loving Memory of

PATRICK (Paudge) LARKIN 176 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 9th Anniversary occurred 5th January 2022



Your presence we miss
Your memory we treasure
Loving you always
Forgetting you never.

9th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 9th January at 12:30pm.

Sadly missed by your daughter Michelle, and son P.J.

Map Ratrick Rest in Reace



In Loving Memory of PATRICK (Pat) BOWLER

6 The Cottage, New Road, Portlaoise. 3rd Anniversary occurs 9th January 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this Sunday 9th January at 10am.

I thought of you today, But that is nothing new, I thought about you yesterday and days before that too.

I think of you in silence, I often speak your name, All I have are memories, and your picture in a frame. Your memory is a keepsake, from which I'll never part, God has you in His arms, I have you in my heart.

Missed by his wife Maureen, sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren.

Rest in Reace Ratrick



In Loving Memory of AGNES CARROLL ROONEY

43 Liogard, Portlaoise. 8th Anniversary occurs at this time.



My heart still aches in sadness,
My silent tears still flow,
For what it meant to lose you,
no one will ever know.
A silent thought, a secret tear,
Keeps your memory ever near,
Death leaves a heartache no one
can heal,

Love leaves a memory no one can steal, Though absent you are very near, Still loved, still missed and very dear.

Sadly missed and always remembered by all her loving family.

Map Agnes Rest in Reace



In Loving Memory of JANE SHIELS

Formerly Dr. Murphy's Place, Portlaoise. 22nd Anniversary occurred 5th January 2022.



Though her smile has gone forever and her voice we cannot hear, Her smile brought warmth like sunshine from above, Not a minute goes by when we are not thinking of her, Even though we are far part, Her love lies in our hearts.

Loved and remembered by your sons, daughters, son-in-law, grand-children and great grandchildren.

Rest in Reace Jane



In Loving Memory of PADDY MILLS

Formerly St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. Birthday occurs 12th January.



Daddy, we were always your angels, Now you are ours.

Loved and remembered always by Jean, Cathy, Marie, Patrick, and Teresa, son-in-law Ian, daughter-in-law Anna and all your grandchildren.

Rest in Reace Raddy





In Loving Memory of MARTIN BRENNAN

54 Borris Little, Portlaoise. 8th Anniversary occurs 14th January 2022.



Remember Martin with a smile today, For he would not want our tears, Reflect instead on memories of all his happy years.

Sadly missed by your loving mother Nellie, brothers and sisters.

Rest in Reace Martin



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In Loving Memory of STEPHEN CONROY

34 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise. 8th Anniversary occurs 9th January 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on **Sunday 9th January at 12:30pm**.

Memories of you we will keep and treasure, In our hearts they will live forever.

Sadly missed today and always by his loving wife Pauline, sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren L great-grandchildren.

May Stephen Rest in Reace



In Loving Memory of JOHN-JOE DWANE

2 Well Road (Maisonettes), New Road, Portlaoise. 7th Anniversary occurred 26th December 2021.



We thought of you today, but that is nothing new, We thought about you yesterday and days before that too.

We think of you in silence, we often speak your name,

All we have are memories and your picture in a frame.

Your memory is our keepsake, with which we will never part,

God has you in His keeping, We have you in our hearts.

Always loved and remembered by your sons, daughters and granddaughter; John, Gerald, Bridget, Olive and Rachel.

Rest in Reace John-Joe



In Loving Memory of our Dear Mother ANNIE BYRNE

Late of Mountrath Rd., Portlaoise. Anniversary occurs at this time.



Gone but not forgotten
Will those who think of her today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.

We fondly remember also our Niece ANNA MARIE CHAPMAN Fermanagh Ist Anniversary occurs at this time.

Fondly remembered by John, Raymond, Oliver and Phyllis.

May They both find Stornal Rest and Reace



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT In Loving Memory of JOHN DOLLARD

31 St. John's Sq., Portlaoise. 1st Anniversary occurs 16th January 2022.



On the occasion of the first anniversary of John's sad passing, his family wish to express their sincere gratitude to all who sympathised with them, sent Mass cards, uploaded messages online, attended John's funeral Mass either in person or via the parish webcam.

A special thank you to both Fr. David Vard who attended John in hospital and

to Msgr. John Byrne for the beautiful funeral service and for all his support to the family at such a difficult time, also to Michelle and Agnes and the Parish Centre for all their help. Thank you to Aishling Rohan for the beautiful music.

To the ambulance service, Dr. Khan, Melissa and all the nursing and palliative care team at Portlaoise hospital for their care and kindness shown to John in his final days.

To Matthew Keegan for his professional service and to the gravediggers for preparing John's final resting place.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude.

John's 1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Saturday, 15th January 2022 at 6:30pm.

Everyday in some small way, memories of you come our way, Though absent you are always near, Still missed, still loved and always dear.

Sadly missed by your loving wife Bridie, daughters Violet and Sandra, sons John and Gerard, son-in-law, daughters-in-law and grandchildren.

Rest in Reace John





In Loving Memory of PADDY "Patrick" McEVOY

Capoley, Portlaoise. 13th Anniversary.



13th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Saturday 8th January at 6:30pm.

Also remembering Paddy's sister Niamh, whose birthday occurs at this time.

Sadly missed by all his loving family and friends

May Raddy Rest in Reace



In Loving Memory of JOHN Snr. DOHENY

3 Father O' Connor Crescent, Mountrath, Laois. 1st Anniversary occurs 13th January 2022.

John's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on 15th January at 7pm.



Precious Memories of a devoted and much loved Husband.

My first sad year is over now.

My first sad year is over now, without you by my side.

Many times I've needed you and many times I've cried.

I lost my life's companion, the day God called you home, Night by night I think of you, As I walk this life alone.

The house you left is lonely now, and I am lonely too, those left behind are good and kind, but no one replaces you.

My heart aches with sadness, and the silent tears still flow, for what it meant to lose you, no one will ever know.

Sadly missed, never forgotten by your loving wife Peg and family.

Rest in Reace John



In Loving Memory of BRIDIE DOODY

Ridge Road, Portlaoise. 2nd Anniversary occurs 15th January 2022.



Will those who think of Bridie today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.

Sadly missed by her nieces and nephews.

Rest in Reace Bridie



In Loving Memory of PADDY DUNNE

5 Colliers Lane, Portlaoise. 1st Anniversary occurred 5th January 2022.



If I could go to Heaven on this my saddest day, maybe for one moment, my pain would go away. I'd put my arms around you and hug you one more time, tell you that I love you Paddy and sit with you awhile.

But for now we must be parted, life without you is so hard, but you will never be forgotten and will live in my heart forever.

A broken heart is a heart that's been loved.

Loved and remembered by Terry, Aisyah and Sean.

Rest in Reace Raddy



In Loving Memory of KATHLEEN DEEGAN

Chapel Street, Ballyroan. 25th Anniversary occurred 2nd January 2022. and

JIMMY & BERNIE DEEGAN Whose Anniversaries occur at this time.





May They Rest in Reace

In Remembrance

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