



The Baptism of the Lord

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COVID UPDATE

Due to new Covid-19 Restrictions and the Bishops' Statement

Effective from midnight on Thursday 7th January the public celebration of Mass will be suspended.

Mass will to be celebrated behind closed doors and will be available online.

“... for a limited period (from midnight on Thursday 7 January until Saturday 6 February 2021, subject to review in late January), the celebration of the Eucharist and other liturgies should take place without the physical presence of the faithful - with the exception of marriage, funeral, baptismal liturgies and drive-in services (subject regulations). Arrangements for recording and/or livestreaming, and making individual visits for private prayer are also permissible in accordance with regulations.”

+ Noel Treanor Bishop of Down and Connor

The Church will be open for individual visits:

Monday to Saturday from 11:00am until 5:00pm

Sunday from 1:00pm until 5:00pm

MONASTRY RECEPTION

The Monastery Reception will be closed until further notice.

We **thank you** for last week's Collection which came to £983.00 for Clonard and £421.00 for the Bishop.



We are also grateful for donations received online and by post.

GOD'S WORD IN JANUARY 2021

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Feast

The heavens were opened

Today's Readings: **Is 42: 1-4. 6-7 or Acts 10: 34-38/ Ps 29: 1-2. 3-4. 3. 9-10: Mark 1:7-11**

Mark's account of the Baptism of Jesus is probably the oldest. Although it is only a few verses long, the account of the Lord's baptism probably manifests the greatest amount of diversity of detail. In the growing sophistication of early Christian theology, the baptism posed some problems for attentive readers. If Jesus were sinless, why did he submit to 'the baptism of John for the forgiveness of sins'? After Mark, they deal with it in various ways: Matthew inserts a short dialogue in which the Baptist poses precisely that question; Luke plays down the baptism – the moment of revelation by the Spirit 'in bodily form' comes apart from the Baptism itself, while Jesus was at prayer (Luke 3:21-22); John preserves the tradition about the Spirit resting on Jesus, but says nothing about the Baptism itself.

Mark deals with the Baptism almost matter-of-factly: it is not overly dramatized, but it is described as an event in which Jesus alone recognises his call through the Spirit as Beloved Son. There is a tissue of Old Testament allusions in this simple statement. It recalls the instructions to Abraham to sacrifice his only Son Isaac whom he loves: Jesus, the Father's only Son will also be offered in obedience. There may also be an allusion to the Servant of the Lord in the First Servant Song as the first reading – "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations" (42:1).

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Webcam and Public Masses in Clonard

MASSES via the WEBCAM

PUBLIC MASSES in CLONARD

7.00am	9.30am	11.00am		Sunday January 10 th	No Public Masses
7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm		Monday January 11 th	
7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm		Tuesday January 12 th	
7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm		Wednesday January 13 th	
7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm	9.00pm	Thursday January 14 th [Novena Masses]	
7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm		Friday January 15 th	
7.00am	9.30am	7.30pm [Vigil Mass]		Saturday January 16 th	