



Baptism of the Lord  
Year C, 12th January 2025

'Here is my servant  
whom I uphold'

**11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> January**

**6pm** PJ Simons (A) & Frank Simons & Bernadette Simons  
Paddy & Kathleen Rochford (A)  
Tom, Rita & Teresa Meehan (A)

**11.30am** Pat O'Driscoll & Anne Marie O'Driscoll (A)  
Maura Walsh (2<sup>nd</sup> A)  
Josie Berkery (19<sup>th</sup> A)  
Marie, John & Tom Kennedy (A)

**18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> January**

**6pm** Peggy Quinn (MM)

**11.30am** Cairbre & Eileen Lyndon (A)  
Paddy Reilly (17<sup>th</sup> A)

**A few words from Fr Joe....**

43 years ago, before my ordination, I assisted at the wedding of my friends Christopher and Rowena, in our local Catholic church in Newcastle, Co Down. The then young couple had met at university in England, Christopher was Anglican, Rowena, my neighbour and childhood friend, Catholic, and at that time inter church marriages were still very rare, at least where we lived. I don't remember all the details of the rather complicated rules and regulations that had to be followed, but they often referred back to the experience of 'jumping through hoops' to get married in the way they wanted.

We begin the week of prayer for Christian Unity 2025 on January 18<sup>th</sup> and it runs through to the 25<sup>th</sup>. The material to guide this reflective week is available on the internet and has been prepared by the monks of the ecumenical monastery of Bose in Northern Italy. It begins by posing the question that Jesus put to Martha, "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26). These words are spoken to a friend, in love, and yet carry a challenge that we all face, what do we believe? When the creed is recited Sunday by Sunday we speak of our common belief in one voice, we experience and affirm our tradition which has been handed down through the centuries since creedal formulas were first worked thought at various Councils of the fledgling church. This year it is the creed of the Council of Nicaea, from 1700 years ago, that is being marked. Then, perhaps as now, there was confusion, division and factions within the church. The creed was a sincere effort to bring forms of expression of a common faith into the life and prayer of all Christians.

In the notes accompanying the material offered this one line really jumped out at me: "Our polarised and fracturing world is in need of a new vision for peace, centred on the recognition of our interconnectedness and shared humanity." It seems that faith will flourish where churches, leaders and members walk together in humility and hope.

On Wednesday last, I was in St Peter's Anglican church in Hanwell, near Banbury to lead the funeral service for Christopher. I stood on one side of the coffin and local Anglican priest stood on the other side. Our prayers and participation dovetailed beautifully, a seamless expression of our common belief in resurrection and a profound expression of the same understanding of the hope which Jesus brought into the world. There was little or no sense of them and us, it just felt so good that we did it together. Christopher and Rowena lived a happy married life, carrying their two traditions and nationalities in a common pursuit of love, you might say they lived out 'Christian Unity.'



Father in heaven,

may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us

into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer

throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

**Mass Times**  
Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri & Sat @ 10am  
Liturgy of Word Thurs@10am  
Saturday vigil 6pm  
Sunday 11.30am

**Confessions/ Reconciliation**  
After 10am Mass on Saturday morning (10.30)

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**Separated, Divorced, Widowed Are you coping?**

Few people are able to cope alone with the pain and loneliness following the loss of a life partner. Do you find that you need more support than family and friends can provide? Beginning Experience is a peer support group dedicated to helping those who are navigating life alone whether through death, separation or divorce.

A team of trained facilitators, who are themselves widowed, separated or divorced share with you how they coped with their loss. A Three Day Coping with Life Alone Programme will take place on: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>, January, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (Advance Booking Essential) Carmelite Community Centre, Whitefriar Street, Dublin 2. For further information contact Beginning Experience 086 0877379, or email: [bedublin@gmail.com](mailto:bedublin@gmail.com)

**Ballinteer Youth Choir**

Rehearsals recommence at Ballinteer Community School on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> January at the usual time of 4:45pm to 6:00. New Members welcome.

Enquiries to [ballinteeryouthchoir@gmail.com](mailto:ballinteeryouthchoir@gmail.com) or Phone: 089 210 4541  
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**World Day of Peace - extract from Auxiliary Bishop Paul Dempsey's homily on 1<sup>st</sup> January, marking 58<sup>th</sup> World Day of Peace**

After their encounter with Christ, the shepherds were transformed, they saw things differently. As we begin this Jubilee Year of Hope, may we too see things differently, knowing that no matter how dark things may seem there is always a way through. May we, like Mary, the Mother of God, ponder the great hope Christ offers humanity. In him we are called to a new hope, he is the door that opens new possibilities for us to begin again! The late Brendan Kennelly echoes this in the final words of his poem entitled 'Begin':

*Though we live in a world that dreams of ending  
That always seems about to give in  
Something that will not acknowledge conclusion  
Insists that we forever begin*

**Stillorgan & Kilmacud Active Retirement Association**

Our next meeting is on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January @ 2pm.

**Christian Unity Week 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Jan**




Annual Accord collection takes place weekend of 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> February