



## St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral NEWSLETTER

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**Mass Times** 

Monday to Friday: 10.30 a.m. and 12.45 p.m.

 $\textbf{Saturday:}\ 10.30\ a.m.\ and\ 6.00\ p.m.\ (\textit{Vigil Mass})$ 

**Sunday:** 9.30 a.m., 11.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.

Confessions

Monday to Saturday after the 10.30 a.m. Mass

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** 

Monday to Friday after the 10.30 a.m. Mass to 12.30 p.m.

**Thank You** 30<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup> December 1<sup>st</sup> Collection €680 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (*Share*) €545

## The Baptism of the Lord



In all our lives, there are "before and after" moments, whatever they might be (parenthood, marriage, career etc.). In my life as a disciple, can I name any particular "before and after" mo-ments? This probably won't include baptism, because mostly we were just babies. But later, what happened to bring faith alive and to help me grow up as a believer? Such reflection may help us grasp the significance of John's baptism for Jesus himself. For him, it was a true "before and after" event, sustained by the ringing affirmation, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

## Prayer

Father, we are all your beloved sons and daughters; we dare to say that with us too you are well pleased. Help us embrace our new reality by letting ourselves be loved by you. Amen

## Unused/Unwanted Gifts Campaign THANK YOU

On behalf of Crosscare we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all who so generously gave to the *Unwanted/Unused Gifts Appeal*.

All the gifts collected will be redistributed by Crosscare to people who are in their homeless services for Christmas 2018.



Crosscare homeless services range from emergency accommodation to short-term housing to medium and long term support services. Earlier this year, Crosscare opened a new family hub facility in Drumondra. The building was made available by the Archdiocese of Dublin to Dublin City Council to help alleviate the problem of families living in hotel accommodation.

People have been particularly generous to Crosscare this Christmas – a Parish Food Appeal launched by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin at the start of December saw thousands of food items donated in just one weekend. Crosscare manager Michael Mc Donagh said that by the end of last week they had distributed 10,000 food hampers to families in need of help.

Thank you for your support and generosity

**Retrouvaille - A Lifeline for Married Couples** Do you want to improve the communication with your spouse? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next programme from 2nd – 4th February 2018. For information contact Tony & Anne (01) 495 3536, Mike & Anne (01) 450 0922, text or call 086 413 5440, or email info@retrouvaille.ie or visit www.retrouvaille.ie