

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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January 10/11th 2015 – The Baptism of the Lord

❖ **Mass for the coming week:**

Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.

Confession (Rite I): Before Saturday evening Mass from 5.45p.m.

Rite II: First Saturday of the month after evening Mass.

❖ **The Sacrament of Baptism**

Today’s gospel invites us to focus our attention on the Baptism of Jesus. This important event in the life of Jesus marked the beginning of his public ministry, which was to bring true justice to the nations.

(Isaiah 42).

We are reminded of the significance of our own Baptism and its implications in our daily life. There are two important moments in our lives as Christians: (1) The day we were baptised; (2) The day we discover why we were baptised.

The reason we were baptised as infants lies in the fact that the newly baptised infant receives the sign of conversion and faith in the way he/she lives – in total dependence on the parents. If the grace of Baptism is to grow, it must be greatly encouraged by the example of the parents; faith is caught, not taught. They bring their child into the family of faith by their own commitment and interest. To be baptised means to be christened – to be formed like Christ. One has to learn what this means and to grow into it. It is a lifetime’s task.

Baptismal Symbols:

- ❖ **Water:** Points to our rebirth in Christ, our death to sin; our purification as we enter the Christian community.
- ❖ **Light:** Symbolises the all consuming love of Christ.
- ❖ **Oil:** The oil of Chrism reminds us that we have been sealed in the name of Christ and are followers of the Anointed One.
- ❖ **White Robe:** Sign of our new dignity and way of life.

- **Annual Clothing Appeal:** Plastic bags will be available next weekend and will be collected the following weekend after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses only. Thank you for your support.

Enrolment for Junior Infants in Scoil Thomas for September 2015 will take place in the school on Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st January from 9.15a.m. to 10.30a.m.

Please bring originals:-

- Birth Certificate.
- Child’s P.P.S. No.
- Two recent utility bills showing current address.
- Baptismal Certificate (if Catholic).

Parent must come in person.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY:	6.30p.m.	Bernard Farrell 24th Anniversary
SUNDAY:	10.00a.m.	Edward and Sarah O’Brien Anniversaries
	11.00a.m.	Peadar and Rita Tarleton Anniversaries
	12.15pm.	Mary Kavanagh Month’s Mind
	5.30pm	Dolores Whelan Month’s Mind

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Helen Fox (mother of Veronica Duffy, Oaktree Green), **Evan Rouse**, **John Kerins** and **Patrick Cotter**, all recently deceased. Also, **William Conlon** and **Tommy and Katie Brennan** whose anniversaries occur at this time and those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.