

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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January 12th/13th 2019 – The Baptism of the Lord

❖ **Mass for the coming week:**
Monday to Friday at 10.00a.m.

❖ **Baptism of the Lord**

Baptism was a defining moment in the life of Jesus – it marked the beginning of his public mission. Luke always presents Jesus praying before an important event. It is no surprise that we find him praying during his baptism.

First Reading: (Isaiah 40: 1-5; 9-11)

The people are encouraged to prepare a way for the Lord who is coming to save them.

Second Reading: (Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7)

God's grace and love are manifested in Jesus Christ.

Gospel: (Luke: 3:15-16; 21-22)

We have a small example of the preaching of John the Baptism and a brief account of the baptism of Jesus.

❖ **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Confessions are available in the Confessional Room every Friday from 9.15a.m. to 9.45a.m. and Saturday from 5.15p.m. to 6.15p.m.
Rite Two is celebrated after the 6.30p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of the month.

The Church will always exist as long as there is someone who has been baptised. Where is your Baptism? Let us not hide the talent that God gave us on the day of our Baptism. *Saint Oscar Romero*

Knowing in my heart that I am God's beloved I pray, Spirit of God, inspire me to gracious living today.

The inaugural Service for the *Week of Christian Unity*, organised by Dublin Council of Churches, takes place on Friday, 18th January at 8pm in the Church of John the Baptist, Clontarf, Dublin 3. This year's theme is *"Justice and only Justice you shall pursue."* All welcome.

Outdoor Collections for 2019

Charitable groups with a connection to the parish are invited to apply by **15th February 2019** to the Parish Finance Committee c/o Parish Office for approval to hold outdoor collections during 2019. Please note that approval will be based on strict criteria and that there are only a limited number of available slots. Only approved collections are permitted on church grounds.

Volunteers required in the Community Centre.
See poster in Church courtyard for full details.

❖ **MASS INTENTIONS:**

SATURDAY	6.30pm	Tom and Agnes Dawdry Anniversaries
SUNDAY	10.00am	Arthur and Sheila McRory Anniversaries
	11.00am	Kieran Friel Anniversary
	12.15pm	May and Frank Boyle Anniversaries

❖ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Pray for the souls of Bartley O'Flaherty and Tony Leahy, both recently deceased.

Also, Catriona Dowling (remembrance), Geraldine Garland, Mary Whyte, Mate Pavkovic, Andrew Moran and Peadar and Rita Tarleton whose anniversaries occur at this time and all those whose names are on the Altar List of the Dead.