

Naomh Fionán.
An Fál Carrach
Nuachtlitir
The Baptism of the Lord
10th January 2021.

Mass Times and Intentions for the Week

Mass from the Church is available live on:

<https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/falcarragh-parish-church> & Parish Radio @ 106.5 FM

All Masses are available via our parish radio or online via webcam.

Sat 9th	7: 00 pm	Mary & John Ferry	Anniversary
Sun 10th	11: 00 am	John O'Brien, Funeral Mass	
Mon 11th		No Mass	
Tues 12th	10: 00 am	Ann McGeady	Anniversary
Wed 13th	10: 00 am	James & Mary Harkin	Anniversary
Thur 14th	10: 00 am	Private Intention	
Fri 15th	10: 00 am	Private Intention	
Sat 16th	7: 00 pm	Pete & Nellie McCarry	Anniversary
Sun 17th	11: 00 am	Charlie & Rosaleen Gallagher	Anniversary

Church Opening Times

The Day Chapel in the church is open each day for private prayer from 1: 30 pm – 7: 00 pm and from 10: 30 am – 7: 00 pm on Wednesdays & Thursdays.

Confessions

Available by request.

Baptism of the Lord

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus, the moment when God reveals who Jesus is. Our readings are rich with water imagery. Water is a powerful symbol throughout the Scriptures, from the story of creation and the crossing of the Red Sea, to the wedding feast at Cana and Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well. It is a symbol of life and newness, an opportunity for God to reach out to us, be present with us and teach us something, as well as an opportunity for cleansing and a fresh start.

Our gospel today tells of Jesus being baptised by John in the river Jordan. This immersion in water marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry. By approaching John for baptism, along with all the others, Jesus is identifying with the people and allowing himself to be counted among sinners. It is a sign that he submitting to God's will. At this crucial moment, as soon as he emerges from the Jordan, Jesus sees the heavens open and the voice of God confirming him as 'Beloved Son'. It is a moment of divine approval, confirming Jesus' identity and launching him on his new mission.

The baptism of Jesus is a reminder of our own identity and mission. We are beloved daughters and sons of God, sisters and brothers of Jesus, members of God's family. In today's first reading we are invited: 'Come to the water all you who are thirsty'. We are called to the water, to that moment when we recognise who Jesus is, who we are, and our mission to live as children of God.

'In order to live a life of holiness, we must first receive new life from God — we must be born from above.' J. Vernon McGee

Triona Doherty

Level 5 covid-19 guidelines

During the current lockdown, Naomh Fionán will be open for private prayer every day from 1: 30 pm – 7: 00 pm. There are no public Masses at this time, but you can still participate with each Mass in the church by tuning into our parish radio on 106.5 FM or by going online at:

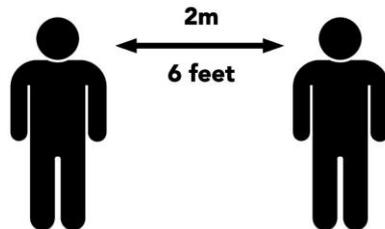
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Funerals are limited also to 10 persons only.

Points to remember when visiting the Church for private prayer.



Wear a Mask



Maintain Social Distancing



Use Hand Sanitiser

(Use wipes provided and ensure your hands are dry from the sanitiser before lighting candles)

It is VERY IMPORTANT to also remember:

Remain safe at home:

- **If your health is vulnerable or you feel unsure about coming out**
- **If you have Covid-19 or have had contact with someone who has**
- **If you are awaiting results of a Covid-19 test**
- **If you have a flu or cold like symptoms**

Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic – Pope Francis

O Mary,

you always shine on our path

as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,

who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of all People,

know what we need,

and we are sure you will provide

so that, as in Cana of Galilee,

we may return to joy and to feasting

after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,

to conform to the will of the Father

and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

A Prayer for Healthcare Workers

Loving God,
we place into your care
all our doctors, nurses and healthcare workers.
Give them courage of heart
and strength of mind and body.
Keep them safe from harm.
May they know our deep gratitude
for all they are doing
to heal and help those affected by
the coronavirus.
God of all consolation
may they know your protection and peace.
Bless them in these challenging days
and bless their families. Amen.

Safeguarding Children - Diocese of Raphoe

If you have a concern about the welfare and safety of a child, please contact any of the following:
Safeguarding Children Office, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Monastery Avenue, Letterkenny, Co.
Donegal. Phone 074 9125669 or email: raphoesafeguarding@gmail.com
Designated Liaison Person: Margaret Northage 086 2183011.
Tusla - Child and Family Agency 074 9123672 / 9123770.
Gardaí National Protective Services Bureau 01 6663420 / 01 6663435.

Dates for your Diary for 2021

Ash Wednesday	-	17th February
Easter Sunday	-	4th April
Graveyard Sunday Mass	-	1st August @ 1: 00 pm (Covid-19 guidelines permitting)

The dates for the First Communion & Confirmation Ceremonies have yet to be confirmed.

Parish Envelopes

If you are new to the parish or if you did not receive church envelopes for this year and wish to; please drop your name and address into the parochial house.

50/50

Congratulations to Rose, John and Cathal who won the 50/50 prize this week €632. Rose bought the ticket in Centra, Falcarragh. Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Local contact number: 087 1443464

Support Lines for Older People during Covid-19

ALONE Open every day: 8: 00 am – 8: 00 pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

SeniorLine: Open every day from 10am-10pm. Freefone 1800 80 45 91

Parish Newsletters is available online on our Facebook site: @falcarraghpairsh & at:
<http://www.parishpress.net>.

Cuimhneacháin Báis:

John O'Brien, Well Brae, whose funeral takes place here in Falcarragh today, Sunday.

Mylie Mulhern, Derryconnor, whose funeral took place last Sunday in Gortahork with burial in Falcarragh.

Anniversaries:

Mary & John Ferry, Frances Fitzgerald, Ann McGeady & James & Mary Harkin