

Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan South - Parish Notices - Sunday 8th January 2023, The Baptism of the Lord

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Extract From the Spiritual Testament of Pope Benedict XVI

I thank my parents, who gave me life in difficult times and prepared a wonderful home for me with their love, which shines through all my days as a bright light until today . I thank God from the bottom of my heart for the many friends, men and women, whom He has always placed at my side; for the co-workers at all stages of my path; for the teachers and students He has given me. I ask for forgiveness from the bottom of my heart from all those whom I have wronged in some way.

What I said earlier of my compatriots, I now say to all who were entrusted to my service in the Church: Stand firm in the faith! Do not be confused! Often it seems as if science - on the one hand, the natural sciences; on the other, historical research - has irrefutable insights to offer that are contrary to the Catholic faith. I have witnessed from times long past the changes in natural science and have seen how apparent certainties against the faith vanished, proving themselves not to be science but philosophical interpretations only apparently belonging to science - just as, moreover, it is in dialogue with the natural sciences that faith has learned to understand the limits of the scope of its affirmations and thus its own specificity.

For 60 years now, I have accompanied the path of theology, especially biblical studies, and have seen seemingly unshakeable theses collapse with the changing generations, which turned out to be mere hypotheses: the liberal generation, the existentialist generation, the Marxist generation. I have seen, and see, how, out of the tangle of hypotheses, the reasonableness of faith has emerged and is emerging anew. Jesus Christ is truly the Way, the Truth, and the Life - and the Church, in all her shortcomings, is truly His Body. Finally, I humbly ask: pray for me, so that the Lord may admit me to the eternal dwellings, despite all my sins and shortcomings. For all those entrusted to me, my heartfelt prayer goes out day after day.

Benedictus PP XVI.

Divine Mercy Food Bank

Divine Mercy Food Bank provides parcels of non-perishable food items to people who need the service. Food parcels can be collected from 11.00am—12 Noon on Mondays (excluding public holidays) from the Balgaddy Road entrance to the church.

Donations of non-perishable food items are requested from parishioners, and can be left in the green containers inside the doors of the church.

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Confessional Room in the church. Their works include visitation of homes, nursing homes, prisons and outreach to the poor. All are welcome.

Home Visits Holy Communion

If anyone who cannot come to Mass would like to receive Holy Communion at home from Fr.Aidan or a Minister of Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office 01-4572900

St. Vincent de Paul Contact Information

In these times of rising prices, if you wish to receive assistance from the St. Vincent De Paul Society, Dublin Office contact details : 01-8550022.

Church of Divine Mercy Bingo

Bingo resumes this week, Weds 11th January in the St. John Paul II Room. Doors open at 7.00 for 7.30pm.

Cup of Tea After Mass Wednesdays

Cup of tea after 9.15am Mass every Wednesday in the St. John Paul II Room. All are welcome.