

**Church of the Holy Spirit
Ballyroan
Baptism of the Lord
09/10 Jan 2010**

Do you value the gifts of the Holy Spirit

1. **Wisdom** - Someone balanced, easy, forgiving,
2. **Understanding** - someone who can see both sides, not blinded by selfishness or prejudice.
3. **Right Judgement** - Nobody' fool, someone you would turn to for advice.
4. **Courage** - One who can stand on his/her own feet, someone with backbone and character.
5. **Knowledge** - Someone thoughtful, aware,
6. **Reverence** - someone with a regard for life and things and people and God. Someone respectful.
7. **Wonder & Awe** - Someone not sour and cynical. Someone who delights in all that is good

The country clubs, the cars
the boats,
Your assets may be ample,
But the best inheritance
You can leave your kids
Is to be a good example.
Barry Spilchuk



Feast of the Baptism of the Lord: Shortly after becoming Pope in 1978 John Paul II made an historic visit to his homeland. His pastoral journey took him back to his roots - his native parish where he had been born and raised. There he was pictured in a small, remote rural church gazing prayerfully into an old stone baptismal font. The caption underneath told everything - 'This is where it all began.'
Baptism is one of the three sacraments of initiation, along with Confirmation and Eucharist. Baptism celebrates belonging to God and being born and welcomed into the family of God, the Church. We celebrate the addition of another member to that family, our own belonging to God and to each other, and the welcoming work that we do, the welcoming community that we are challenged to be.

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Christmas Dues a very sincere thank you for your continued generosity and support to our parish and ministry in the wider diocesan family.

Mass Times & Intentions

Due to bad weather there will be no **07.30am Mass or Morning Prayer** this week.

Sat 2nd 7pm - Sr Ger Knightly (1st Anniv)
Sun 9am - Margaret & Joseph Staunton (A)
1030 - Martin Devlin (Month's Mind)
12 - Seamus O Reilly (A)
Mon 10am - Mary Quinn (Anniv)
Tues 10am - Christine Nelson (A)
Wed 10am Peter & Maura Nelson (A)
Thurs 10am Mary & Eugene Lacken (A)
Fri 10am Dee Slattery (RIP)
Sat 10am - Josephine & Roseleen Kavanagh

Third Age Social Circle '55 Plus'
Meetings resume on Mon 11 Jan at 10.45am.