



PARISH OF ST. AGATHA

JANUARY NEWSLETTER



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Parish Mass Times

10am Weekdays & Rosary
12pm Saturdays & Rosary/ Adoration
6pm Vigil, 10.30am & 12pm Sundays

Confessions

after Every Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

10.30am—1pm Weekdays
12.30pm—1pm Saturday

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This Sunday in St Agatha's Parish and throughout the world, we are Celebrating the Baptism of the Lord. Yesterday, on Saturday, the Church celebrated the coming of the Wise Men with the Epiphany of the Lord. They both have one thing in common. The word Epiphany means, 'to show', or 'to make known', or 'to reveal', or 'to manifest' something. In today's Gospel it is to reveal Jesus as God's Son. Salvation in the Flesh; the Promised Messiah.

The Baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan is an Epiphany where the voice of God from heaven reveals the identity of Jesus - as His Son. Yesterday (Saturday), the Wise Men also revealed Jesus in the manger as God. Their gifts were fit for a King, a High Priest, a Royal Subject and God Himself, while they worshipped Him. The Miracle at the Wedding Feast of Cana is also another Epiphany where again, God reveals Himself and His Glory in His Son, by performing the miracle of transforming water into wine. Our lives should be a process of transformation from our old sinful-self to a new sin-less self. Our own divine epiphany calls us recognise our true purpose on earth which is to live our lives as God's children, and according to His will. It would be lovely, when in a state of grace, to hear God reveal from heaven; "You are my child, my beloved; my favour rests on you."

From the Team in St Agatha's, we wish you a Blessed and Peaceful New Year. Thank you very much for your generous support over the Christmas Season.

God bless,
Fr Brendan

We pray for the Repose of the Souls of

Joseph O'Reilly, late of Alfie Byrne House whose Requiem Funeral Mass we celebrated for the repose of his soul last Thursday.

Natalie Sheridan, late of North Great Charles Street, whose Requiem Funeral Mass we celebrated for the repose of her soul yesterday

Stephan Pierce, late of Clonmore Road, whose Requiem Funeral Mass will be celebrated for the repose of his soul next Thursday.

We offer our sympathy to their families and friends.
May they rest in peace. Amen.



Yesterday, Saturday 6th we welcomed the coming of the Wise Men and we pray that Divine Wisdom may be exercised by us all throughout the coming year. Mary, Mother of God, Seat of Wisdom, pray for us.

Wishing you again a Happy 2018