

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is observed annually. It falls on the Sunday after January 6, so this year the date is January 8. It commemorates the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. It is also known as "Theophany". The event is a distinct feast day observed in the Roman Catholic Church, the Anglican, or Episcopalian Church, as well as the Eastern Orthodox Church. Believers are invited to not only think about the baptism of the Lord Jesus but also of their own baptism.

Some Church Fathers on Baptism

Irenaeus (120-200)

"'And dipped himself,' says [the Scripture], 'seven times in Jordan.' It was not for nothing that Naaman of old, when suffering from leprosy, was purified upon his being baptized, but it served as an indication to us. For as we are lepers in sin, we are made clean, by means of the sacred water and the invocation of the Lord, from our old transgressions; being spiritually regenerated as new-born babes, even as the Lord has declared: 'Except a man be born again through water and the Spirit, he shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.'" (Fragment, 34, A.D. 190).

Origen (185-254)

"The Church received from the Apostles the tradition of giving Baptism even to infants. For the Apostles, to whom were committed the secrets of divine mysteries, knew that there is in everyone the innate stains of sins, which must be washed away through water and the Spirit." (Origen, Commentary on Romans, 5:9).

Tertullian (155-220)

"When, however, the prescript is laid down that 'without baptism, salvation is attainable by none' (chiefly on the ground of that declaration of the Lord, who says, 'Unless one be born of water, he hath not life.'" (On Baptism, 12:1, A.D. 203).

Ambrose (340-397)

"The Church was redeemed at the price of Christ's blood. Jew or Greek, it makes no difference; but if he has believed, he must circumcise himself from his sins [in baptism (Col. 2:11-12)] so that he can be saved . . . for no one ascends into the kingdom of heaven except through the sacrament of baptism . . . "Unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (On Abraham 2:11:79-84).

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Sunday 8th January 2023

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Online Mass

Every Mass from Grange Church available on our Facebook Page

Adoration

Every Wednesday, 7-9pm, Cliffoney Church

Every Thursday, 7-9pm, Grange Church

Mullaghmore Masses

Saturday 7 th January	6:30pm	Dan Mc Gloin, (14 th Anniversary)
Saturday 14 th January	6:30pm	Michael Barry and James Mullaney

Cliffoney Masses

Sunday 8 th January	10:30am	Sean Dolan (3 rd Anniversary)
Friday 13 th January	10:00am	Feast of St. Hilary
Sunday 15 th January	10:30am	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection: €1,514

Grange Masses

Saturday 7 th January	8:00pm	Terry Meehan, Willie Loughlin, Brendan Rooney (8 th Anniversary)
Sunday 8 th January	12 noon	Dominic + Jane Harte and sons Dominic + Patsy + John James and sons in law Eric + Danny. Sean Mc Gowan, Cloyspara (9 th Anniversary) and his brother Enda (died June 2022)
Monday 9 th January	8:00pm	Margaret O' Reilly
Tuesday 10 th January	9:30am	Pupils from 2 nd Class
Wednesday 11 th January	9:30am	Pupils from 6 th Class
Thursday 12 th January	9:30am	
Saturday 14 th January	8:00pm	
Sunday 15 th January	12 noon	Ursula Mc Garvey (12 th Anniversary) Dympna O' Dea (10 th Anniversary)

Collection: €1,235

Naomh Molaise Gaels Healthy Club:

MEN WANTED (Age 35+) to participate in our new initiative in conjunction with Sligo Sport and Recreation Partnership. Do you want to start exercising, feel fitter and have more energy? Why not come along and register for our 'Men on the Move Program' on next Tuesday evening the 10th of January at 7.30 pm in the Clubhouse prior to the first session. This is a 10-week physical activity program and will take place in the Clubhouse Tuesdays 8-9pm and Thursdays 8.45-9.45pm. Fee-€25. Come along and give it a go! Contact Nos. Sean 087 7691850 Joanne 087 7607540.

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

- ° Nora Foster (nee Mc Nulty) Castlegal. Our sympathy to her son Freddie and grandchildren and extended family. Funeral took place at St. Aidan's, Kinlough on 3rd January 2023, with burial in Finner Cemetery.
- ° Sheila Coll, Ballyshannon. Died 2nd January 2023 at Sult. Our sympathy to her daughter Natalie Feeney, Rathfrash and son in-law Paddray, grandchildren Nicola, Ross, and Natasha. Funeral Mass took place on January 4th at the Rock Ballyshannon with burial in adjoining cemetery.
- ° Fr Pádraig Flanagan. Died peacefully in the Care Unit in St. Patrick's, Kiltegan on Friday, 6th January, 2023. He served in Cliffoney Church for 3 years. Our sincere sympathy to his brothers Fr Michael (USA), Francis, and his sister Jane Patricia, his nephews and nieces and their families, and his society family. Funeral Mass: Monday 9th January 2023 at 12 noon in St Patrick's Chapel, Kiltegan. The Mass will be livestreamed on <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-patricks-missionary-society>.

Christmas Collection:

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed and indeed to all of you that support our church throughout the year.

Congratulations:

We send congratulatory words to Revd. Franklin and Revd. Conrad on their diaconate ordination.

Ordinary Time:

With the celebration of the Feast of the baptism of the Lord, we come to the ordinary time of the Liturgical Calendar from tomorrow Monday 9th January.

Roster For Eucharistic Ministers

The roster for Eucharistic Ministers for 2023 is available at the sacristy.

What is Baptism in the Catholic Church?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, often known as the CCC, teaches that water baptism is the first sacrament and that it paves the way for one to receive the other necessary sacraments. A person is admitted into the church, their sins are forgiven, and they experience a spiritual rebirth because of this act (CCC, 1213).

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