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Sunday 10th January 2016
Baptism of the Lord

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr Joseph Boyle
Fr Joe is generally available after Mass and in the evening between 8.30-9.30pm except Wednesdays and funerals.
Deacon: Andrew Davis: Available: Monday & Wednesday evenings 7-9pm in his office or can be reached through the Parish phone number

Mass Times:
Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,
Sunday: 9:30 , 11:00am incl Children's Liturgy
Monday-Saturday 9:30am

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour:
Monday 7pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament::
Friday 10am

The Prayer of the Church
The Morning Prayer of the Church is celebrated on weekdays:
Monday to Friday 9.00am

Confession/Reconciliation:
Any morning before Mass & Saturday 5:30-6:30pm

The Rosary
Is prayed morning Mass on: Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, and Sat

Holy Sacraments
Sacrament of the Sick: for those who are seriously ill or are going into hospital
Marriage: by appointment with Parish Priest (6 months notice req'd)
Baptism: By appointment with Parish Priest (forms available in porch)
Funerals: Please approach Parish Priest in the event of a bereavementt

This Week
Wednesday 13th: Solemnity of St Kentigern (Mungo)

Baptism of the Lord

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas.

The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the river to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognised "outwardly like unto ourselves," He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world.

"Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world."

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism.

- At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him - at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul.
- At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father - at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God.
- At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened - at our Baptism heaven was opened to us.
- At His baptism Jesus prayed - after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin

Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas



Last weekend's collections:

Thanks to all who contributed in any way large or small. The first collection last Sunday came to £1156.69 (including Gift Aid) and the second collection £780.40 with £390.20 going to the parish and £390.20 going to Justice and Peace Scotland.

Next Sunday, and for some time to come, the second collection for the parish will go towards the fund for the repayment of the debt for the rewiring and new lighting in the church. The plaques which have been the primary source for this fund will continue to be directed there. It has been some time since the requests for the plaques have been acted upon and this is something that will be addressed in the near future.

PRAY FOR . . .

Those who are sick;

Alan MacDonald; Liam Cullen; Cathie Dickson (USA); Archie Graham; Cathy Milne; Therese O'Neill; Betty Hassan; Phyllis Sykes; Catherine Leverage; Angela Stirling; Sadie Reid; Ethnie McCourt; Joan Whyte; Christine Kelly; Maurice Duffy; Margaret Stelmazuk; Violet Vezzia; Kathleen McNeece; Kell Drummond; Patsy Pollok; Betty Turner; May Stone; Richard Heuchan; Fiona Campbell.

Those who have died recently:

Archie MacCullich; Anne Littler; Thomas Patrick Hughes; Dorothy McCaskill

Those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Michael Callaghan; Elizabeth Callaghan; Willie Hughes; John & Catherine Quinn; John Morgan; Tommy McCafferty. Alexander Duffy Snr (53rd); Mary Duffy Snr (41st); John Flaherty (45th)

Forthcoming Social Event...



400 CLUB WINNERS

1st £50 No: 190 - June Buik, Talla Road

2nd £25 No: 18 Barbara Quinn, Wedderlea Drive

3rd £15 No: 182 Ina Judge, Cairnhill Circus

Congratulations

400 Club

There are over 150 places available at £1 per month

See Liam in the Hall after morning Masses.

NEWS FROM THE SOUTHSIDE FOODBANK

Due to so many generous donations over the Christmas period, the foodbank is well stocked with food at the moment.

However there is a great need for

TOILETRIES - TOILET ROLLS and FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS

We have been asked to concentrate on these items this month. Please put any donation you can in the boxes in the hall or in the porch.

THANK YOU

SSVP Winter Warmer

We will shortly be issuing the invitations for our winter warmer event, which will be on the

20th February.

It is not a parish social event but one specifically targeted at parishioners who due to material, spiritual or social circumstances could benefit from an afternoon of companionship and includes spouses of those bereaved in the past year, those isolated with few opportunities for socialising and those suffering long term illness.

Due to health and safety restrictions numbers have to be limited and we have had to prioritise those who we are aware of.

If you know of anybody coming into any of the above categories please make any of us at **SSVP** aware or put their contact details (name and address) in our collection boxes.

Notice

St Aloysius' College Kindergarten and Junior School Open Day takes place on Thursday 14th January 2016.

See notice in porch for times.

Sunday Café

Today - Hillington.

17th January - Barshaw

