

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.

MASSES

Vigil Saturdays 6p.m. Sundays: 9a.m. & 11a.m.
Weekdays: Monday to Saturday 10 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 10.30am and 5.30pm

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Feast days of the week

Thursday 13th January

St. Hilary, 315-367, was elected Bishop of Potiers and distinguished himself by his stand against Arianism. In exile by order of Emperor Constantius, he used his time to write. His major works include *De Trinitate*, a study of the Trinity.

Saturday 15th January

St. Ita was born in Co. Waterford of noble and Christian parents. Early on she set her mind on serving Christ in religious life. She founded a monastery in Killeedy, Co. Limerick, which attracted a great variety of young people. She was given the title 'foster-mother of the saints of Ireland'. The name "Ita" (thirst for holiness) was conferred on her because of her saintly qualities. She died in 570.

Deaths.

We remember in our prayers Alice Hayes, formerly of Ardmahon Estate, may she rest in peace. Our sympathies to her family and friends.



Prayer to St. Joseph

God, our heavenly Father, grant us the fortitude of Christ your Son to face the Covid-19 crisis with trust, patience and compassion.

Give us the grace of the Holy Spirit to free us from fear and look forward together to the future with healing and hope.

Through the intercession of Saint Joseph, the guardian of Jesus, and Mary his mother and Mother of the Church, may we be guided through this time of peril.

Preserve us in peace; heal the sick, protect the vulnerable; keep safe our health care workers and all who serve society, at home and abroad. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

A Wise Parable

Once, there was a renowned monk who lived in a beautiful monastery with many of his pupils. His teachings were known to be very effective and many of his students grew up to become great masters themselves.

One day, one of them was caught stealing from his fellow-students and they reported him to the monk. But he took no action against the boy. A few days later the same boy was again caught stealing. And again the head monk did nothing to punish him.

This angered the other students who drew up a petition asking for the dismissal of the thief. They all threatened to leave if the boy was allowed to stay in the monastery.

The teacher called a meeting of the students. When they had assembled, he said to them: "You are good boys who know what is right and what is wrong. If you leave, you will have no trouble in joining some other school. But what about your brother who does not even know the difference between right and wrong? Who will teach him if I don't? No, I cannot ask him to go even if it means losing all of you."

Tears coursed down the cheeks of the boy who had stolen. He never stole again and in later life became renowned for his integrity.



Mass Attendance Guidance.

Thank you for observing the very important guidance and safety measures which were introduced in our church for the safety of all.

In the current climate, it is more important than ever to maintain the Health and Safety Guidelines in keeping with Government and Public Health recommendations.

