

Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great

# Baptism of the Lord

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Week 3

**Sun 9 January 2022****6pm\***: Bernard (Bernie) Walsh +**8.30am**: Nora & Raymond Panczak

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**10.30am**: Maurice Hunt +**6pm**: Anastasia Gallagher +**Mon 10****6pm**: Liane Epsiloy (int)**Tue 11****10am**: Margaret Simons +**Wed 12 No Mass***(parish office is closed)***Thu 13****10am**: Anthony Savarinathan +**Fri 14****10am: Funeral Mass**: Patrick O'Gorman +*1.30pm: Christian Meditation - church**6.00pm: Adoration in church***Sat 15***9.30am: RE Class - JP Room***6pm\***: Norma Tongson ann +**Sun 16 Second Sun in Ordinary Time (Peace Sunday)****8.30am**: Jacobus van Dijk ann+**10.30am**: Patrick Lynch +*3pm: Parish Meeting in Church**(see notices)***6pm**: Norma Beride (int)

Dear Parishioner

May I take this opportunity to wish you a blessed and healthy New Year.

As a parish, we have been through turbulent times and I thought it would be good to give thanks to the Lord for His continued blessings in our lives and in our parish. It is wonderful for us to come together to celebrate Christmas, the birth of our Saviour, and I believe the Lord is teaching us how to rely and depend on Him more and more each day.

Throughout these recent months, the good news of Jesus is being proclaimed and we have been blessed with reaching out to children, families and the elderly within our parish. We currently have a number of children attending Saturday RE Classes; together with a lively Baptism Class; thirty five children preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Communion; twenty five year 9 and twenty year 10 students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and amazingly ten adults attending the RCIA flowing from recent 'Alpha' courses. (This is a wonderful response considering the pandemic).

Slowly parish life is recovering and groups are gathering once again. Our finance team continued serving our parish throughout the pandemic. We now have an active Pastoral Forum; please see the noticeboard or parish website for information. It is great to see the 'Life Ascending' group meeting regularly, which continues to be a wonderful support to the senior members of the parish. We also have a number of parish Prayer Cell groups and men's prayer groups. We have a number of independent groups back in our hall, such as CancerLink and Guiding, and we look forward to the other groups restarting, such as the parents and toddlers and youth clubs, in the new year.

If you would like to know more about the above groups, please feel free to contact me or email me at the presbytery.

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A huge thank you to our army of volunteers who reached out to the many isolated parishioners during the pandemic and continue to do so. Thank you also to our stewards, flower arrangers and cleaning teams who have kept us safe and sane over the past months and who continue to serve our parish.

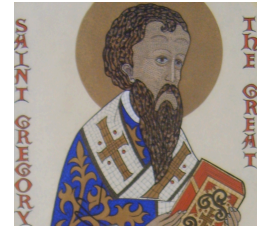
St John Paul II once said 'we could not exist without music' - on behalf of the parish, much gratitude to those who provide liturgical music at Mass, which helps us to worship the Lord. Equally, the ministry of Reader is an essential part of our liturgical celebrations and I am very grateful for those who proclaim the Word of God. This is also true of our many Eucharistic Ministers who visit the sick and housebound and minister communion at Mass. It is also important to acknowledge the work of Sacristans and Servers.

Lastly, our parish is eternally grateful to the continued Grace of the Holy Spirit.



Mary Immaculate, pray for us.

Saint Gregory the Great, pray for us.



*Fr John McKenna*

## NOTICES



**SYNOD IN THE CHURCH:** Following on from Pope Francis' invitation to journey together and listen to each other in preparation for a Synod Church, you are invited to a parish meeting in the church on Sunday 16th January at 3pm. All welcome!

### A POLITE REMINDER:

- **Face coverings must be worn whilst in church (unless exempt).**
- Please ensure you wrap up well when attending Mass, as we are advised to have plenty of ventilation in church.
- **Please continue sanitising your hands as you enter and exit the church.**
- If you are showing any flu/cold symptoms, please remain at home and do a lateral flow test. If this is positive, obtain a PCR test and isolate according to the government guidelines.
- **If you are isolating, living on your own and need assistance, please contact the presbytery.**

**FUNERAL MASS:** for Patrick O'Gorman is on Friday 14th January, 10am. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers at this sad time. May he rest in peace.

**CRIB:** this Christmas our offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society to support their work with disadvantaged children and families. This will help provide mental health services, family support and emergency grants for vulnerable children in our Diocese.

**SATURDAY RE CLASS:** will start again on 15th January, 9.30am in the JP Room.

**CAFOD** crisis appeal for Afghanistan. To donate, please visit [cafod.co.uk](http://cafod.co.uk) and support this worthy cause. Thank you, Rosie.

**PEACE SUNDAY:** The Bishop's of England and Wales invites us to keep Pax Christi Peace Sunday on 16th January as a day of prayer. Pope Francis' World Peace Message for 2022 '**Education, Work and Dialogue between Generations: Tools for Building Lasting Peace**'. This message of peace, through reconciliation, justice and nonviolence, can offer hope and direction in these times.

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**\*\*Please remember in your prayers the sick, their families and all who care for them, including:**

Emanuele & Carlotta Brunelli, Linda & Stuart Atkinson, Pat Cosgrove, Bernadette Hunt, Roberto Lusignani, Elaine Brennan, Mark O'Brien, Rita Rawlings, Margaret Trehy, Joe Connolly, Mary Harris, Eric Power, Michael Keyes, Julie Lown, Eileen Robbins, John Chuter, Marlene Hollocks, Margaret Greaney, Veronica Soosay, Leonor Driscoll, John Thompson, Lucretia Olivier-Hall, David John Hall, Suzanne Greig, Paul Stephens, George Buhagia, Phyllis O'Grady.

**Recently Died:** Patrick O'Gorman

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