

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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January 6th/7th 2018 – The Baptism of the Lord

❖ Mass for the coming week:
Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.

❖ Baptism of the Lord

Mark's account of the Baptism of Jesus is concerned with the identity of Jesus; "You are my beloved Son." The words 'with you I am well pleased' points to Jesus as the Messiah and Suffering Servant.

First Reading: (Isaiah 55:1-11)

Here the prophet invites all to the rich banquet of life God provides for his people. In Baptism we share in the life of God.

Second Reading: (1John 5:1-9)

Faith in Jesus leads us to love one another and gives us the ability to overcome evil.

Gospel: (Mark 1:7-11)

This tells us how Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist in the river Jordan, and the signs that accompanied his baptism.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Wednesday evening from 8pm to 9pm in the Church. All welcome.

❖ Month's Mind Mass

For the coming year we have allocated the 6.30p.m. Mass on the last Saturday of the month for all those who died the previous month. The first of these Masses will take place on Saturday 24th February.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be observed as usual from the 18th -25th January. Its inauguration in Dublin will take place at an interdenominational Service in Our Lady of Good Counsel, Johnstown-Killiney on Thursday 18th January at 8p.m. Dr. Jessie Rogers, a scripture scholar based in St. Patrick's College Maynooth will preach the sermon. This year the theme, "That All May Be Free" (Exodus 15), was chosen by the Christian communities in the Caribbean region.

World Meeting of Families

Following the Crib Project and distribution of the Holy Family Icons, a meeting to plan the next phase of the Amoris programme in preparation for the World Meeting of Families will be held in the Community Centre on Tuesday next, 9th January at 8.30p.m. All welcome. You can also leave your contact details in the Parish Office or email

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Anam Cara North Dublin, an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday, 17th January from 7.30pm to 9.00pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin.

This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether this was recent or not.

❖ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday:	6.30pm	Tommy and Kitty Brennan Anniversaries
Sunday:	10.00am	Brian Farrell Anniversary
	11.00am	Noel Brady 1 st Anniversary
	12.15pm	Irene and Ciaran Halpin Anniversaries

❖ REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

We extend our sympathy to the families of Mary Hendrick, Kevin Byrne and Madeline Jordan, all recently deceased.

Also, John Noonan whose anniversary occurs at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.