

The Baptism of the Lord.

Sunday 12th January 2025.

A copy of this weekend's readings are available in the church. (Beside Newsletter)

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Weekly Reflection.

'Baptism of the Lord'

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord calls us to reflect on our understanding of the sacrament of baptism. All sorts of deep theological and philosophical teaching endeavours to explain the substance of this special occasion of grace, and that is necessary. However, I believe it can be understood in a much simpler way. It is the moment when the newly baptised is recognised as being 'beloved by God.'

Baptising is one of the most special ministries of the priest. The joy of the parents who have been entrusted with a beautiful gift from God in their son or daughter, come to the Church with pride in their hearts and love in their eyes and it is such a privilege to be the one who welcomes the newborn in the name of Jesus Christ.

In the Gospel today when Jesus has been baptised by John, a voice came from Heaven to say, 'this is my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on Him.' We believe that in our celebration of baptism the voice of God announces each child as His beloved, and that His favour rests with them.

Fr Shane.

Saturday	11.00am.	Morning Mass.
11 th January. Saturday	6.00pm.	AM. P.J. Reilly & Deceased Members of the Reilly Family,
11 th January	6.00piii.	Cloughvalley.
Sunday	9.30am.	Mass for the People of the Parish.
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Sunday	12Noon.	Sunday Mass.
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Monday	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
13 th January.		
Tuesday	10.00am	Morning Mass.
14 th January.		
Wednesday	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
15 th January.		
Thursday	10.00am.	Morning Mass.
16 th January.	10.00	
Friday	10.00am.	AM. James & Katie Kerley, Leggimore, & deceased members of the
17 th January	11.00	McKevitt & McKitterick Families, Creevy.
Saturday 18 th January.	11.00am.	AM. Patsy Ward his parents Patrick & Annie Ward, Lisnaguivera, his brother Mickey & his sister-in -law Bridie, Coolfore.
18" January.		AM. Andrew Campbell, Drummond Radhairc.
		AM. Seamus Hamilton, Ballybay Road, & deceased members of the
		Hamilton & Connolly Families.
		AM. Jim Dolan, 3 Pearse Avenue.
		Remembrance Mass: Patrick McKenna & all the deceased
		members of the Carrickmacross Bridge Club.
Saturday	6.00pm.	AM. Gerry McGee, his parents John & Josephine & sister
18 th January		Teresa McGee.
		AM. Michael Kelly, Clonseady, Magheracloone.
		AM. Matthew & Mary Tully, Drummond Otra.
		AM. Terry & Brian McMahon, Corduffkelly.
Sunday	9.30am.	Remembrance Mass: Louisa, Kieran & Martha McEntee, Margaret
19 th January.	120	O'Reilly & Kate Doherty.
Sunday	12Noon.	AM. Felix O'Donoghue, Dundalk Road.
19 th January.		AM. Mary & Tom O'Brien, 9 Rockdaniel Road. AM. Tom & Nan Kelly, Bridget, Joe & Joseph Hornyak, John & Mark
		Bonner, & deceased members of the Kelly Family, Lisanisk.
		AM. Rosaleen & Peter O'Hanlon & deceased members of the
		O'Hanlon Family, Creevy, & Vincent Shields, Athenry,
		Co. Galway.
		AM. Mick Gormley, Cloughvalley & Anne Loy.
		AM. Kevin & Kitty O'Rourke, Ballybay Road.
		AM. Remigijus Bunys.
		AM. Peter Crosby, St Macartan's Villas.

Recently Deceased : Fr Patrick Brewster SMA, a native of Garrison, Co Fermanagh.
Gabrielle Linnane, Lucan, Co Dublin – sister of Fr Tiernach Beggan PP
Belleek-Garrison, Co Fermanagh.
Jim Keenan, Essex, England, & Lisdrumclave, Latton.
Karen Kelly, Glasgow / Lisanisk.
Thomas (Tommy) Grimes, Laurel Hill Place, Castleblayney.
Elizabeth (Bella) Jones, Drumboat, Inniskeen.
Dympna Boylan, Dunard, Inniskeen.

Mass Time Corduff / Raferagh. Sunday at 11am (alternating)

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Sunday	Raferagh	AM. Michael Slattery, Dublin & New York.
12 th January.	11.00am.	AM. Kathleen Connolly, Cornalaragh.
		AM. Kathleen Conlon & remembering her husband Patsy, Raferagh.
		AM. James Thomas McCaul, his Parents Tim & Ellen McCaul,
		Owery.
Sunday	Corduff	Months Memory Ann Finnegan, Cornalaragh.
19 th January.	11.00am.	1 st AM. Katie Cooney, Carrickartagh, Corduff.
		AM. Benny & Nancy Ann Gartlan & deceased members of the
		Gartlan Family.
		AM. Larry & Maggie Callan, their son Lorcan, daughter Rosemary
		Rafferty & deceased members of the Callan Family, Corbane.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Corduff/ Raferagh.

Will take place *each Wednesday evening* in Corduff/Raferagh 5pm - 7:30pm.

Rosary In St Joseph's Church: Monday – Friday at 6.30pm.



Adoration in Blessed Sacrament Chapel. (St Josephs.)

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel opening hours are as follows.

Monday: 9am. - 10am. <u>Tuesday</u>: 9am. - 7pm. <u>Wednesday</u>: 9am.10am. <u>Thursday</u>: 8am. - 10am. <u>Friday</u>: 8am. - 10am. <u>Saturday</u> 10am. - 11am. and 5pm. - 6pm. <u>Sunday</u> 1pm. - 6pm.

The Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: takes place from **Saturday 18 January until Saturday 25 January 2025**. This year of 2025, in addition to being a Jubilee Year based on the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope', is also the 1700th anniversary of the first Ecumenical Council of the Church, the Council of Nicaea, held in 325. That Council gave us the Nicene Creed which we profess on most Sundays and other Solemnities. Fittingly, the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this year is **"Do you believe this?"**, based on the Gospel of John 11:17-27 and Martha's confession of faith to Jesus. Within the Diocese of Clogher, St. Michaels Parish and Mgr Peter O'Reilly will host an event for Christian Unity week. It will be held on **Thursday 23rd January at 7.30pm in St. Michaels Church, Enniskillen**.

South Monaghan Pioneer Council: meeting on January 20th at 8.00pm in Teach Uí Bhrian. All are welcome. Presentation of Pioneer Pins 10 to 60 years in St Joseph's church after 6.00pm Mass on Saturday February 8th. Apply by January 27th. Contact Jim Halligan 0876734553 for Pins or any other information.

Aclint Drama Group: is bringing this year's play "**I'm The One For You"** (a three-act comedy by Jimmy Keary) in The Bohemian Centre, Ardee, Co. Louth A92 F668, on Thursday January 16th. Tickets €15 (cash only) on the door. Door opens at 7.30pm; Curtain-up 8pm (sharp) Proceeds to Ardee Cancer Support Group.

The North East Musical and Dramatic Society NEMS are holding their AGM next Wednesday, 15th January at 8pm in the Valley Lodge, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan A81 XK24. The society is looking for enthusiastic people to get involved on the committee for the upcoming shows in April and November this year. The show announcement will also be made on the night. Hope to see you there.



Jubilee Year of Hope 2025.

Pope Francis has declared 2025 to be a Holy or Jubilee Year. A Jubilee Year is one set aside by the Church as a time of special grace, to encourage us all to embark on pilgrimages, to repent for our sins, to forgive and be reconciled with one another and to renew the spiritual life. The theme for the Holy Year is "**Pilgrims of Hope,"** thus bringing to the fore the journey of life that we are all on and our need

to be people of hope, a hope rooted in the person of Jesus Christ. Pope Francis opened the Holy Door at St Peter's in Rome on Christmas Eve, marking the opening of the Jubilee Year. Some online resources for the Jubilee Year are now available on www.clogherdiocese.ie/jubilee2025.

Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi - QUB Alumni and Friends: The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University Belfast will lead a Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi for alumni and friends. * Departing 25 August 2025 for 7 nights, staying in excellent hotels in Rome and Assisi, this promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime trip. Every quarter century, the Holy Father invites the faithful from across the world to make pilgrimage to the Eternal City and to avail of the special graces associated with the ancient custom. The Pilgrimage's Spiritual Director will be Queen's Chaplain, Fr Dominic McGrattan, with dedicated tour guide, private coach travel and group meals included. In addition to a rich itinerary which takes in visits to the principal sacred and cultural sites, we will also observe the customs associated with this Year of Jubilee declared by Pope Francis. If you would like to know more information including price, itinerary and how to book, please email Chaplaincy Director, Shannon Campbell, at catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk * We expect most families have an association with Queen's. Perhaps you or a loved one studied or worked at the University and have benefited from the faith and pastoral supports we provide. Know that we consider you friends.

<u>Clogher don Óige</u> Young Adult Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome 26 July - 5 August 2025: A limited number of places available for a 10-day pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year, open to young adults (18-30) a full pilgrimage programme including events with Pope Francis. Join over 1.5 million young people from across the world who are expected during these days to come together to celebrate their faith. More details at www.clogherdonoige.org/rome2025 or email james@cdo.email

<u>Pilgrimage to Medjugorje</u>: direct from Dublin to Mostar, 30 minutes from Medjugorje 11th-18th of June 2025. Cost €805 if deposit of €200 is paid before January 31st, 2025, otherwise €855 applies. Spiritual leader Rev John Chester. Group leader Marian Kane 0872713260 for more information.

<u>Carrickmacross Emmet's</u>: Any remaining sponsor cards can be lodged into the Credit Union under the Carrickmacross Emmet's Christmas Day Swim account, or returned to Birdy's, David O'Rourke's, or any member of the committee before the end of January.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Traveling with the Marian Pilgrimage Join us for a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, with direct flights from Dublin to Dubrovnik (returning via Split). Departure From Dundalk on Wednesday, September 17th, 2025. Duration 7 nights, half board. Cost €815 per person. Early Booking Discount €50 per person for all deposits of €200 received before January 31st, 2025. Our spiritual director for the journey will be Fr. Paul Montague, Reaghstown Parish. For more information and to join the group, please contact Tommy Kerley at 0863597737.

<u>Mass Cards, Mass Bouquets and Get-Well Mass Bouquets:</u> signed by the Priests of the Parish are available in the Parish Office with suggested offering €15.00 (this includes price of card). All Mass Intentions are celebrated individually.

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