



**CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny**  
 Sunday 12th January 2020 The Baptism of The Lord Cycle A Week 3

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The closing date for enrolment for Junior Infants for September 2020 in our parish primary school, **Naíscoil Íde**, is Wednesday 15th January 2020

**Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration continue in the Church each Thursday after 10a.m. Mass for one hour. Free car parking. All are welcome.**

**The Sacrament of Confession is available in our Church after 10a.m. Mass on Fridays (except if a funeral is taking place) and also on request.**

**Mass Cards for all occasions are available in the Parish Office each weekday morning from 10:30a.m. to 12p.m.**

Please pray for the happy repose of **Dolores O’Keeffe** and **Ella Sheridan** whose funerals took place week. Please also remember in your prayers this week those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Next Sunday’s readings** Is 49:3, 5-6. Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10, R/ vv 8, 9. 1 Cor 1:1-3. Jn 1:29-34

**Holy Days this week**  
 Wednesday 15th, St. Ita  
 Friday 17th, St. Anthony

**THE DEEP END: Baptism of Jesus**

John the Baptist was driven by one mission: to point people to Jesus, to prepare the way for Jesus. Yet John is uneasy in this account of Jesus’ baptism. The moment has arrived but he is standing before someone much greater than himself and is being asked to minister. John feels unqualified, unworthy of such a task. After some persuasion ‘*John gave into him*’ and accepted his responsibility. This is a lesson to all of us, not to let feelings of inadequacy stop us from carrying out our various missions and vocations in our lives. Jesus explains to John that this is necessary as a sign for the beginning of his ministry, a public statement of identity.

Today we might consider our own baptism and what it means to us. At that moment we were anointed as priests, prophets and Kings. To what extent do we live this out in our Christian lives? John points us towards Jesus and we can ask, do we also point the way to Jesus for others? How can we be a signpost for others?

Remember today those who pointed the way for you at various times in your life. Maybe a chaplain in school or college, a teacher, grandparent, a friend, a retreat you participated in. At various times in our lives we meet these ‘signposts’ which help us to grow in our faith and deepen our awareness of Christ’s love. Let us celebrate all of these ‘baptismal’ moments today.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Vigil</b>	6.00pm	Mary Colbert (R.D.) Michael Walsh (Anniv.) Pat Meade (Anniv.) Frank Quinn (Anniv.)
<b>Sun</b>	8.30am	Michael McDonnell (Anniv.) Kathleen Finnegan, her husband Peter and son Brian (Anniv.)
	10.00am	Health Intentions Special Intentions
	11.30am	Bridie Weston (Month’s Mind) Vincent Duffy (Anniv.) Eddie Leahy and his brother Sean Leahy (Anniv.)
<b>Mon.</b>	10.00am	Parishioners Intentions
<b>Tues.</b>	10.00am	Special Intentions
<b>Wed.</b>	10.00am	Special Intentions
<b>Thurs.</b>	10.00am	Tony Byrne (R.D.)
<b>Fri.</b>	10.00am	Noel Gibney (1st Anniv.)

**Church Gate Collection this weekend :  
 St. Vincent de Paul Society**

*“If we have no peace in our hearts, how can we think there will be peace in the world? Let’s try to remain in the Lord, and the way to do so is to love, and to love in little things”. Pope Francis on Twitter 9th January 2020.*