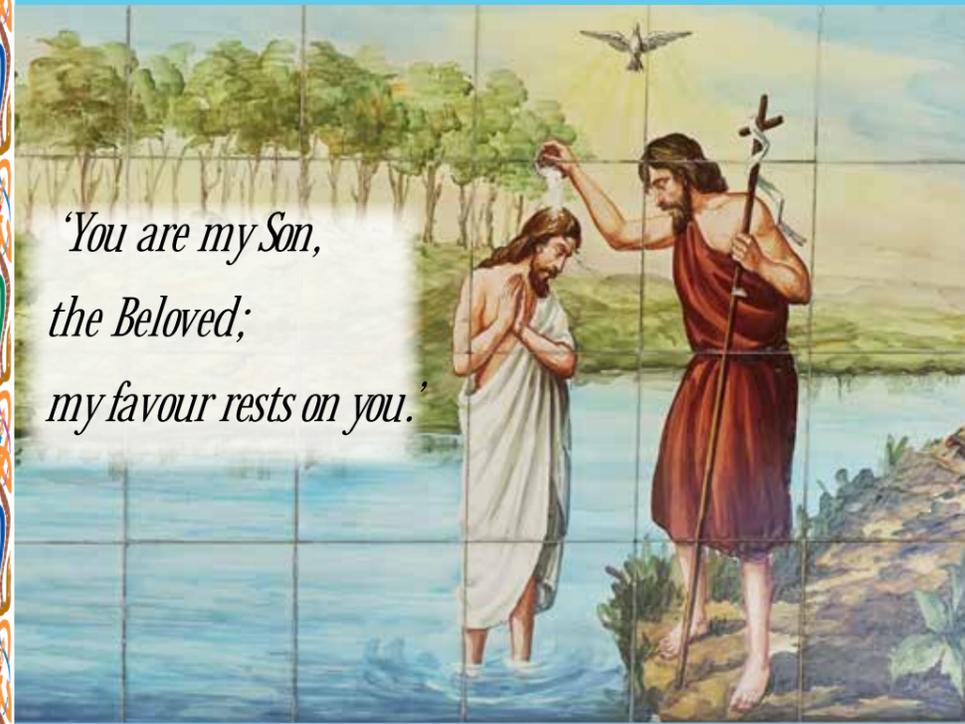


# focus on sunday

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 9th January 2022

At the baptism of Jesus, God witnessed that Jesus was his Son. By baptism we too have been made God's children, chosen to bring his Good News to the world.



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



Today, Jesus' baptism by John, was a special moment - the real coming of God's spirit upon him. The Spirit who had come on Mary at the moment of Jesus' conception, and would come to Jesus at his last moment on the Cross.

The spirit brings him new energy –The feast marks that something new is happening, and that Jesus is the beloved son; from eternity and into time. The Spirit came upon him - but not just for himself. He would send the Spirit later to us – of forgiveness and of perseverance in doing good.

**SPIRIT-ENERGY**  
Today is about energy. Jesus found a new spirit in himself after his prayer and he heard words he would never forget. Maybe you have heard words of love from someone you will never forget. They give energy to the heart and soul, making us people always on the go, ready for new life within us.

**INTO BREAD AND WINE**  
The spirit pours the energy of God into bread and wine and they are changed forever. He sends himself forever. It is sending the love and presence and energy of God.

We know that we can get stuck. We need new infusions of the Spirit to give us renewed energy. Can we be the type of people who others think it's good to meet? Open to the spirit of God, open to new life, new love, being really fully the person I can be.?

Donal Neary SJ. (editor Sacred Heart Messenger)

## Jesus' Story

At Baptism we celebrate that the baby has Three Special Friends: God The Father, who makes the sun shine on everybody; God The Son, Jesus, our forever friend, born at Christmas; and God the Holy Spirit who lives in our heart with every breath we breathe. The people touch the baby with welcome and blessing. The baby is carried with loving hands, beginning life. We are carried with loving hands too at the end of life to a new home of love and joy.



## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters, .....  
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**  
Accept, O Lord, the offerings we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**  
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.

**SANCTUS**  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**AFTER THE CONSECRATION**  
The mystery of faith. Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

**INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**  
Behold the Lamb of God, ..... Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**  
Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  
Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and in truth. Through Christ our Lord.

**CONCLUDING RITE**  
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. Go in peace. Thanks be to God.



and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

**The word of the Lord.**  
Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
Ps. 103:1-3.3-4.24-25.27-30  
R. Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are!

1. Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe! You stretch out the heavens like a tent [R]
2. Above the rains you build your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. [R]
3. How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. [R]
4. All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill. [R]
5. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. [R]

**SECOND READING**  
Titus 2:11 - 14; 3. 4-7  
A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Titus  
God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own

and would have no ambition except to do good. When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

**The word of the Lord.**  
Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptise with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL Luke 3:15-16. 21-22**  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. 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.

**APOSTLES' CREED**  
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, All bow for following two lines: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

## GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. You bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. You bring light to those in darkness: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. May almighty God have mercy on us.... Amen.

## THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptised in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah. 'Console my people, console them,' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain,



**Sunday Masses:**

**SS John & Paul (Webcam):** Friday 7pm;  
Saturday 6:30 pm; Sunday 10 am and 12:15 pm  
**Mary Immaculate Church - Saturday 12 noon;**  
Sunday 9 am and 11 am

**Weekday Masses:**

10 am Mon-Fri Mary Immaculate  
7 pm Thursday SS John & Paul Church (Webcam)

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**The Baptism of the Lord**

**Sympathy:** To the family Max Halliday, Tola Park whose cremation took place on 29th December and to the family of John Carrig, Corrib Drive who was buried on 4th January. To Carmel Butler, Gleann na Smol on the death of her father Micheál Forde, Headford, Co. Galway. May they all rest in God's eternal peace.

**Months Mind Mass** This Saturday 8th January for Hugh O'Donnell, Tullyglass Court at 12 noon in Mary Immaculate Church

**First Anniversaries:** This Sunday 9th January for Betty Scullion, O'Brien Park, at 11am in Mary Immaculate Church.

**Anniversaries:** Roger Bevan, Maureen, George, and Mairead Nolan, Frank Ryan, Maureen Haughey, Noel Courtney, John and Ann Kelliher, Mary O'Carroll, John Fleming, Mary Purcell, Deceased members of the Kelly and Doherty families.

**Parish Collections:** Dec 26th €1,382, January 2nd €1,551. Míle Buíochas.

**Thank you for your wonderful support to the parish.**

As well as the usual way to donate to your parish you can also use our new method of using the QR code (here) which is also placed at the doors and shrines of our Church's, Adoration Chapel Notice Board, and Parish Office. It's another easy way for you to support your parish using your smart phone.



**Parish Tax Rebate Scheme:** If you are part of the Tax Rebate Scheme where the parish benefits, you're new box of envelopes are available in the sacristy. If you're interested in being part of the scheme please contact the Parish Office for details.

**Mass and Baptismal Bookings:** Baptisms celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Saturday every month. If you are intending to book a Mass or a baptism we would ask you to book through the Parish Office. Email [office@shannonparish.ie](mailto:office@shannonparish.ie) or phone 363243.



**Adoration Chapel:** Monday to Friday 2-6pm daily. Please note masks and sanitising are mandatory in the Chapel and great care should be taken at all times to keep everyone safe and well. Thank you for your co-operation in these very challenging times. We thank God for the blessings of the Adoration Chapel, and those who commit one hour a week, the co-ordinators, and all visitors. God bless you all!



**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Adoration on Sunday in SS John and Paul resumes on January 9th from 2-6pm

Daily Masses Monday to Friday from January 10th to Tuesday March 1st (Shrove Tuesday).

Mary Immaculate Church 10am  
SS John and Paul Church Thursday 7pm

**Sunday Masses**

SS John and Paul Church  
Friday 7pm, Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10am, and 12.15pm

Mary Immaculate Church  
Saturday 12noon, Sunday 9am, and 11am

**Special Church Collections Dates 2022**  
**will be taken up on the dates below:**

- 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> January 2022 Diocesan Administration Appeal
- 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Parish Faith Formation Appeal
- 16/17<sup>th</sup> March 2022 Diocesan Education Fund
- 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> April 2022 Priests' Easter Collection
- 14<sup>th</sup> /15<sup>th</sup> May 2022 Lourdes Invalid Appeal
- 18<sup>th</sup> /19<sup>th</sup> June 2022 Priests' Summer Collection
- 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> July 2022 Diocesan Needs Appeal
- 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> August 2022 Diocesan Sick & Retired Priests' Appeal
- 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> September 2022 Priests' Autumn Collection
- 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 Mission Sunday Appeal
- 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> November 2022 Youth Ministry Appeal
- 24/25<sup>th</sup> December 2022 Priests' Christmas Collection

Most of the above collections fall on a Sunday or Holy Day and include the Vigil Masses. We ask that no other collection would take place on the weekend of a second collection or the day of the Priests' collection. We thank you for your continued generosity to all our Collections as they play a primary part in the pastoral care of the Parish.

Fr. Arnie



**Medjugorje Pilgrimage direct from Shannon – 2022**

Shannon Airport to Medjugorje – 14th to 21st September – €725 per person sharing. Price increases to €775 after 31st January 2022. Bookings now being taken for this 7 night Group Pilgrimage with Kathleen & Jimmy Morris. Full religious programme operated by Marian Pilgrimages Medjugorje Team. Included are the following:

- Shannon direct to Mostar-Medjugorje – Only a 30 minute transfer from Airport to the Shrine;
- 7 nights air-conditioned accommodation near to St. James' Church;
- Freshly prepared breakfast and dinner each day;
- Luxury coach transfers accompanied by local guide;
- Full religious programme operated by Marian Pilgrimages;
- Assistance of Marian Pilgrimages rep. with 24hr support throughout your stay;
- Travel Insurance up to 84 years of age;
- All airport and local taxes.

For more information on joining the group, please contact Kathleen & Jimmy Morris at 061 362657 or 086 3271657