



St. Brendan's Marist Parish
Coolock Village, Dublin 5
(Under the care of the Marist Fathers)
Sunday, 7th January 2018
The Baptism of the Lord



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FIRST READING Isaiah 55:1-11
Responsorial Psalm Is 12: 2-6
SECOND READING John 5:1-9
GOSPEL Mark 1:7-11

Parish Mission Statement

“St Brendan’s is a caring Catholic Parish inspired by the Gospel, celebrating and working together to build a community of justice, love and peace.”

PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

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Tuesday – Friday 9.00 am – 11.30 am

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday: 6.30 pm (vigil), Sunday: 9.30 am, 11 am, 12.30 pm, & 6.30 pm

Reflection on today's readings

The first reading today is from the Prophet Isaiah. This Prophet tells us: "Upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light..." These words are written about Israel but apply to every nation and group of people because the Lord loves us all. Even this great Prophet Isaiah could not convince everyone that God would act and that God would be present. The challenge for us is personal belief and also belief as a Church and a community. If we believe, that our lives begin to reflect that light of His glory and gives witness to the loving presence of our God.

The second reading is from the Letter to the Ephesians. Saint Paul, a devout Jew, tells us how he became aware that God's love was for even the Gentiles, the non-Jewish people. God's love is for everyone. The challenge for us today is to recognise that God's love is for all peoples, and especially for those peoples and nations and persons who seem most impossible to accept. God wants us all and God is working in all, even when we cannot see it. Once we begin to accept that God is present in all, we will find that speaking of the Lord is not so difficult after all. Instead, we might find that we naturally speak of God to others and that our own love and faithfulness could draw others to God and to our Lord Jesus.

The Gospel today is the story of the Magi from the East, the story of the Three Kings of the Orient, the story of the star drawing and guiding wise men to the Lord. We don't have a lot of details about how this happened, but our Gospels tell us that God Himself chooses to reveal Himself to all peoples and that God Himself uses various ways to do that. Yes, our witness is important, but so also are the unexplained ways in which God makes Himself known.

For many, the challenge is to believe that God is calling all of us to the Catholic Church. We live in a time when many think that all religion is the same. Yet revelation keeps telling us that not everything is the same, that there are roads that lead to destruction, that there are ways that do not lead to light.

What is implied is that in each of us is a drawing to God, an attraction to the Lord, which will eventually bring us to Him. If we are to see Him, our hearts must be open to Him. If we are to live in Him, our hearts must be able to embrace Him.

God is revealing Himself to you and to me right now. Let us open our eyes to His light and open our hearts to His love. **Amen**

KATHLEEN CASEY and family would like to thank all those who supported them during Michael's illness and time of his death. We are very grateful to all who attended the funeral, sent Mass Cards and Sympathy Cards. Our heartfelt thanks to our relatives and friends and our wonderful neighbours for their unending support. A special thanks to Fr. Ned Quinn O.M.I. and the Oblate Fathers, Jim Synnott, Sharon Lyons and the Priests and Sacristan of St. Brendan's Parish for making our Funeral Mass so special, we are grateful to all of you. Masses have been offered for your intentions in Australia and Dublin

Anam Cara North Dublin, an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 17th of January from 7.30pm-9:00pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. Anam Cara North Dublin offers a safe and comfortable setting where you can 'drop the mask' and be yourself among people who understand. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether this was recent or not.

**Sunday 7th January:
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6.30pm	William & Dinah Lockhart	A
vigil	Mary O'Rourke	A
9.30am	Thomas & Annie Hanlon	A
11am	Kathleen Whelan	A
	Patrick Fitzsimons	A
	Paddy Hennessy	A
	Carmel Hughes	A
	Michael Murphy	A
12.30pm	Pauline Comiskey	RD
	Kay Whelan	A
	Deceased Members of the Mullen and Hobbs Families	
	Kathleen Dunne	A
	Shay & Patrick Thornton	A
6.30pm	Holy Souls	

First Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, 8th:

8.00	Special Intention	
10.00	Special Intention	

Tuesday, 9th:

8am	Deceased members of the Hewitt family	
10am	Rita O'Grady	RD

Wednesday, 10th:

8am	Holy Souls	
10am	Siobhán Moran	RD

Thursday, 11th:

8am	Michael & Mary Geraghty	A
10am	Expectant Mothers	

Friday, 12th:

8am	Sandra O'Leary	RD
10am	Special Intention	

Saturday, 13th:

10am	Special Intention	
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**Sunday 14th January:
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6.30pm	Eileen & David Gibney	A
vigil		
9.30am	Special Intention	
11am	Eamonn Farrell	A
	Michael Byrne	A
	John Moran	A
12.30pm	Carmel Fitzgerald	MM
	Eamonn Tierney	A(1st)
	Helena Foran	A(1st)
	P.J. & Christina Kiernan	A
	Mary, Anthony, Patrick and Pat Delaney	RIP
6.30pm	Jon Lewis	RD

Save the Date The Archdiocese of Dublin's Knock Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday April 21st 2018. Theme: "We are Pilgrims – Knock invites us to Healing and Peace". Full programme to be announced soon.

"Would you spend some time with me"

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place from after 12.30 pm Mass each Sunday, concluding with ***Rosary & Benediction at 5 pm.***

Weekday Exposition

Mon. to Thurs. from 3pm to 5.30pm.

Family Mass

Every Sunday at 11am

If you know of any young people or have children or grand-children who would participate we would be very glad to welcome them as either readers or choir members, so please encourage them to join us.

The involvement of young ones enriches our celebration of the Family Mass and we would appreciate the interest and help of both parents and children.

Contact ÁINE on 087 797 9526

The Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Rota for the month of January, 2018 is now available on the shelf just outside the Sacristy door.

WMOF 2018 Committee
Training Session in Clonliff College on Wednesday, January 24th from 7pm to 9.30pm re the organisation of the 6 session parish programme (The joy of Love / Amoris Laetitia).

WMOF 2018 Committee
The World Meeting of Families Parish Committee Meeting will take place in the Parish House on Thursday, January 25th at 8pm.

Official Family Prayer for World Meeting of Families 2018

God our Father,
We are brothers and sisters in your Son,
One family, in Spirit of your love.
Bless us with the joy of love.
Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need.
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.
Protect all families with your loving care.
Especially those for whom we now pray
Pause to remember family members and others.
Increase our faith, Strengthen our hope,
Keep us safe in your love.
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we may share.
This we ask through Christ our Lord,
Amen

Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.
Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.
Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.
Saints Louis and Zelig Martin, pray for us.

St. Vincent De Paul Society
The monthly outdoor Collection for the **St. Vincent De Paul Society** will take place after all Masses **next weekend 13th/14th January**
The special Christmas collection amounted to **€13,783.00**
Many thanks for your very generous support all through the year



Ministers of the Word

A meeting for readers will take place in the Parish House on **Friday, 12th January 2018. at 7pm**

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Committee will take place next **Wednesday, 17th January** at 7pm in the Parish House.

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2018

Departs: 27th May, 2018
Returns: 1st June 2018 (5 nights)
Cost: €725 per person sharing
Single room supplement
€31 per night

Staying at the **Hotel Roissy** which is very close to the Grotto.

Those who wish to travel please call to the office for Booking Form.

If you wish to pay by instalments we are willing to facilitate you by taking payments as it suits you.

Booking & deposit of **€200** per person at time of booking.

Final payment by 1st April, 2018.
To Book contact Parish office
Tuesday to Friday
9am to 11.30am
Phone 848 0102