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## SHANAHOE OPERATION TRANSFORMATION COMMUNITY WALK

Saturday January 18th, Registration in Shanahoe Hall from 10.30am Walk starts at 11am sharp All abilities are welcome, please wear appropriate clothing on the day Refreshments will be served afterwards in the hall Donations of left over Christmas treats will be accepted on the day and passed onto a local homeless charity.  
Looking forward to seeing you all there

**Carol Singers Say Thanks** Shanahoe Folk Group say a huge thanks to all in the community who supported so generously to the carol singing for the Heart and Lung Foundation. **The amount of €418.40 was raised and your support was greatly appreciated.**

### Raheen Community Alert -

Will hold their A.G.M on **Sunday 19th Jan at 3pm** in the Old School, Raheen. Please note Date & Time!! Guest Speaker: SGT Graham Kavanagh will attend. All welcome

### DANCING FOR FITNESS AND FUN

SHANAHOE LADIES CLUB ARE ORGANISING DANCING FOR FITNESS AND FUN IN SHANAHOE HALL. **THURSDAY 9TH, 16TH, 23RD, AND 30TH JANUARY 8PM TO 9PM.**

**COST €5 PER NIGHT.**  
**FORMER MEMBERS AND NON MEMBERS ARE VERY WELCOME.**



### Coffee morning

There will be a coffee morning after Mass in Shanahoe hall, on Sunday morning 19th January in aid of Irish kidney association,  
All welcome.

### Operation Transformation

2020 - Tobar an Léinn are organising a Operation Transformation "WALK" every Monday evening beginning this Monday 13th Jan at 7pm. We will use Dan Tynan's farm and then onto the public road, continuing into Colt GAA pitch for 2 laps of the walk way. (Please ensure you are visible and wear a High Vi's and bring a torch. If bringing dogs please have them on a lead and no bikes allowed) This event is open to the community, parents, children and former pupils.

To coincide with the O.T.P. we are offering participants with the opportunity to weigh in and be motivated and continue with your goal over the next 8 weeks. Weigh in is available from 6.45pm to 7pm each Mon night in the school. Each person can weigh in in private and will record their weight on a card which they retain themselves, at no point will they have to weigh in or declare their weight to anyone as this would be the participants own journey.. Looking forward to seeing you all!!

### Dancing in Abbeyleix Golf Club

Every Sunday night .  
Come along - A great night assured.

# St. Fintan's Parish - Raheen - NEWSLETTER

Baptism of the Lord (Year A) January 12<sup>th</sup> 2020

## Baptism of the Lord

*Who is this Child?*

*The light who guides our way,  
the Word who is our truth,  
the One in whom all have life.*



*He entered fully into the depths of the river.  
into the depths of humanity,  
into everything that is human  
and then he heard the words of God,  
'You are my Son, the Beloved.'*

*This was a moment when Jesus knew that God was with him, that he was loved and was on the path of God. Moments like when we knew in prayer, a conversation with a friend, a stroll by the sea, a time helping someone, times when we have plunged into the depths and discovered the love of God.*

### Catechism in a Year

Take two minutes of each day this year to go deeper into you Catholic faith. It is free from [flocknote.com/catechism](http://flocknote.com/catechism). I invite you to take a moment to pray and commit yourself to two minute per day. Commit to reading each daily Catechism email and make 2017 the year you grow closer to God than you've ever been before.



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**This Weekend Masses 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> January**

**Raheen:** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January Mass at **7.30pm**

- *Narry Tynan R.I.P who died during the week (Martin Grant's Sister)*

**Shanahoe:** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January Mass at **9.30am**

**Weekday Masses this Week**

**Raheen:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January Mass at **10am**

**Next Weekend Masses 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> January**

**Raheen:** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan. Mass at **7.30pm**

- *Martin Bergin, Cramogue.*  
 - *Seamus, Tom & Julia Phelan, Derrykearn.*

**Shanahoe:** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan. Mass at **9.30am**

- *Patty Lalor, Shanahoe (Montifs Mind)*



Deepest Sympathy to the **Galvin families Corbally** on the death of Peters wife Nuala (nee Goodwin) Mountmellick, who died on 14<sup>th</sup> Nov (Mother to Eugene & Tara). The funeral took place at Holy Redemer Church Wexham, England, followed by cremation at Slough Berks. RIP.

**Adoration Committee invite you to a Day of Prayer**

.K&L Diocesan Adoration Committee invite you to a Day of Prayer. Holy Mass, Adoration, Rosary, sharing and music, held in Carlow College on Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup> 2020 to begin at 10am. Refreshments served. All welcome.

**Thank you for your contributions to Parish Funds**

**5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020**

**Raheen:**  
 Offertory Collection: €281.00  
 Weekly Envelope: €356.70  
 (27 houses)



**Shanahoe:**  
 Offertory Collection: €258.50  
 Weekly Envelope: €213.75 (18 houses)

**Sincere Thanks -**

Sincere thanks to the parishioners who generously supported their Priests during the year.  
**Thank You**

**CHEQUE'S**

**Please note:**

Cheque's for the weekly Envelopes (Yellow Envelope) Please make payable to **Raheen Parish**.

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 Cheque's to the Priests Collection (Orange Envelope) please make payable to **Raheen Parish Clergy Fund**. Many Thanks

**Raheen Parish Bicentenary year**

Throughout this Bicentenary year we hope to put in a brief little fact (generally a one-liner) such as the one below to trigger the thoughts of the parish on the past 200 years. There will be a historic fact on a regular basis.

**BICENTENARY MISCELLANY**

Before 1820 this Parish was part of the larger parish of Clonenagh which included Mountrath and Ballyfin. It was a 'mensal' parish - which meant that the Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin was its parish priest.

**List of Gospel Readings For The Week:**

Sat Jan 11th Lk 5:12-16	Wed Jan 15th Mk 1:21-39
Sun Jan 12th Mt 3:13-17	Thurs Jan 16th Mk: 1:40-45
Mon Jan 13th Mk 1:14-20	Fri Jan 17th Mk 2:1-12
Tues Jan 14th Mk 1:21-28	Sat Jan 18th Mk 2:13-17



**Baptism Dates**

**Raheen:** Sunday Feb 9<sup>th</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Shanahoe:** Sunday Feb 16<sup>th</sup> & March 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Please give 3 weeks notice to the Parish Office

**Shanahoe Church Cleaning**

**Rota**

Cleaners for January  
*Christine Cahill & Kay O'Connor*

**• Sunday of the Word of God – January 26th**

Last September Pope Francis' announced and instituted Sunday of the Word of God – the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time. This, its first year, will take place on January 26. Parishes might like to have a blessing of their readers during Masses this weekend as well as marking the day and the importance of the word of God in the life of the Church in the Prayer of the Faithful and homily. A holy hour / time of reflection for readers might also be considered – the diocesan guide for readers could be a resource for such a time of reflection.

**• Carlow Family Support Group - You Are Not Alone**

Drugs and Alcohol abuse effects families regardless of status in life. You did not cause it, you can't control it and you can't cure it. Help is available for those who live with this dreadful disease call 085 7872730.

**• Ignite 2020 University Student Retreat**

A three-day retreat of fellowship, formation and faith organised by students, for students. Dublin January 16-18 with Jason Evert, Fr Conor McDonough OP, Nashville Dominican Sisters, Fr Shane Sullivan and many more. Eventbrite 'Ignite 2020' or contact Sarah for more details on 087-0919646

