

In the liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord signifies the end of the Christmas season. The Baptism of the Lord is notable because:

a) It marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry and

confirms his identity as the Son of God. b) The Trinity Displayed in the Baptism of the **Lord.** *"On coming up out of the water he saw* the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Mark 1:9ff). Christ's baptism remarkably shows all three Persons of the Trinity at the same time: the

Son being baptized, the Holy Spirit descending, and the Father speaking from the heavens.

In this event, the Father and the Holy Spirit confirm the deity of Christ, and Jesus submits to his Father's will.

c) By choosing to be baptized, Jesus fulfills all righteousness – preparing himself to be a perfect sacrifice for us. Then Jesus came from

Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. (Matthew 3:13-15)

d) We are reminded of our own baptism. Pope Benedict XVI said on the Feast of the

Baptism of Our Lord: [Baptism] is communion with the One who conquered death and holds in his hand the keys of life. Belonging to this circle, to God's family, means being in communion with Christ, who is life and gives eternal love beyond death.

Thanks be to God, who has redeemed us from our sins and given us eternal life through Jesus Christ.





Congratulations Sr. Susan Evangelist, RSM, on this auspicious occasion of your Diamond Jubilee (60 years). It is a journey which took you on the path of different ministries within a tradition handed down to the Sisters of Mercy by Venerable Catherine McCauley! Challenging, yet fulfilling in the effort to bring about the kingdom of God. Come one, come all! Let

us celebrate Sr. Susan in the Parish Centre. Bundoran this Monday January 13, 2024 at 10:30 after the morning Mass.

Volunteers Needed: Sacristans, Cleaners, Collectors, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Counters, Altar Servers, Choir Members, etc



Meeting January 28, 2025 at 7 PM in the Pastoral Centre. Come along and enjoy a Cuppa!

of Ozanam House a most sincere thank you to all in the community for their visits (including music and singing) and the donations received over Christmas. You truly make a difference!

Help Needed: Meals on Wheels

Thank you from Ozanam House:

On behalf of the residents and staff



Ozanam House are looking for volunteers to help deliver meals to local residents in their homes. The driver will collect the hot

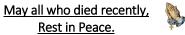
meals from the kitchen and deliver to local homes in the area. If you can spare 1hour a week, between 12 and 1pm, we would love to hear from you. Contact 086-1530338 or visit Ozanam House.

> St. Joseph's Church, The Rock: Sunday—January 12th at 10am: Carmel Revello (née Stewart) (West Port, Ballyshannon) M.M. Sheila Coll (Saimer Drive). Sunday—January 19th at 10am: Mary Maguire (Manchester). Michael Lawless (Dunmuckrim).

Confessions in Bundoran Church: Every Saturday 5-6pm. Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Bundoran. Saturday - January 11th Mass at 7pm Thomas, Rose & Dec Mbs Rooney and Malaniff Families (Bay View Avenue). Sunday– January 12th Mass at 8.30am: Private Intentions. Sunday– January 12th Mass at 11am: The Baptism of the Lord. Monday – January 13th Mass at 10am. Sr Susan 60th Diamond Anniversary Tuesdav–January 14th Mass at 10am. Peg & John Loughlin & Dec Mbs Loughlin Family (East End). Wednesday-January 15th Mass at 10am. PRAYER SERVICE. Thursday January 16th Mass at 10am. James & Mary Ann Murray (East End). Friday January 17th Mass at 10am. Dec Mbs Duffy & McKenna Families & Collette Carney. Saturday - January 18th NO MORNING MASS OR PRAYER SERVICE Saturday - January 18th Mass at 7pm Mary Fitzgerald (St Colm's Tce) and Father Joe McKenna. Sunday– January 19th Mass at 8.30am: Thomas, Kathleen, Hugh & Anna Quinn (Castlegal).

Sunday– January 19th Mass at 11am: Thomas Cassidy (Gaelic Park Drive) M.M.





Carmel-Ann Doocey (Teách Sona, Drumacrin Road). Daria Dolan (Tullan Strand Road). Fr. Patrick Brewster S.D.B. (Dublin and formerly of Garrison, Co. Fermanagh). Gabrielle Linnane (née Beggan), (Dublin), sister of Fr. Tiernach Beggan P.P. (Belleek).