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| a New Year's Blessing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| May God make your year a happy one! Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain, But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes; Not by making your path easy, But by making your path easy, But by taking hardships from you, But by taking fear from your heart; |
| Not by granting you unbroken sunshine, But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows; Not by making your life always pleasant, But by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help.                     |
| GOD'S LOVE, PEACE, HOPE & JOY To you for the year sheed.  Trapply New Year!                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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# PARISH NEWSLETTER

7th January 2024

The BAPTISM of the LORD (1st Sun in Ord.Time)-Year B
Wicklow & Rathnew
RCN 20016166





#### New Energy

Jesus' baptism by John was a special moment - the real coming of God's spirit upon him, the Spirit who had come on Mary at the moment of Jesus' conception, and would be with Jesus at his last moments on the Cross.

The spirit brings him new energy. This feast marks that something new is happening, and that Jesus knows he is the beloved son; from eternity and into time.

The Spirit came upon him - but not just for himself. He would send the Spirit later to us, to help us to forgive and to persevere in doing good.

This is a feast about energy. Jesus found a new spirit in himself after his prayer and he heard words he would never forget. Maybe you have heard words of love from someone you will never forget. They give energy to the heart and soul, making us people always on the go, ready for new life within us.

The spirit pours the energy of God into bread and wine and they are changed forever. He sends himself forever, sending the love and presence and energy of God.

We know that we can get stuck. We need new infusions of the Spirit to give new energy. Can we be the type of people who others think it's good to meet? Can we be people open to the spirit of God, open to new life, new love, and being really fully the individuals we can be?

Recall your baptism: imagine water being poured over you, and allow this love of God fill you today.

Lord, thank you for the gift of Baptism.

# Sincere sympathies to the families of

Michael Gleeson late of Marlton & St Laurence's Rd Henry Tobin late of Ballynerrin Upper John Noctor late of Harbour View Sheila Maddock (née Bancroft) late of

Rathnew & Kilbride

Tadhg Twomey late of Dunbur Close
Rose Barlow (née Hayden) late of Dunbur Road
Baby Odin Parker Dunne late of Wicklow Town
Catherine (Cathy) Cullen late of Blainroe
Darragh Kavanagh late of Glebemount



# Mass Intention List



This Weekend ~ 6th & 7th January

6.00pm Tommy Gregory, Joan Vermeulen, Gerry O'Reilly,

Richard Gill, Beth Gill & Ann Dunne

9.00am Tom Delahunt

10.30am Robert & Peggy Grant

12noon Dick Kavanagh, Joe Cummiskey, Brendan O'Connor, Kathleen Connolly, Pat O'Meara, Agnes McInerney, Michael & Rosalie McInerney, William & Eileen McInerney, Thomas & Margaret Kinsella, Tom Kinsella, Greeta Carroll, Bridie Cardiff,

## 8th ~ 12th January

Monday Nuala Staunton

7.00pm Nora Coffey
Tuesday Joan O'Reilly

Maura O'Brien

7.00pm Jim Hollingsworth

Wednesday Josephine & Tim Desmond

Thursday Sebina Mannion
Friday Maureen Byrne

### Next Weekend ~ 13th - 14th January

6.00pm John Porter, Mary & Richard Bell & deceased members of the Porter & Bell families. Nevin & Brigid Thornton

9.00am

10.30am

12noon Mary (May) Ricre - 1st Anniversary

#### **WEEKLY COLLECTIONS FOR WICKLOW & RATHNEW**

#### 31st December 2023

ENVELOPE/CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish €1555
1ST COLLECTION /COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese €1300
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration €1025

Many thanks for your continued support.

#### **NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS**

To reflect on the readings please check catholicireland.net/sacredspace.ie/universalis.com

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

Psalm: 39

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

Any parents who wish to have a child baptised are asked to attend an introductory meeting before booking a date for the baptism. At this meeting you will be given all the necessary information about the Sacrament of Baptism and the commitment required of the parents who request it for their child.

The next meeting will be on

# THURSDAY – 11TH JANUARY AT 8PM IN THE DE LA PARISH CENTRE

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BBK Website: work in progress

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Monday - Friday: 10am - 12.30pm

For all enquires and bookings

#### The Pope's Intention for January

For the gift of Diversity in the Church We pray that the Holy Spirit may help is to recognise the gift of different charisms withing the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church

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