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7 Jan 2018 - The Baptism of The Lord

THE BABY AND THE BATH WATER

It might sound a strange thing to say, but baptism isn't really for babies. We baptise them to include them in the household or family of faith. We initiate them into the community of believers where they will have a chance to hear what God asks of them and offers them in return. Our prayer is that gradually they will come to make their commitment to Jesus as we ourselves have done. Although we acknowledge that the faith of a child is a precious thing, we do not equate this with the adult tussle that is required for a Christian to profess belief in Jesus and agree to a radical and alternative lifestyle from that of secular society. But while we put the baby aside for a moment we must not throw out the bath water.

When Jesus was baptised by his cousin John it was no empty gesture intended to make them both look good. It was at his baptism that Jesus took on the task of revealing the good news that would end in his death. The baptism was Jesus' way of accepting his mission and of being sealed by the Spirit for what lay ahead.

So if we think of our own baptisms as things that happened years ago when we were babies, then we are missing the point. Baptism is not simply an admission ticket; it's the programme notes that help us enjoy the show. We have to renew and live out our baptismal promises in a fresh way each day. Nobody can tell you how this is to be done. That's because when God accepted you at baptism he gifted you with a mission that is unique to you. No one else has ever been made in the same mould as you, and God will not ordain it that anyone else will ever encounter the same people and circumstances that you do in your life.

Celebrating the baptism of Christ means renewing our commitment to Jesus so that by our lives we bear unceasing witness to the gospel, no matter how demanding this may be. As we pray for guidance on how God is seeking to use us in his mission on earth, we draw strength from the gifts and promises of our baptism. And this is something that only an adult can do.

Welcome to all families who are here this weekend to celebrate the baptism of a child here in St Brigid's during the past year.

Weekend Intentions

Along with their families and friends the following people are especially remembered this weekend. This time of the year holds a special significance for all those who knew and who loved them.



6.30pm – 1. Paddy O'Donnell – 14th Anniv
2. Jim Gibbons - Anniversary

10.00am – Celebration of all those baptised in St Brigid's Parish during the past year.

12.30pm –

Recently Deceased: Peter Heffernan,
Peter Weldon, Jean O'Connell,

Months Mind:

Anniversaries:

Faith Development Groups

Centering Prayer: Wednesday 7– 8pm

Prayer group: Thursday 10.30am

Gospel Contemplation: Fridays 11am to 12.00 noon. **Please feel free to join any groups.**

St Brigid's Girls' School Mass Centre

There will be no 11.15 am Mass in the Mass Centre on Sunday 31st December or Sunday 7th January 2018.

Mass will resume in the Mass Centre on Sunday, 14th January.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week,

More than 400 years ago St. Ignatius Loyola encouraged prayer-filled




mindfulness by proposing what has been called the Daily Examen. The Examen is a technique of prayerful reflection on the events of the day in order to detect God's presence and to discern his direction for us. For a guided introduction to this valuable spiritual practice, visit www.NewPilgrimPath.ie

There are **Confessions** every Saturday after 6.30pm Mass here in St. Brigid's, Cabinteely.



Parish Noticeboard.

Social Welfare Information



Our Social Welfare Information Service takes place in St Brigid's Parish Centre every Tuesday -10.30 am-12.30 pm.
Just drop in – no appointment needed.

St Brigid's Cross

The next mini cross is being engraved at present and should be in place in the patio outside the Church before the end of the month.

We are taking bookings for the next cross. Four bricks make up a cross – cost €125 per brick.

A great way to remember a special day/date, wedding, birth, baptism, family or a loved one. Contact the parish office for more information.

Parent/Minder and Toddler Group

This group takes place on Tuesday mornings from 10.45-12pm in St Brigid's Parish Centre.
All welcome



Novice Bridge Club

Our **Novice Bridge Club** takes place every Thursday from 7.30 pm - 10.00pm (for those playing bridge up to 5 years - assistance given if required). Partners not required. If you play, come along and join us.

Rainbow Tai Chi Classes

Find back your natural healthy and happy balance with easy-to-learn, low impact exercises suitable for all levels of fitness

€60 for 9 week cycle of classes on Tuesday evenings (beginning Jan 16th) and Thursday evenings (beginning Jan 11th)

To book and for further information contact Aisling at (087) 7998504 or mail aislingtaichi@gmail.com

Free half-hour taster sessions 7pm and 8pm Tuesday 9th Jan, 2018.

MINDFULNESS COURSE

(8 Weeks + 1 Day Retreat)

Starting 29th January – St Brigid's Parish Centre Offering the gift of Wellness for Mind, Body, Heart.

Ph. Pamela-Maria 083 8166800

Email info@mindfulnessatsource.com

Unlocking the Mysteries of The Book of Revelation.

If you would like "a taste" of this important book of Revelation, join us in a friendly group, for an Introduction: over 4 sessions – at St. Brigid's Parish Centre -starting Tuesday January 16th from 10:30am to 12:30pm.

Charlotte & Adam (Uzi) Lotan are Bible Teachers from Gorey who run **Beit Hallel Study Centre – "Tig na Moladh – House of Praise"** and will be facilitating this – for further information please see posters at back of church and in the parish centre.

Limited spaces available so please contact the Sacristy or phone the Parish Office on 285 8835

Anam Cara



Anam Cara, an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on Monday 8th of January from 7.30pm-9:00pm in the Maldron Hotel, Tallaght, Dublin 24. Anam Cara South Dublin offers a safe and comfortable setting where you can 'drop the mask' and be yourself among people who understand. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether this was recent or not.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES 2018:

7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from €279 per person. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com.

Upcoming Saturday Events at Luisne:

January & February:



Saturday 13th Jan: Nature Mysticism with Sr. Evelyn Greene CHF; 10-4pm €40. Please bring lunch; refreshments provided.

Saturday 27th Jan: Starting Anew Retreat with Michaela Avlund & Harry Parkinson; 10-4pm €40 Please bring lunch; refreshments provided.

Saturday 17th Feb: Enlarged Horizons of an Emerging Spirituality with Diarmuid O'Murchu; 2-5pm with optional Eucharist at 5pm; €20. Contact 086-0517575