



# GLANMIRE PARISH

11<sup>th</sup> January, 2015

The Baptism of the Lord



St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church
Monday - Friday 10.00 am	Thurs & Fri 9.20 am
Saturday (Vigil) 6pm	
Sunday 9.00; 10.30, 12.00	Sunday 10.00 am

St Joseph's Church Adoration Monday night 8.30 pm – 9.30 pm. Fri 10am – 10pm.  
 St Michael's Church Thursday 10 am – Noon

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## Pope Francis and the Faith of Ordinary Catholics

Recently, Pope Francis appointed 20 new cardinals. Popes do not pick their successors but they do pick a lot of those who will. If a conclave were held tomorrow, Pope Francis would have been responsible for about a quarter of the electors. He has gone a long way to ensure a continuity of approach.

But what exactly is the Holy Father's approach? It is increasingly evident from all he has said and done that he has a strong belief in the power of the Holy Spirit, and his main task is to set the Spirit free.

This reverses the usual process by which the Church discerns the will of God. Instead of the Holy Spirit being seen as active above all in the papacy, it seeks the Spirit at the periphery. It privileges the witness of the marginalised, such as the poor and oppressed, over the wisdom of academic specialists and career churchmen.

What characterises the new crop of cardinals is that they are close to their people and hence close to where the Holy Spirit is most active. This illuminates Francis' method for tackling some of the thorny problems in the area of sexuality, marriage and family life. Instead of pouring over papal tomes in the Vatican library, Francis asks what ordinary people, their faith animated by the Spirit, believe is the best Christian response to these modern challenges.

Some of the answers may be liberal, but not necessarily. Francis is rebalancing the internal dynamics of the Catholic Church, restoring a balance that has been missing for some time. But Francis does not have a markedly progressive agenda – some of his appointments have been quite conservative. What is new is his way of “doing Catholicism” – harnessing the faith of ordinary Catholics, animated by the Holy Spirit, to guide the Church into all truth.

**Deaths:** Sincere sympathy to the families, relatives and friends of Seán Carroll, Banduff and Michael O'Leary, Sallybrook who died this week.

Altar Society A.G.M. 20<sup>th</sup> January in the Pastoral Room at 8 pm. All welcome. Glanmire

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection next weekend, 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> January for Diocesan Needs

### Diocesan Certificates in Biblical Studies

Are you interested in learning more about the Bible?

Why not join us for a four module programme over two years in Bible Study? It will include an Introduction to the Bible, the Old Testament, the Gospels and the Early Church and Paul's Letters.

Module 1 will consist of 5 nights and one Saturday workshop and begins on Monday Feb 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. in Scala, Blackrock. The presenters will be Fr Seán O'Sullivan, Diane Corkery, Mons Ned Goold and Fr. Kieran O'Mahony OSA. Cost: €50 per module.

For information and booking: contact Cork Scripture Group at [corkscripturegroup@gmail.com](mailto:corkscripturegroup@gmail.com) or 021-4295144 (Marian or Phil).

### **S.G.M.I / New Inn National School**

Enrolment for September 2015 will be held on the evening of Thursday 22nd January @7.30pm in the school. We look forward to seeing you on the night and for you to avail of the opportunity to visit classrooms, meet and chat with teachers and children about the range of different activities and opportunities in our school.

For application forms or further information please contact the office between 9-1pm Monday to Friday 021-4866293 or email [sgmi@eircom.net](mailto:sgmi@eircom.net)

Medjugorje Pilgrimage ex Cork May 27th to June 4th 2015. €679.00 per person sharing. €200 deposit secures place. Still a few places left on this pilgrimage.  
Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380