

The Baptism of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said: This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

Alleluia!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 10 January. Jesus is anointed with the Spirit and his power. He is proclaimed Messiah. He now goes about doing good, working the signs that make him known as the Servant of God. He is the one who brings good news to the poor and tells of salvation. Through our Baptism each one of us is ordered to the life of Christ – Priest, Prophet and King – and the Father looks on us with favour.

Wednesday 13 January. St Hilary (315 – 367) was elected bishop of Poitiers (353) and distinguished himself by his stand against Arianism. In exile by order of Emperor Constantius, from 356 – 359, he used his time to write. His major works include *De Trinitate*, a study of the Holy Trinity.

Friday 15 January. St Ita was born in Co. Waterford of noble and Christian parents. Early on she set her mind on serving Christ in religious life. She founded a monastery in Killeedy, Co. Limerick, which attracted a great variety of young people. She was given the title “foster-mother of the saints of Ireland.” She died in 570.

Saturday 16 January. St Fursa was born in Ireland and became one of the great monastic missionaries abroad. He went first with his brothers Foillan and Ultan to live the monastic life in East Anglia. As great numbers continued to visit him there he left Foillan as abbot and sought refuge in France around 644. A patron gave him a hermitage at Lagny on the Marne. He died about 650 at Mézerolles and was buried in Péronne, which became a great centre of devotion to him.

First Anniversary Mass for Kathleen Mullan at 7pm.

The parish of Movice

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The Derry Diocesan Vocations team has organised a series of monthly "Holy Hours" to mark the Columban Celebrations of 2021, focusing on the example of men and women who have lived their lives by faithfully answering God's call. Like St Columba, these courageous disciples were not afraid to set out into the deep. They dared to say "Yes" to God.

Jesus knocks on the door of our hearts. Will we be brave enough to embrace the adventure in life which God wills for each one of us?

On the second Thursday of each month, at 8pm, from churches throughout the diocese, we will have an opportunity to learn from the lives of a variety of holy men and women who embraced their vocation to serve God in the circumstances of their daily lives.

On Thursday 14 January, at 8pm in St Pius X Church, Movice, Fr Pat will lead a time of prayer, celebrating the life and vocation of Carlo Acutis. The "Holy Hour" will be broadcast on the parish webcam for the people of the parish, for the diocese and, thanks to the internet, for the whole world!

The theme will be: God calls young people to holiness.

A prayer for Vocations: That all those initiated by Baptism to be followers of Christ may discern and live out the vocation to which Christ is calling them. We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

Social Media. The parish of Movice is now on social media. To follow us on Facebook, search for Movice Parish; on Instagram our username is movilleparish (no spaces). We would like to use these platforms to keep you up to date with all parish news and live streams to parish Masses and other services taking place in the church.

Students and young people (18 – 30) who would like to upskill their **Pro-Life** credentials are invited to apply for a place on the free ***Future Leaders' Programme*** designed specifically for the next generation of pro-life leaders. It's an intensive two-month course, delivered on line, beginning on Monday 18 January 2021, with the aim of equipping candidates with the competence, arguments and motivation they will need to promote the pro-life vision in the public square. The 50 young people who completed the programme in previous years now have crucial skills which have helped them to become proactive and organised, with enhanced personal effectiveness as leaders, communicators and activists in the cause of protecting life. Anyone interested should write to: info@prolifecampaign.ie

The parish office is now located in what was Fr McGoldrick's house. Normal office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 10am – 2pm. During "lockdown" the times may change. If the office door is closed (or if there's no answer on the phone) please call to the parochial house.

Collection envelopes for 2021 are available in the porch of the church nearest to your address. If you'd like to start using envelopes, or to contribute to the parish by Standing Order / Direct Debit, please get in touch with the parish office. If envelopes haven't been collected in the next week or so, it may be best to post them out, so that anyone who wishes may use them to make their contribution to the parish as and when they can.

Holy Communion: Anyone who would like to receive the Eucharist should come to St Pius X Church, Movice, this Tuesday, from 3 – 4pm.

Mass this week: every morning (except Saturday) at 10am. The Vigil Mass for Sunday will be celebrated at 7pm on Saturday. For the present, our churches are open for private prayer only. Mass may be viewed via the parish webcam.

Thank you for your financial support to the parish in the past week which amounted to €975.

The next **Parish Draw** will take place on Monday 11 January.

Ministers of the Word may collect their **2021 Missals** in the sacristy of St Pius X church (before or after Masses) or from the porch of the parish office or the porch of the parochial house.

Messengers for January may be collected in the porch of the parochial house.

If you'd like to volunteer for any area of parish life and ministry in 2021 – perhaps as one of your New Year's resolutions – please get in touch.

RTÉ have apologised for broadcasting a sketch which Archbishop Eamon Martin described as blasphemous. The sketch was part of a television programme which aired on New Year's Eve, and it has finally been taken down from the station's platforms. The apology and the withdrawal of the piece in question are the result of a huge number of complaints received by the Director General and the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland. "Too little, too late" some have said, but it goes to show that many people in our country still have a place for faith in their lives, and are unwilling to put up with anything offensive to God, faith or religion in general.