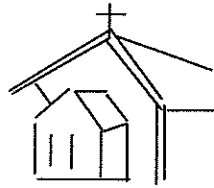


GLANMIRE PARISH
7th January 2024
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



St Joseph's Church	St Michael's Church
Saturday Vigil 6 pm Sunday 10.30am; 12 Noon Mon, Tues, Thurs & Friday 10 am Wednesday Liturgy of the Word 10 am	Sunday 9.30 am

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Reflection – The Baptism of the Lord 06 and 07 Jan 2024.

The Christmas season ends today with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. At Christmas, we celebrate God becoming one of us, taking upon himself a human nature. On the Feast of the Baptism, we celebrate the public proclamation that Jesus is more than just one of us. He has more than a human nature. He has a Divine Nature. He is the Son of God, in whom the father is well pleased.

Today's Gospel, from the Gospel of Mark, paints a dramatic picture of this adult baptism which marks the beginning Jesus Christ's public ministry.

In the weeks before Christmas we heard about John the Baptist, baptising the people who have come to hear him preach on the banks of the River Jordan. He tells them continuously to change their ways and wash themselves clean of sin by undergoing his baptism. He stresses that he is preparing the way for the Messiah.

Imagine John's shock when he sees Jesus coming up from the water and a spectacular event takes place.

Suddenly the Heavens open. John sees the Spirit of God descending like a dove and the dove settles just above Jesus' head. And then, a voice speaks from heaven.

This is my Son the Beloved; my favour rests on him.

Jesus knew this was going to happen and that is why he insisted that John would baptise him in public, so that it would be witnessed by all who were present that day and he knew that news of this spectacular happening would spread throughout the country. Those who had been already been baptised by John would realise that this Man, Jesus, was very different. He was the beloved Son of God who had spoken from Heaven and God's spirit and come down on him. The spectacular baptism showed that John the Baptist was right all the time when he said he was not worthy to tie the sandals of the Messiah but Jesus the Messiah thought so highly of him that he allowed John to baptise him.

Ministers of the Word

Rota has been sent out to all readers via e-mail. A copy of this is available to view in the sacristy. Please collect 2024 Sunday Missal from the sacristy.

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