



# St. Fachtna's Parish Newsletter

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In Communion With Christ and One Another

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We pray for our dead - and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

## Church Services

### Masses this weekend and during the week

Date	Time	Intentions / Anniversaries this week
Sun 12th.	10:15 am.	Con O'Sullivan - Coomgira & deceased family.
Mon 13th.	7:30 p.m.	Molly & Danny McCarthy - Curragh
Tue 14th.	7:30 p.m.	Connie O'Shea - Kieldromalive
Wed 15th.		
Thu 16th.	7:30 p.m.	Connie O'Shea - Kieldromalive - Month's Mind
Fri 17th.	8:00 p.m.	Adrigole GAA Mass

### Masses next weekend

Sat 18th.		No Vigil Mass
Sun 19th.	10:15 am.	Nora, Tim & Teddy O'Grady
Confessions		Before weekend Masses or any time on request

### Altar Society this week

Patsy O'Donoghue & Mary O'Sullivan & Kris Kzelsen

Thanks to everybody who helped out over the Christmas. A special thanks to the Choir all who joined the Choir on Christmas eve and Christmas day. It would be great if those who helped out would stay on and more consider joining the Choir. There is a lot going on this year liturgically. Easter, First Communion and Confirmation as well as the Sunday Eucharist. Let us put our best foot forward to meet this occasions. There is Choir Practice this Wednesday evening at 8 pm. Please come along. Thank you.

**Leaving Cert. Irish 2014.** One day intensive course on all aspects of the new Higher Level Irish course will be held in the Malton Hotel,, Killarney on Sat. January 25, 2014 is almost full.Booking close next week. This one day course will not be repeated.Enquiries to 086-6635323, or [gaeligeard@gmail.com](mailto:gaeligeard@gmail.com), or Facebook Gaeilge Ard 2014.

### Pope Francis

No elderly person should be like an "exile" in our families. The elderly are a treasure for our society.



### THE DEEP END • POINTING THE WAY

John the Baptist was driven by one mission: to point people to Jesus, to prepare the way for Jesus. Yet John is uneasy in this account of Jesus' Baptism. The moment has arrived but he is standing before someone much greater than himself and is being asked to minister. John feels unqualified, unworthy of such a task. After some persuasion 'John gave in to him' and accepted his responsibility. This is a lesson to all of us, not to let feelings of inadequacy stop us from carrying out our various missions and vocations in our lives. Jesus explains to John that this is necessary as a sign for the beginning of his ministry, a public statement of identity.

Pope Francis recently set us some homework: to find out the date of our baptism. He added: 'We are all part of the Church. If you say you believe in God, and if you say you believe in God but not in the Church, you're saying you don't believe in yourself, and that's a contradiction. We all are the Church, all of us. From that little child recently Baptised to the bishops and Pope, all of us'. He is reminding us to think deeply about what our baptism means for us, that moment when we were sent out to be part of God's mission in this world, in our local communities and sent out to minister to those around us, even if we feel unworthy of such a task. Take example from John the Baptist today and don't forget your homework!  
Jane Mellett



### Happy New Year to everyone from the Caha Centre.

The Adrigole Men's Group will resume on Monday, Jan. 13th at 8p.m. If you would like to join come along on the night. The Caha Centre **Bingo** will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 21st at 8.30p.m. We look forward to people supporting this community event

### SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS Matthew 3:13-17

The Baptism of Jesus marks a turning point in his life and the start of his public ministry. Recall moments when your life changed and you moved into a new phase.

The experience was one in which Jesus had a new sense of his own identity. What have been the experiences which have helped shape your sense of who you are?

How have you come to an awareness of being a child of God, beloved by God and one on whom rests the grace of God?

It is surprising that Jesus, the Saviour of the world, asks to be baptised by John. The request symbolises his desire to identify with us. At the same time he is filled with the Holy Spirit. That step of identifying with us is an important element in his being able to help us. Have you ever found that when someone can identify and empathise with you, it is easier for him/her to help you? Has your ability to identify with others had any impact on your effectiveness in helping them?

### Prayer for These Times

*Loving God, in these disturbing days, meet us in our fear and hear our prayer: to be a tower of strength amidst the shifting sands, and a light in the darkness; help us receive your gift of peace, and fix our hearts where true joys are to be found, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Adrigole GAA club draw tickets for 2014** are currently on sale . extra prizes added for 30th anniversary draw .Tickets €25



### Parish Clean-up for 2 hours

next Sunday January 19th.Meeting at Thady's Car Park at 2pm. help to keep our parish litter free.



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