

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 10th January 2021

Wherever there is water, there is life. Jesus' baptism in the Jordan marked the beginning of his life's work, his taking on the fullness of humanity. Our baptism is the source of our Christian vocation.

Vigil Saturdays 6p.m. Sundays 9a.m. & 11a.m.

HOLY DAYS.

(Working) Vigil 6p.m. Holy Days 10a.m. & 7.30p.m.
Weekdays. Monday to Saturday 10 a.m.

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Deaths

We remember in our prayers:

Michael Murray, Sundrive Park.

Anne Healy, Browningstown Park West.

Anne Lagrue, Ceanncora Lawn.

May they rest in peace, our sympathies to their families, friends and neighbours.



Please visit our new website at

www.ballinloughparishcork.ie

All our Masses are streamed live from

Our webcam mcnmedia/Our lady of Lourdes



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Wishes to thank you sincerely for your very generous contributions to its Christmas collection. The amount collected at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Ballinlough was €1,660.

SVP also thanks the schools of the parish for their very generous contributions.

Need help or wish to volunteer contact SVP at 021 – 427 0444.

Happy New Year to all.

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Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died.

He quickly phoned his best friend, Finney. "Did you see the paper?" asked Gallagher, "They say I died!!" "Yes, I saw it!" replied Finney, "Where are ye calling' from?"

TOO MUCH PRAISE

Bill saw an ad online for a Christian horse, so he went to check it out. The horse's owner said, "It's easy to ride him. Just say 'Praise the Lord!' to make him go and 'Amen!' to make him stop."

Bill got on the horse and said, "Praise the Lord!" Sure enough, the horse started to walk.

"Praise the Lord!" he said again, and the horse began to trot. "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!" he yelled, and the horse broke into a gallop.

Bill was enjoying his ride so much that he almost didn't notice the cliff he and the horse were about to go over. Bill shouted "AMEN!" at the top of his lungs, and the horse stopped right at the edge of the cliff.

Relieved, Bill said, "Phew! Praise the Lord!"



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Christmas is a celebration of generosity. God's love is so overwhelming that he embraced our human vulnerability and became one of us. A birth that evoked generosity from shepherds to wise men. May we all be blessed with generous hearts this Christmas?

NOVENA PRAYERS TO ST. ANTHONY AFTER 10A.M. MASS TUESDAY MORNINGS	MIRACULOUS MEDAL PRAYERS AFTER 10A.M. MASS WEDNESDAY MORNINGS
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We tend to push sickness to one side so that we can concentrate on the real things of life. Sickness has and will always be a part of life. It may be our story right now or perhaps some member of our family or a friend. Our response is always important.

Jesus spent much of his time with sick people. He didn't preach to them or never told them to 'offer it up'. His miracles with sick people were not done to show off. His down-to-earth humanity, love and compassion are a reminder that he cared deeply about those who were sick. He reminded them of their dignity and that even in their darkest hour he would be with them. Nothing has changed. Every sickness is uniquely personal, a challenge and an opportunity.

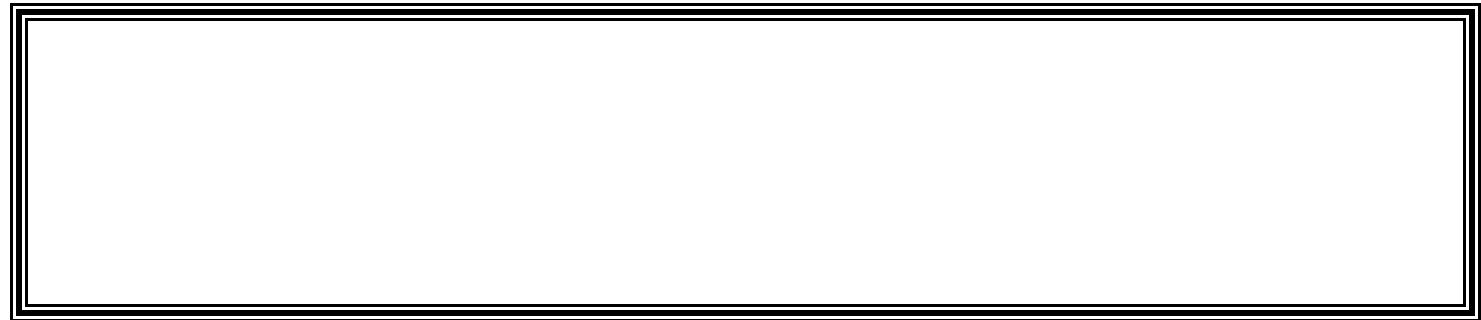
We pray for all our sick and for all who give of their time, love and energy in looking after them.

As from now the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, Ballinlough will be live streaming our Masses for anyone who wishes to tune in from their homes.

Although our suppliers have the camera focused on the Sanctuary, please be aware from time to time you may be seen.

These are the instructions for the people to avail of this service.

1. Key this web address into goggle www.mcnmedia.tv
2. Select cameras OR Republic of Ireland.
3. Select Cork.
4. Select Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Cork.



**A prayer of Saint Louise, Most Holy Virgin
I believe and confess, your holy and Immaculate Conception.**

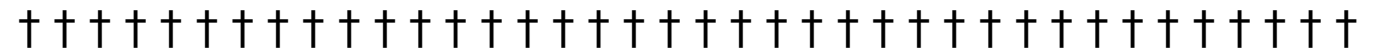
**Pure and without sin, most pure Virgin
Through your virginal purity, your Immaculate Conception,
Your privilege of being the Mother of God, obtain for us from
your Divine Son,
Humility, charity, great purity of mind and body,
The gift of prayer, a holy life, a happy death..... AMEN**

MEMORARE.

**Remember O most compassionate Virgin Mary,
That never was it know that anyone who fled to your protection
Implored your assistance, or sought your intercession, was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto you
O Virgin of Virgins our Mother, to you we come,
Before you we kneel, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions
but in your clemency hear and answer them.**

NOVENA PRAYER.

**O Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
With confidence we come to implore your unfailing help.
Bearer of life, Mother of our Saviour
Give birth in our hearts to Jesus your son,
Who forgives our sins, and brings healing to our lives.
Mother of the Church on earth, hear the cry of the lowly and the poor,
Who hunger for Jesus the bread of life,
And in your loving wisdom, make our prayers your own.
(we pause to make our needs known to our Immaculate Mother.)
Virgin gentle in mercy, queen of the universe
Cover us with the veil of your protection, and deliver us from the
darkness of evil.
Teach us by prayer and self-control,
The meaning of truth and the beauty of love
That with minds that are healed and hearts that are pure
We may come in the end to where you are,
The Queen of Angels and of Saints.**



An Act of Consecration to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

**O Virgin Mother of God Mary Immaculate
At the message of an angel you received the Word of God
In your heart and in your womb and gave life to the world.
O Temple of the living god, throne of the eternal king
Sanctuary of the Holy Spirit, we consecrate ourselves to you
Lady of the Miraculous Medal.
May this Medal be a sign of your love for us,
And a witness of our devotion to you.
May your promise to St. Catherine Laboure
Bring grace to us and peace to all who say
O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you.**

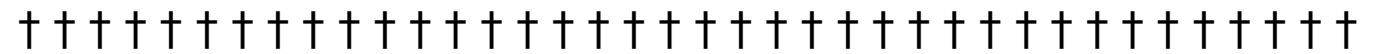
A Prayer for Vocations.

**O Jesus, send labourers into your fields,
Which are awaiting holy apostles,
Sainly priests, heroic missionaries and,
Dedicated Sisters and Brothers.

Enkindle in the hearts of men and women
The spark of a vocation.
Grant that Christian families may
Desire to give your Church,
Helpers in the work of tomorrow.**



**NOVENA IN HONOUR OF
OUR LADY OF
THE MIRACULOUS
MEDAL.**



Please leave leaflet at the end of your seat, or you may leave it on the table in the Church porch.....*Thank You.*