



The Baptism of the Lord

12th January 2025

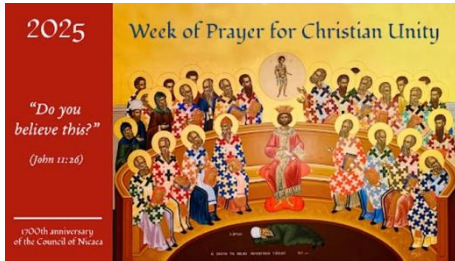
Please pray The Rosary for a revival of faith & prayer in our homes and return to mass.



Mass Times & Intentions: Rosary Monday to Friday Clonmellon 9.35am followed by Mass @ 10am

KILLALLON: Sun 10am:

CLONMELLON: Sun 11.30am: Anniv. Paddy & Katie Garry & d.f.m



Mon – St. Hilary

Fri – St. Anthony, Abbot

Sat – *Week of prayer for Christian Unity (18th – 25th Jan)*

Daily resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity as well as the approved Order of Service are available on <https://www.dioceseofmeath.ie/advent-resources>

Rest in Peace:

Noeleen Nevin (née Farrelly), Navan
– late Hartstown

KILLALLON: Sun 10am: Anniv. Sandra Poynton

CLONMELLON: Sun 11.30am: Anniv. Thomas & Bridget Smith & Anniv. Teresa McDonnell

Ecumenical Service: Sunday 16th February in Castlepollard Catholic Church @5.00pm. Preacher – Bishop Martin Hayes (Kilmore)

Sacraments:

Confirmation: Thurs 25th March 2025

First Holy Communion: Sunday 11th May 2025

December Offering will be acknowledged next week.

Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage 22nd - 27th September 2025

As Pope Francis convokes the Jubilee Holy Year of Hope, consider joining with Bishop Tom Deenihan and fellow pilgrims from across the Diocese in making the Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome. Highlights include Papal Audience, The Basilicas of St. Peter (including the prayer ritual of crossing through the Holy Door), St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, The Sistine Chapel & Vatican Museum, Day trip to Assisi, The Colosseum & Roman Forum, The Sancta Scala, Catacombs of San Sebastian. Pilgrims will be accommodated at the Pontifical Irish College with easy access to the city centre. Cost €1,399. Bookings and enquiries Mullingar Travel Tel: 044-9340587 Email: connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie See www.iubilaeum2025.va or www.dioceseofmeath.ie for links to information about the Jubilee Year.

Keep up to date by browsing <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html> or with the dedicated app IUBILAEUM25. Jubilee Year updates **are live on CatholicBishops.ie**



Points to Ponder

Most of us who were baptised as infants cannot remember the moment of our baptism. Fortunately, we have an abundance of symbols and rituals to anchor us in our 'baptismal memory'. When we pass by the baptismal font in our Church we can 'remember' our baptism. Anytime we have the pleasure of being in the congregation at a baptism ceremony we can 'remember' our baptism. We can look at photographs or take out the family christening gown or baptismal candle to have a visual reminder of our initiation into the Christian faith. But most significantly whenever we turn to one of the Gospel passages that tell the story of Jesus' baptism we can 'remember' our baptism in an especially powerful way.

The simple act of entering a Catholic Church and blessing ourselves with water from the font at the entrance is a way of remembering our baptismal commitment And it makes even more sense to put water on our foreheads as we leave the Church and go out into the world – for there the battles are fought. This is a month in which many of us are feeling overwhelmed. In January, the holidays are over and the bills are looming. Some people are dealing with a variety of post-holiday emotions; others already feel that they have failed in their new year's resolutions. The message of Jesus' baptism and a reminder of our own is needed at a time such as this: 'Lord we are yours, help us to know it, To know it in the depth of our hearts and to act accordingly.'

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