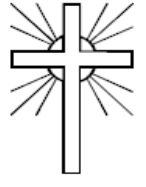


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NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sunday 24th June 2018

Today we Celebrate the Nativity of St John the Baptist

John the Baptist was loved and admired by the people ~ who even thought he might be the Messiah. He explained that he was preparing the way for someone who would bring them far greater blessing.

When Jesus came John accepted that his work was complete, that he would become less whilst Jesus became great. It is humility to recognise our limitations and the completion of our work for God.

John is an example for us in recognising when our time of handing on has come and encouraging others who take our place. When the work is God's work, it is not important who does it because it is the Lord who truly accomplishes all through those willing to love and serve.

John prepared, Jesus accomplished ~ and we are the disciples who continue the work, humbly and gratefully acknowledging God's call.

Thoughts from today's First Reading: Isaiah 49 : 1-6

We are in the second part of the book of Isaiah - "The Consolation of Israel". The prophet himself is dead but someone writes beautifully in his spirit and in his style.

One of the features of this part of the book is a quartet of songs of the Servant of God - someone willing to suffer and die for love of God and of the people.

The **suffering servant** sees and sings of the powerful love in a death undergone for love. We understand. It is the most beautiful death to suffer and die for a loved one and/or for God who is love.

We can see why the reading is chosen for the feast of John the Baptist. John's courage and integrity, his love for God's law and awareness of preparing the way for the Messiah, make him the supreme prophet "than whom no one greater has been born" says Jesus.

So the voice of today's reading is that of Isaiah, of John, of Jesus - of any prophet with the message of God's universal love.

The opening verse is extraordinary: the prophet addresses the whole world in a voice he imagines reaches to the ends of the earth - and claims the call to speak thus came to him in his mother's womb. Twice (in verses 1 and 5) the awareness of

God's love for the child in the womb is celebrated.

God does not know age, only person: the child in the womb (Isaiah, John the Baptist, Jesus) is open to God's call and love as the babe in the basket (Moses), the shepherd boy in the hills (David), Simeon in the Temple, the thief on the cross

The Benedictus – Thanksgiving Prayer from Zechariah for his son - John the Baptist; Lk 1 :68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High;

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

THE BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST: DAY
Communion Song Lk 1:78



THROUGH the ten - der mer - cy of our God, *



the Dawn__from on high__ will vis - it us.

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Our offerings last week:

	Loose	Envelopes	S/O	Total
All Saints	£119.25	£164.00	£120.00	£403.25
St Mary's	£143.62	£158.00	£261.00	£562.62

Thank you for your generosity.

Many thanks for your generous contributions to the collection for Father Vincent's parish.

Parish Diary - for the next few months:

7th July	Joint Garden Party, at All Saints, with AS School
30th Sept	Fizzy Afternoon Tea

Parish Rotas: Weekend of 30th June / 1st July

Sacristans: All Saints, 6pm Margaret McC & Barbara P, 11am Ann & Len K; St Mary's, Chris;

Welcomers: All Saints, 6pm Margot & Elaine, 11am Natalie & Tracey; St Mary's, Beatrice & John;

Ministers: All Saints, 6pm Monica & David; 11am Maddie & Peter B; St Mary's, TBA;

Readers: All Saints, 6pm, Cath McM, 11am Chris M; St Mary's, Sarah, Tony & Mark;

Bidding Prayers: Andrew (following week – Jim)

Take a Moment to Pray:

In the beginning, Creator God,
 You shaped my soul and set its weave.
 You formed my body and gave it breath.
 Renew me this day in the image of your love.
 Loving God, grant me your light.
 Compassionate God, grant me your grace.
 Gentle God, grant me your joy this day
 and let me be made pure in the well of your health.
 Amen.

Joint Parish Garden Party, with All Saints School:

Saturday 7th July, 11am – 3pm, in the grounds of All Saints Church, donations of Cakes, Raffle Prizes, Bric-a-Brac, Children's Games, Jewellery, Tombola Gifts, Books etc gratefully received at your church.

The children will be singing at 1pm.

Help needed from 9am to set up Gazebos and stalls.

Please do support our joint event in any way that you are able to, and of course come along on the day!

Confessions:

All Saints - Saturday 5.15 – 5.45pm

Parish Mass Book: Sunday: **Gloria p.9; Readings, p. 164/7; Creed p.11; Preface p. 71; Eucharistic Prayer, p. 31**

			All Saints	St Mary's
Saturday	23 rd	June	6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Jimmy King – Birthday Memories</i>	
Sunday	24 th	June	11.00 am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Special Intention (CB)</i>
Nativity of St John the Baptist, Solemnity <i>Eucharistic Prayer: No 4 (White)</i>				
Monday	25 th	June	10.00 am Mass <i>Mary Colclough RIP</i>	
<i>Feria (Green)</i>				
Tuesday	26 th	June		<i>No Service Today</i>
Wednesday	27 th	June	10.00 am Mass <i>Tim Killeen RIP</i>	
<i>St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (White)</i>				
Thursday	28 th	June		10.00 am Mass <i>Gervase Tinley RIP</i>
<i>St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr (Red)</i>				
Friday	29 th	June	7.00 pm Mass <i>Garry McGuigan RIP</i>	10.00 am Mass <i>Mick Moran RIP</i>
<i>SS Peter & Paul, Apostles, Holy Day of Obligation (Red)</i>				
Saturday	30 th	June	6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>	No Confessions Today 10.30 am Exposition 11.00 am <i>Service of Word & Holy Communion</i>
Sunday	1 st	July	11.00 am Mass <i>Phyllis & Pat Barry</i> Baptism of Ava Lydia Jarratt	9.30 am Mass <i>Marie Jubb RIP (Australia)</i>
<i>Thirteenth Sunday of the Year Eucharistic Prayer: No 1 (Green)</i>				