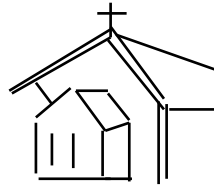


GLANMIRE PARISH



12th January 2020

The Baptism of the Lord

St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church
Monday - Friday 10 am	Thursday & Friday 9.20 am
Vigil 6 pm Sunday 10.30 & 12.00	Sunday 9.30 am

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

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Final Feast of Christmas

Today marks the end of the great feasts that make up the Christmas season. Following the feast of the Nativity itself we celebrated the feast of the Holy Family, the feast of Mary, Mother of God (last Sunday) and now we have the Baptism of Our Lord. A feast of feasts!

Today's feast commemorates the baptism of Jesus by John in the river Jordan. Now John's baptism was not like ours; it was a cleansing of sin which was symbolized by going down into the waters of the river. Jesus was without sin, so we rightly ask: why did he ask to be baptized by John? The answer lies in the event of the first Christmas night: in total humility, Jesus entered into the human condition by becoming a little helpless baby in the stable. His baptism was a symbol of that: he took on the lot of humanity, especially its sin. Though he was without sin himself, he took our place in the waters of the Jordan as a sign that he would free us from our sins. Of course, the baptism in the Jordan did not bring this about; it was just a sign. But when he willingly accepted his passion and death he opened the way for all people to be liberated from the greatest enslavement, viz., sin. Sin is a form of

slavery because it destroys our humanity; it turns us in on ourselves, away from God and away from other people. St Augustine described sin as 'the absence of love', understandably so. The opposite to sin is appropriately called 'Reconciliation', reconciliation with God and with people.

May our celebration of the Christmas feasts this year awaken in us the great potential we have as human beings: of loving as Jesus did; of being united to God and to one another.

HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS: will be hosted by the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph at the convent on Blackrock Road (opposite the SMA Church) on Saturday 18th January from 2:30pm to 3:30pm. All are welcome to join in prayer followed by refreshments.

Offertory Collections

22nd Dec	St Joseph's	€1,301	St Michael's	€279	Total €1,580
29th Dec	St Joseph's	€1,248	St Michael's	€180	Total €1,428
5th Jan	St Joseph's	€1,505	St Michael's	€389	Total €1,894

Second collection next weekend is the first quarterly for Diocesan Needs. This collection assists the Diocese with the cost of Diocesan Office personnel, Parish Pastoral Development expenses, professional fees, Diocesan Education Office expenses, levies through the Irish Bishops' Conference as well as repairs and maintenance.

Death: Sincere sympathy to the family relatives and friends of Denis Dennehy, Richmond whose funeral took place on Tuesday last.

The Youth Folk Group will next participate at the 12 noon Mass on Sunday, 26th January with rehearsal at 10am in the Parish Centre beforehand.

New members always welcome, including singers (from 1st Year Secondary School upwards). For information, contact Mirinda O'Keefe (087 2262044) or Yvonne Mc Carthy (087 2949884).

Upper Glanmire Active Retirement is reconvening on Monday 13th January at 10 am. New members very welcome

Medjugorje Pilgrimage ex Cork June 30th - July 7th 2020. €725.00 pps (Half board in Hotel Leone, 2 mins from Church). Spiritual Director Fr. Pat O'Donoghue. Group Leader: Sean O'Shaughnessy. €200.00 deposit secures place. Some places still available. Contact 0862959380 or Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800.