



Bandon Parish Bulletin

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The Baptism of The Lord

Blessing of the New Year; Be With Us, Lord

In *January*, the month of Darkness and frost -

Be with us, Lord

In *February*, the month of rain, wind and snow -

Be with us, Lord

In *March*, the month of farmers, lambs and new life -

Be with us, Lord

In *April*, the month of swallows, growth and green grass -

Be with us, Lord

In *May*, the month of the cuckoo, the flowers and summer -

Be with us, Lord

In *June*, the month of examinations, the mid-summer and sun -

Be with us, Lord

In *July*, the month of holidays, the dry grass and summer's end -

Be with us, Lord

In *August*, the month of harvest, wheat and corn -

Be with us, Lord

In *September*, the month of fruits, schools and St Michael -

Be with us, Lord

In *October*, the month of falling leaves, nuts and Halloween -

Be with us, Lord

In *November*, the month of the dead, the souls and the saints -

Be with us, Lord

In *December*, the month of the gift, the light and Our Saviour -

Be with us, Lord

Jubilee Resources, Archdiocese of Dublin

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Come to the water. Listen, and your soul will live.

Oh come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you. Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Is 12:2-6

R. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

1. Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **R.**
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Jn 5:1-9

A reading from the first letter of St John.

The Spirit and water and blood.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith.

Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth - so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of them agree. We accept the testimony of human witnesses, but God's testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cf. Jn 1:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 1:7-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Recent Baptisms

Lola Maeve O'Connor (Chicago)
Lily Catherine O'Connor (New South Wales)

The Parish Assembly & The St Vincent de Paul Society thank you for regifting your unused Christmas gifts at our masses last weekend. If you still have an unused gifts that could be shared with another family you can leave it at the Christmas Tree in the church.

Bandon Christmas Coal Fund Committee wish to thank all who contributed generously to our recent appeal.

Bandon Set Dancing Classes re-commence on Thursday 11th January 2018 at 9pm in the Town Hall. New members always welcome. Beginners Welcome at 8.30pm.

The Pro Life Group will meet in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 8pm. New members are very welcome.

The next Mass in the Holy Communion preparation programme will take place next Saturday January 13th @ 6pm.

The Feast of the Epiphany

Yesterday 6th of January we celebrated the Epiphany and the arrival of the Three Wise Men. To facilitate people wishing to visit the Crib and perhaps bring along children or grandchildren, the Crib will remain open until after next weekend.

Thank You

We wish to thank all our parishioners who turned out in such huge numbers for the celebration of Christmas. We thank you also for your great support not just at Christmas but throughout the year.

LECTIO DIVINA

Meetings take place on Mondays from 8-9pm in The Presentation Convent.

And will resume on 8th January 2018