

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

The Baptism of The Lord—13th January 2019

BAPTISM of the Lord

and the holy Spirit
descended upon him
in bodily form like a dove.
And a voice came from heaven,
"You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased."
Luke 3:22



Monday Morning Meditation
after the 10am Mass and Rosary

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP
resumes this Monday (14th)
7pm in the Fr. Dungan room.

Eucharistic Adoration:
Tues & Fri day after the 10am Mass

Children's weekly rosary group
resumes this Tuesday at 3 pm.
(followed by refreshments and play)
Children of all ages welcome with
their guardians.
For more information contact
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THE DEEP END: The Baptism of the Lord

Today's Gospel tells us that the people were 'filled with expectation'. It sounds like a very exciting time as they wonder who this prophet John could be. John must have been a very dynamic and inspiring preacher as the people speculated if he were the one they had been waiting for. He uses all of this attention for one purpose: to point people to Jesus. There are many people in our own lives who have pointed us towards Jesus, perhaps by an invitation to an event or a retreat or by sharing a reflection with us at just the right time. In them, we see something special and interesting that makes us wonder in our hearts and seek a little further. They are the John the Baptists in our lives, pointing us towards the Lord like signposts along the way. John humbly responds to the people by saying: 'One who is more powerful than I is coming.' He emphasises that it is He who will really set their hearts on fire. While the words concerning 'winnowing forks' seem harsh, we might interpret them as speaking of God's power to transform our lives through Jesus. When Jesus enters into the narrative, Luke emphasises that He is at prayer, and it is then that this powerful experience of God occurs. A nice meditation for today is to repeat the last sentence of today's Gospel, imagining God speaking these words to you: 'You are my Daughter/Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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Retrouvaille – a Lifeline for Married Couples: Do you want to improve the communication with your spouse? Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next programme: 8–10 February 2019. For details contact Tony & Anne 4953536, Mike & Anne 4500922, text or call 086 4135440, or email info@retrouvaille.ie or visit www.retrouvaille.ie

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READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

7pm: Kevin Cullen
9am: Tony Devlin
10.30: Sheila Gouldson
12 noon: Saritha Moras
7pm: Carla Salvaleon

**Seachtain na hAontachta Críostaí 2019
Christian Unity Week**

Seirbhís Urnaí agus Ceoil ag Ardteampall Chríost
A service of Payer and Music in Irish—
Christchurch Cathedral

Téama: Bíodh an choir go beacht mar sprioc agat
Theme: Justice, and only justice you shall pursue
Aoine/Friday 25 **Eanáir**/January 8 p.m.

Porterstown Panto Players

Present

Aladdin

At St Mochta's Parish Centre on

24th, 25th 26th 27th

January 2019

3 Evening Shows 7.30pm
& 2 Matinee 2.30pm



**Tickets from
Porterstown Parish
Church/Office**

Tickets: Adult €10 Child €5 - Family Special on Thursdays



**Please Welcome our
recently baptised
Gerard & James**

Intentions	13th January	20th January
Sat. 7pm	Kathleen Mooney	Gary Martin
Sun 9am	John & Ellen Hyland	Margie Sheridan MM
10.30am	Kitty & Liam McCarthy	John Duffy
12 noon	Sheila & Patrick Fitzpatrick Sheila Kavanagh	Rita Dunne, Vincent Patterson Bernie & Jimmy Fleming Frank Power & Jeremiah O'Brien
7pm	Frank Powell MM, Jim Powell Breda Roche & Alan Muldowney	Barry Finnerty

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