

Dunleer Parish Bulletin

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There are important moments in a person's life which change the direction or character of that life. There are moments of choice and celebration or of destiny or tragedy, moments which change our lives into 'befores' and 'afters'. The baptism of Christ is such a moment. It is a time when his identity is once again revealed and his commitment to his mission is chosen and celebrated after thirty years of hidden growth. He had matured. He had grown in wisdom and in obedience to the will of his Father.

Each of us is grafted onto Christ through our own baptism. The common water of baptism ensures that we all share in the promises of Christ and of the Gospel. We remind ourselves of this fundamental sacrament and commitment when we sprinkle ourselves, or when we renew our vows or profess our faith and particularly in the rites of baptism itself and in the sprinkling of Holy Water at the funeral rites. We try to unfold our baptism in the course of our discipleship and to take the privileges and the responsibilities of the sacrament seriously in the context of the society we live in.

The call of Christ invites us to renew our own free choice and to decide our mission once again. The commitment of marriage or of priestly life are not chosen just once and then forgotten except on anniversaries. The hard decisions and choices have to be renewed by most people over and over again in the decisions we make and in the way we behave day to day. To love God is to keep the commandments and to know God's favour is to be true to our freely-chosen commitments and promises. There is no point in professing faith and living otherwise.

True Christian love requires commitment and humility. It requires suffering sometimes and the taking of the path of service. It requires abandoning all that is not in accord with the commandments and the teaching of the Scriptures. It challenges us to the constant renewal of a freely-chosen commitment to follow Christ so that we too may one day hear the call of our common Father, 'This is my beloved one in whom I am well pleased'.

Sat Jan 8 th 7 30 p.m.	Michael and Mary Keaney and dec'd of family.
Sun Jan 9 th 10 30 a.m.	Frank and Mona Cavanagh John and Catherine Taaffe. Mary, Carmel, Breda and Anne Arecco
Sun Jan 9 th 11 30 a.m.	Nuala, Ollie and John Reilly. Brigid Mackin and Dec'd of Caffrey family. Benny and Paddy Carrie
Tue 11 10 a.m.	Michael and Kate Callan and Mary Callan.
Sat Jan 15 th 10 a.m.	Patricia McKenna Claire Cunningham
Sat 15 th 7 30 p.m.	Michael McCabe Eoin Carney Thos and Teresa Landy
Sun Jan 16 th 10 30	Thos and Bgd Flynn and Kathleen Farrell
Sun Jan 16 th 11 30	MM Michael Dunne

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