

The Baptism of the Lord Newsletter 11th January 2026

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Mass times: Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 10.00am, Thurs Communion Service 10.00am.
Saturday (Vigil) 6.30pm, Sunday 11.30am Confessions: Saturday 6.00pm - 6.20pm

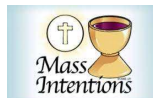
Church of the Visitation Drynam, The Visitation of the BVM
Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, 11.00am Irish Mass



Mass times St Finian's Church Rivervalley
Mon – Fri 10.00am, Saturday 11.00am (Vigil) 5.30pm. Sunday 10.00am & 12 noon

Mass Intentions this Weekend

Sat 6.30pm Fay Hardy
 Eileen & Annie O'Rourke
Sun 11.30am Mary McQuillan
 Josephine O'Neill
 Tony Flynn
 Kathleen Woodhead
 Ger Butterly (MM)



Mass intentions for next week

Mon 10.00am Martha Walshe	
Tues 10.00am Lilian O'Reilly	Sat 6.30pm
Michael Whelan	
Cristeta Bingil	Sun 11.30am John & Bridget McNulty
Wed 10.00am Kate & Pat Kinsella	Kitty & Henry Dawson
Mary & Hughie Fields	& dec family members
Thurs 10.00am Communion Service	
Fri 10.00am Noel Scully	
Canonisation of Alphonsus Lambe	

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently

Mary Roche	Windmill Lands
Mary Golden	Seatown Villas
Kenneth Gallagher	Seatown Villas



The Baptism of the Lord

Today the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord**. This feast brings to an end the season of Christmas. Ordinary Time lasts from the day after this feast to the Tuesday before Lent.

The baptism of Jesus is a moment of special grace in our story of salvation. Not only did he join us in our sinful state, but the Father and the Spirit are seen and heard to be there with him. The gospel uses the simple phrase that “the heavens were opened,” but it is a powerful statement. Later on, when Jesus completed his life-journey on Calvary, we read how “the veil of the Temple was rent in two.” Now at last we were free to enter the Holy of Holies. Today's gospel is the beginning of a journey, which, through our own baptism, each of us is asked to travel. It is a journey full of purpose.

Christmas Dues Envelopes A sincere thank you to all who have returned their Christmas Dues envelopes. If you did not receive a Christmas Dues envelope and would like to contribute, envelopes are at the back of the Church and can be dropped into the Sacristy or Parish Office

Planned Giving/Family Offering Envelopes

New planned Giving/Family Offering Envelopes are now ready for collection this weekend from the Sacristy. All contributions to the Family Offering are for Parish funds. If you wish to contribute to Parish, please contact Colette in the Parish Office.

Confirmation Connect

This year to help families prepare for Confirmation, St Colmcille's Parish in conjunction with St Finian's Rivervalley are running a programme called Confirmation Connect. The process is made up of three moments or connections. Each connection will involve watching a short video followed by an opportunity for discussion. This will give you an opportunity to discuss faith matters with your child and with other families. The next date is January 17th at 7.00pm in Holy Family school hall, Rivervalley. If you missed the previous session you are very welcome to attend on January 17th

St Vincent De Paul

The monthly collection for St Vincent De Paul takes place this weekend after Masses. All monies raised are kept for those in need in Swords. We have a new QR code on one of our collection boxes which allows donations by card also.

Christian Meditation in Brackenstown Parish Centre, every Monday at 11am.

Meditation is a spiritual discipline, a discipline of Presence. It is about awakening to one's true self. It is about silence, the silent Presence of God. Research has shown that Meditation benefits us at a physical, mental, cognitive and emotional level. It reduces blood pressure, helps us cope with stress and aids insomnia to mention but a few. Contact Marian Burke 087970364