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### The Baptism of Our Lord

At the end of the Christmas Season, we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord in the River Jordan. Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist with the endorsement of God the Father and the appearance of the Holy Spirit. We are reminded today of our own Baptism and of its special significance in our lives.

### The Pope's Intention for January

*For the Right to an Education:* Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

### Parish Envelopes for 2025

Some Boxes of Envelopes for 2025, for parishioners who contribute to the Weekly Collection in this manner, remain to be collected from the Church. Please find yours on the top seat, where they are arranged by envelope number. If you can bring one to a neighbour, who cannot get out in the current weather conditions, please do.

Parishioners who are not already in the Envelope System, might please consider it as the tax advantage to the Parish is very significant. To join, simply give your name and contact details to Margaret in the Sacristy.

### Offertory Collection

Since we no longer have a second basket collection, please remember to include a contribution for **Diocesan Needs** next weekend 18 / 19 January and for **Social Services** on 25 / 26 Jan. with your normal Offertory Collection.

### Church News & Events

If you have ideas for material we might include in the **Weekly Newsletter** or if you wish to advertise parish events, please leave a note in the Sacristy. Mark it for the News Editors; include your name and contact details. Likewise, if you wish to comment on the **Parish Website** or to have Notices posted thereon, please contact the Web Editors by leaving a note in the Sacristy.

This weekend, we have the **Family Mass** on Sunday at 11:30 am. It is a great opportunity for our younger parishioners to participate in the prayers of the Mass.

The **Parish Pastoral Council** will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday next, 14 Jan., in the Parish Centre.

**Preparation for First Holy Communion**, for JFK Boys and Salesian Girls and their families, will continue on Sunday next, 19 Jan. at the 10:00 am Mass.

We intend to resume **Hospitality** after 10:00 am Mass / Prayer Service from Wed. 22 January. Please come along to the Parish Centre for tea / coffee and chat.

### Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis has declared 2025 to be a Holy Year with the theme of Hope – Hope which does not disappoint - Hope in God. The Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica was opened on Christmas Eve 2024 and it will remain open until 06 January 2026.

In his message for the World Day of Peace on 01 January 2025, the Pope began: "At the dawn of this New Year given to us by our heavenly Father, a year of Jubilee in the spirit of hope, I offer heartfelt good wishes of peace to every man and woman. I think especially of those who feel downtrodden, burdened by their past mistakes, oppressed by the judgment of others and incapable of perceiving even a glimmer of hope for their own lives. Upon everyone I invoke hope and peace, for this is a Year of Grace born of the Heart of the Redeemer". [*The full text is available on the website of the Irish Catholic Bishops Conference.*]

Normally celebrated every 25 years, the Jubilee Year is a time to rejoice in our Catholic Faith. We are encouraged to show mercy, to forgive others, to reach out to the marginalised and to renew ourselves. Bishop Brendan Leahy has emphasised that going on pilgrimage, as an opportunity for quiet reflection and prayer, is a big part of Jubilee. St. Patrick's Purgatory at Lough Derg, Our Lady's Shrine at Knock and Croagh Patrick have been designated as national sites of pilgrimage. Bishop Brendan has added St. John's Cathedral in Limerick, the Mass Rock at Killeedy and the Church of Saints Peter & Paul in Kilmallock. [*The Bishop's video message is available on the website of the Diocese of Limerick.*]

### Mass Intentions

Sat 11 Jan	18:00	
Sun 12 Jan	10:00	Paddy Quilligan (A)
	11:30	Michael Ryan (A); Anne O'Gorman (A) Brenda Fitzgerald (A); Liam O'Shanahan (A);
Mon 13 Jan	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tue 14 Jan	10:00	
Wed 15 Jan	10:00	
Thur 16 Jan	10:00	
Fri 17 Jan	10:00	Tony Harty (A)
Sat 18 Jan	18:00	John Egan (A); Peter Meehan (A) Karen Rooney (McCaffrey)
Sun 19 Jan	10:00	
	11:30	Kathleen Finucane (A) Tony Harty (A).