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## Baptism of the Lord

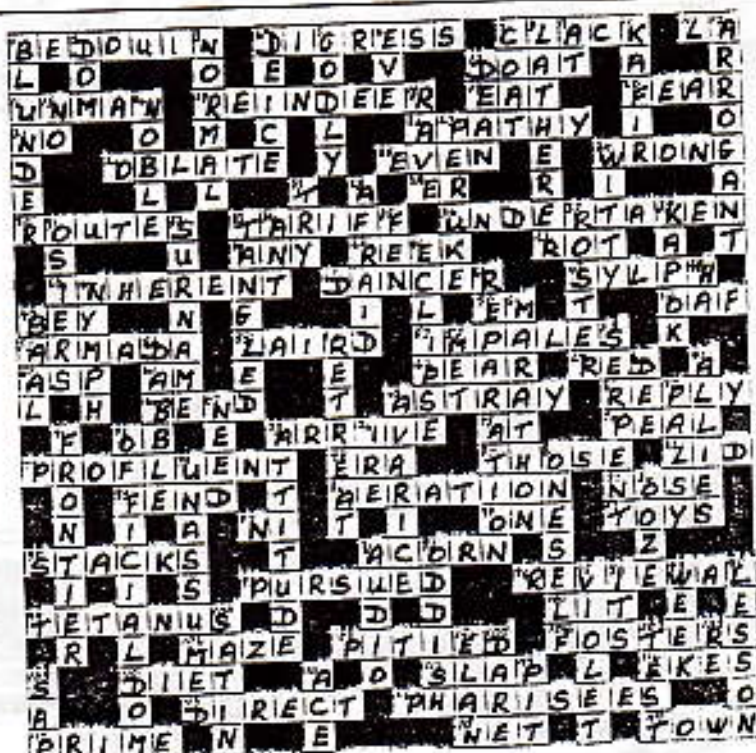


Jesus called his death and resurrection a "baptism". To his apostles he said: "Are you willing to be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?" In this baptism Jesus was "plunged" into death but the Father raised him up by giving him the Holy Spirit.



Baptism means "plunging". Jesus was baptised in the Jordan by John. The sign of the Spirit was seen. And the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him."  
(Matt. 3:17)

Baptism is the sign instituted by Christ to unite us with his own baptism. What happened at Christ's baptism is what happens at ours: so that St. Paul could write: "When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life."  
(Rom.6:3-4)

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- 1st: Sheila Hyland, Orchard Road.  
 2nd: Betty and Terry Layton,  
 Bishopstown Avenue.  
 3rd: Kathleen Fahy, Farranlea Grove.

Correct solutions were also received from -  
 Elsie Carpenter, College Road  
 Noel Buckley, Wilton Road  
 M. Fleming, Kenley Crescent

Bridget Hyland, Orchard Road  
 Phyllis Glavin, Magazine Road

Those with one incorrect answer were -  
 Lily Casey, Bendemeer Park  
 Marion Heffernan, Farranlea Park  
 Gerard O'Driscoll, Laurel Grove  
 O'Brien Family, Wilton Road  
 Paula Kelleher, Woodleigh Park

### Pray For The Dead



JAMES O'LEARY, "Roycroft", Magazine Road, died suddenly at home, just two years and two days after his wife of 40 years, Maureen. His son Denis and daughter Anne will miss both of them, particularly in the Christmases to come. May he and Maureen rest in eternal peace.

### IN SYMPATHY

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY goes to Martin McDonnell, Kenley Road, on the death of his father in the week before Christmas.



WE CONGRATULATE Fiona O'Sullivan, "Coolnaleen", College Road, who married Charles Bellringer in mid-September, 1989.



# BOOK REVIEW

"Love and Marriage" by Anne Townsend.

Anne Townsend's "Love and Marriage" is quite a short book, running to just 72 pages, yet it spans many years, or rather many marriages. It is essentially a collection of the writings of over 130 people on the subject of - Love and Marriage. Thomas Merton, Marie Curie and George Bernard Shaw are among the contributors, each with his own personal touch and views on the subject. Yet each of the contributions is different and unique. The book has humour, joy, wisdom and sadness.

It ranges in experience from falling in love through marriage, family and finally sad parting with the death of one of the partners. Virtues such as faithfulness, trust and sharing of problems are emphasized, this obviously being one of the author's main objectives. Perhaps because of the very personal sentiments expressed, the translation often fails to carry the reader's attention to a deeper understanding. One can understand the difficulty of transferring deep heartfelt feelings and emotions to the written word on a page. However, engaged couples, newly weds, couples watching the anniversaries fly past will certainly find this book interesting.

Arthur O'Callaghan

Success in marriage is more than finding the right person: it is a matter of being the right person. *Rabbi B.R. Brickner*



YES, AFTER the revelries of the Christmas period, we have once again reached 'the few days of broken promises' - "that's it, no more fags (for today)", "that's the last time you'll see me with a pint (until the next time)", and "yep, from now on it's Mass every day (give or take the odd one with a 'y' in it)".

However, there are many people who, albeit with some strain, stick to their resolutions. Maybe everybody, especially the young, should make a resolution, if only to test their discipline.

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WELL, ARE they going to break up? Ireland's answer to the Fab 4 seem to have reached the end of their artistic tether. Although they have yet to reach their peak, they are tired after ten years together and apparently they want to take a year or two off. Bono's cryptic messages from stage were interpreted as decisions by the vulture-like journalists. These rumours were quickly scotched. No other small group of people has done as much for young Irish bands and for Irish music in general as U2 and their management, and if they were to split up, it would be a sad day for Irish music and musicians, you young and old.

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1989 PROVED to be a bumper year for Irish Swimmer Gary O'Toole. He captained the Irish Swimming Team in the European Championships in Germany and he himself came away with a Silver Medal. All this without the use of a 50 metre pool in Ireland.

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Brian



**NOTICE BOARD**

Marriage Preparation

A PRE-MARRIAGE Course covering Relationships, Budgeting & Money Management, Human Reproduction, Family Planning and Marriage is for Life will commence on Wednesday 17th January at the School of Commerce. Places are limited so early booking is recommended. It is organised by O.M.A.S., Cork and fulfils the requirements of the Church for pre-marriage preparation.

Further inquiries to O.M.A.S., 36 Washington Street (tel.272213 Tues/Fri).

Bishopstown Camogie Club A.G.M.

RESERVE FRIDAY 12th January for the Bishopstown Camogie Club's A.G.M. which will take place at the G.A.A. Club at 8.00 p.m. sharp.

Old friends will be rewelcomed. New players at all levels will be especially welcomed, and parents and general supporters to help share the responsibilities will also be welcome.

Come Dancing!

CLASSES OF DANCE - Disco, Jazz, Ballet, Tap - recommence at Wilton Park House on Thursday 8th January. Children - 5 p.m., Adults 6. p.m.



**Q.A.**

QUESTION: At my age I find it difficult to change over to receiving Holy Communion in the hand. Can you make any suggestions?

ANSWER: At the Jewish Fellowship Meal, today as at the time of Christ, a blessing was said, bread was broken and eaten, the cup of wine was shared.

At the Last Supper, Christ elevated this ritual to what we now know as the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

After the Resurrection, Christ told the two disciples whom he met on the road to Emmaus that they would recognise Him "in the breaking of bread" ... our Eucharist.

So, I would say to you; meet and recognise Christ in the breaking of bread. Everything else will follow.



A Warm Thank You

THE LOCAL Girl Guides were of great help to us in the pre-Christmas Mass for the elderly. We thank especially Wendy Ainscough, Deirdre Coakley, Kensa O'Connell, Helen Maloney, Clare Fahey, Clare Raissiam, Catherine O'Sullivan, Caroline Kelleher, Alison McCarthy, Fiona O'Sullivan, Ann Marie Kelly and Susan Floyd.