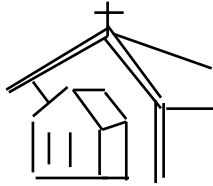


GLANMIRE PARISH

24th June 2018



The Nativity of St John the Baptist

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

St Joseph's Church Adoration Mon night 8.30 pm – 9.30 pm. Fri 10am – 10 pm

St Michael's Church Thursday 10 am – Noon

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Feast of the Birth of St John the Baptist

This is one of the oldest feasts on the Church calendar. In the early Church, as in medieval times, this was one of the biggest feasts of the year. As was done on Christmas, three masses were offered, one at midnight, and two in the morning. All over Europe, fires were lit on mountains and hilltops on the eve of this feast. The people had parties and lit bonfires in honour of John because our Lord called him a “*burning and shining lamp*” (John 5:35). These fires, sometimes called St John's fires, were lit on St John's Eve and burned until at least midnight. These fires were also a sign of *Christ the*

Light, and a reminder that we, too, are called to be a light for the world. In Catholic sections of Europe, people prayed together to Saint John for his intercession that the summer might be blessed in homes, fields, and country. Finally, they performed some of the traditional folk dances, usually accompanied by singing and music. In addition to celebrating around outdoor fires, other customs included decorating one's home with flowers, making floral wreaths (which were sometimes sent down a river as a symbol of Jesus' baptism), placing sprigs of St Johns wort around the house much as we do Palm Sunday palms, and eating strawberries. This feast placed three months after the feast of the Annunciation, and six months before Christmas, also served the useful purpose of supplanting the pagan feasts of the Summer solstice. St John the Baptist was highly honored throughout the whole Church from the beginning. Proof of this is, among other things, the fact that fifteen churches were dedicated to him in the ancient imperial city of Constantinople.

Death: Sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Brian Daly, Meadowbrook whose funeral took place on Wednesday last.

10 am Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 28th June for living and deceased members of Adoration Group and there will be a cup of tea in the parish centre after Mass.

Mass for the bereaved will be held in Rathcooney Cemetery on Tuesday 3rd July at 7.30 pm.

Ministers of the Word Rota available from the Sacristy.

2nd Collection today is for Peter's Pence.

Off. 10th June	St Joseph's	€1,069	St Michael's	€229	Total €1,298
Off. 17 th June	St Joseph's	€1,144	St Michael's	€193	Total €1,337

Buses will be arranged from Glanmire Parish to Dublin for Pope Francis Mass, Sunday 26th August. Cost €50 including meal. Name and deposit of €20 can be handed in to the office.

There's a St. Vincent de Paul collection next weekend 30th June/1st July.

Dementia Friendly Coffee Morning: Every Thursday in the Church Centre Glounthaune 11am to 1pm. Carers also welcome. Contact 087 9902260 or 085 7203050.