

**NEXT BAPTISM  
PREPARATION MEETING**

- will be at 8pm, on Tuesday,  
10th Jan 2017, for the celebration of  
Baptism on Sunday, 15th Jan 2017.



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**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Vigil</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Robert Coyle, M.M. Maureen Walsh, Anniv. Ann Whelan, Anniv.
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>	Tommy Ayton, Rec. Dec.
	<b>10.00 am</b>	John & Rita Gallagher, Anniv.
	<b>11.30 am</b>	World Day of Peace Marian Fenton, Anniv.
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Maureen Murphy, Rec. Dec. (please note time of Mass)
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Tommy Ayton, Rec. Dec. Eileen & Frank Delaney, R.I.P.
<b>Weds.</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Maeve O'Connor, Rec. Dec. James Quinn, Rec. Dec.
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Robert Russell, Rec. Dec. Special Intention
		<b>FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY</b>
<b>Vigil</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Robert Russell, Rec. Dec.
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Altar List of the Dead

**THE DEEP END**

**Treasure and Ponder**

If you're anything like me, you sometimes have to make a deliberate effort to slow down. Life can be so busy that sometimes there is little time left to think. Even our downtime can be full of activities and noise, whether we're into sports; video games; sitting down with a good book, movie or box set; or networking on social media. It can sometimes be difficult to remember the last time we sat down by ourselves in a quiet room.

In today's Gospel, Mary stands in contrast to the shepherds who hurried and talked and spread the word and praised God. Of course, there is a time for these things, and the excitement of the shepherds is palpable - they had found their Saviour. No doubt, Mary and Joseph shared in their joyful enthusiasm. But, when things quietened down again, we are told that Mary 'treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart'.

Mary sets a good example for us, taking time to meditate on all that is happening. As we start a new year afresh, we could do a lot worse than take Mary as our model. In our hectic world, we need to take time to sit quietly, to treasure and ponder, and to allow ourselves to delve deep into the mysteries of life.

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**READINGS Next Sunday  
The Baptism of the Lord**

Is 42:1-4, 6-7  
Ps. 28  
Acts 10:34-38  
Mt. 3:13-17



**Rest of the week in Church calendar:**

Mon. 2nd: St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen,  
bishops & doctors of the church  
Tues. 3rd: St. Munchin, bishop  
Thurs. 5th: St. Charles of St. Andrew, priest  
Fri. 6th: FEAST of the EPIPHANY  
Sat. 7th: St. Raymond of Penyafort, priest

Best Wishes to all the readers of our Parish Bulletin - both paper and on-line versions - for the new calendar year: 2017