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THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SUNDAY 24th JUNE 2018



Birth of John the Baptist is a Sabbath Year Feast, that is, a feast that we celebrate on a Sunday only once every seven years. It is an important feast in the sense that his is one only three whose birthdays we commemorate. The other two of course are Jesus and the Virgin Mary. The Nativity of the St John teaches three things: 1) We should not take our small misfortunes as big tragedies. We should imitate Zechariah who remained optimistic, continuing in prayer and Temple service. 2) We need to ask God's help to get rid of the barrenness of our heart, cleanse it daily, liberate it from evil attachments and prepare it for the rebirth of Jesus. 3) We need to be good parents and grandparents, offering incessant prayers for our children and grandchildren.

SOUTHWARK PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR THE EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2018

We thank you Father for the love you have shown us in the gift of Jesus, your Son. Keep us grateful each day for the blessings that surround us. Help us to be open to the freshness of your Spirit. Invite us into a deeper relationship with your Son, Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist. We humbly ask your help to become the Church that you are calling us to be: a community that listens, that trusts, that lives with courage and that puts out its nets into new waters. May the gentle presence of Christ in our hearts be a source of healing, of new life and of a deeper trust in you. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

A man was sent from God, whose name was John. He came to testify to the light, to prepare a people fit for the Lord.

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.'



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *A reading from the book of Isaiah 49:1-6*

Islands, listen to me, pay attention, remotest peoples. The Lord called me before I was born, from my mother's womb he pronounced my name. He made my mouth a sharp sword, and hid me in the shadow of his hand. He made me into a sharpened arrow, and concealed me in his quiver. He said to me, 'You are my servant in whom I shall be glorified'; while I was thinking, 'I have toiled in vain, I have exhausted myself for nothing'; and all the while my cause was with the Lord, my reward with my God. I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord. **R. Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 138(139)

R. I thank you for the wonder of my being .

O Lord, you search me and you know me,
you know my resting and my rising,
you discern my purpose from afar.

You mark when I walk or lie down, all my ways lie open to you. **R**

For it was you who created my being,
knit me together in my mother's womb.
I thank you for the wonder of my being,
for the wonders of all your creation. **R**

Already you knew my soul,
my body held no secret from you
when I was being fashioned in secret and
moulded in the depths of the earth. **R**

SECOND READING

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 13:22-26

Paul said: 'God deposed Saul and made David their king, of whom he approved in these words, "I have selected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose." To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal."

'My brothers, sons of Abraham's race, and all you who fear God, this message of salvation is meant for you.'

The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High.
You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways before him Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 1:57-66,80

The time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave birth to a son; and when her neighbours and relations heard that the Lord had shown her so great a kindness, they shared her joy.

Now on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother spoke up. 'No,' she said 'he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'But no one in your family has that name', and made signs to his father to find out what he wanted him called. The father asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And they were all astonished. At that instant his power of speech returned and he spoke and praised God. All their neighbours were filled with awe and the whole affair was talked about throughout the hill country of Judaea. All those who heard of it treasured it in their hearts. 'What will this child turn out to be?' they wondered. And indeed the hand of the Lord was with him.

Meanwhile the child grew up and his spirit matured. And he lived out in the wilderness until the day he appeared openly to Israel.

The Gospel of the Lord. R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

I Reading: Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24

Responsorial Psalm: 29

II Reading: 2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; Through him all things were made.✠For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (all bow) *was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and your may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH.

When we eat this Bread, and drink this cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever

Behold the Lamb of God...

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Through the tender mercy of our God, the Dawn from on high will visit us

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGES: It is a special day for our Parish this Sunday as we keep a day of prayer for married couples. The special Mass is at 12:00 in which the couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage vows. All couples are invited to this Mass and the celebration in the Hall follows.



SOLEMNTY OF ST PETER & PAUL: is on this Friday 29th June. It is a Day of Obligation. As Catholics, we are obliged to go for Mass. Masses are at 09.30, 12:00 & 8pm. There will be a second collection for Peter's Pence, OUR CONTRIBUTION TO POPE FRANCIS for his humanitarian work all over the world.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: parish is organising a 5-Day Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 15-19 October 2018. Stay in a 4 star hotel (Grand Hôtel Moderne), by British Airways and full board. Cost £535. if you are interested, please fill in a booking form and hand it over to a priest or Parish Office.

SEMINARIAN THOMAS MARGOL: we continue to keep in our prayers Thomas as he will be ordained a deacon on Saturday 30th June at St John's Seminary. He will join us as a deacon on Sunday 1st July at 12:00 Mass and return to the Seminary to continue his formation to priesthood.

THANK YOU to all the First Holy Communion catechists for their outstanding dedication and hard work in preparing all the boys and girls for their FHC. Congratulations to all the boys and girls who received their FHC this year.

FHC PHOTOS: *To purchase individual/family/group photographs or DVD recording of the First Communion ceremonies, please contact or pop in to: Robbies Photographics, 9 The Boulevard, Balham High Road, SW17 7BW-020 8767 4222 www.robbiesphotographics.com*

QUIZ NIGHT on Friday 29th June in St Boniface Coffee Shop. Doors open at 7pm and Quiz starts 7.45pm. There will be a curry supper available. Cost £5 for quiz only and £10 for quiz and supper. Many thanks.

ST. BONIFACE SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE is on Saturday 30th June at the school in Undine Street. **RAFFLE TICKETS** will be on sale after all masses this week-end.

STANDING ORDERS: a big thank you to all of you who have already set up a standing order. It helps to reduce the administration time. If you wish to set up a S/O please fill in a form available from the wooden rack in the Church porch and give it to a priest or parish office. If you are member of the gift aid scheme, please mention on the form your gift aid number.

ALTAR SERVERS & THEIR FAMILIES TRIP: You are invited on a outing on SATURDAY 7th JULY to MARGATE. The coaches will leave St Boniface at 8.30am. Those interested who have not booked a seat please speak to Fr Shaju as last week-end was the last chance to book a place

CAKE SALE after the 10.30am Mass this Sunday 24th June in aid of Alzheimer's Society organised by Mary Hardy.

ANNIVERSARIES: It will be 10th Ordination Anniversary of Fr Shaju on **Thursday 12th July**. All are invited to a special anniversary Mass at 7.00pm that evening followed by refreshments in the hall. If anyone can cook and bring some food on the 12th July, **please indicate on the sheets in the Church porch**, otherwise please come and join the celebration.

RECEIVING COMMUNION: the greatest gift that we were ever given is the precious Body and Blood of Our Lord in the Holy Communion. We should receive with reverence and without haste. At communion time do not RUSH up the aisles and jump the queue but please wait for your turn as people line up pew by pew. Thank you.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND: Please keep in your prayers all the fifty-five pilgrims who will be travelling to **Poland 23rd—28th June**. **Fr Shaju will ensure your prayers and petitions are taken to the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy in Krakow and Our Lady of Czestochowa.**

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE: is held on the last Monday of every month. The next course is this **Monday 25th June at 7.30pm** in the Parish Meeting Room.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN LIVERPOOL: We shall pray the Southwark Prayer for the Congress that can be found on the front page of this misalette/newsletter at the end of the prayers of the faithful.

RENOVATION WORKS OF THE HALLS: the Parish Halls will be closed from **30th July to 31st December 2018** for the renovation works. Please keep in your prayers the success of this special project of the parish. We are very grateful to the late Joan Mary HAAKMAN who generously left £175,000 for the Church in her Will and we shall name one of the Halls in her memory.

GIFT AID SCHEME NEW BOX OF ENVELOPES: If you are part of the Parish Gift Aid Scheme please collect your new box of envelopes.

New members are most welcome to join (at any time). All that is required is for you to sign a Gift Aid Declaration to confirm you are a UK taxpayer and then you use the envelopes provided for your money to put in the collection. You do not have to commit to any particular amount but if you join the scheme every pound you put in your envelopes will be worth £1.25 to the Church. Thank you to existing members for past contributions and a warm welcome to those who have joined for the first time or returned to the scheme after a period of absence. For all enquiries please telephone Tony Finnegan on 020 8767 5293 or email giftaid@stbonifacetooting.org.uk.

CHURCH CLEANING: Thank you very much to people who have volunteered to clean the Church on Mondays. Please do not forget about your duty according to the Rota. This Monday is **week 4 (Team 4) at 7pm**.

NEED TO SEE A PRIEST: If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or a wedding or a private matter, please come to the **Parish Open House** on **FRIDAY 29th JUNE** from **6pm – 7.30pm**. No appointment needed.

TO BAPTISE A BABY: Please discuss with a priest at the Parish Open House held on most Fridays from **6pm – 7.30pm** in the Parish Office.

HOSPITAL VISITS: If you or a family member are admitted to St George's Hospital and would like to see a priest, please contact Fr Jonathon Routh, the hospital chaplain on 020 8725 3069. In an emergency, please ask the ward staff to contact the Catholic priest on call.

*We offer our prayers for JOHN CAFFREY & JOSEPH JACOB who died recently. We offer our sympathy and prayers to their families & friends. We are still waiting for the funeral arrangements for John Caffrey.
May they rest in peace!*

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers all those on our parish prayer list.

The Sick: Nilojan Mariyathas, Jill Hart, Betty Joyce, Mary & Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Clifford Tetteh, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Terence Rodrigues, Marciana Tangcay & Geoff Blwyddin.

Anniversaries: Margaret Jolliffe, Linda Meek, Margaret Dunleavy, Yvonne Doll, Michael Willis, Lloyd Salmon, Laurence Lally. **May they rest in peace – Amen.**

	23rd & 24th June	30th June & 1st July
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat18.30	Daren Alfred & Adrian Alfred	Mathew & Lucinda D'Souza
09.00	Robin Thomas & Pat Connors	Pat Willis & Mary Donoghue
10.30	Kieran Kelly & Sophia Selvaratnam	Francis Ikpoh & Duesdayne Ikpoh
12.00	Ronald Cabrera & Colleen Lue	Mikhaela Dayaday & Matthewson Matthews
18.30	Michael Lobo & Remija Mponzi	Susan Daniel & Philippa Keeling
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat18.30	Debra Anton, Matchel Bibat, & Doris Cubero	Agnela, David & Manuel Cabral
09.00	Luiza Lobo, Erica Summers & Jane Parper	Valrose Hayes, Coralee Hilton, Elizabeth Rodrigues
10.30	Sophia Anton, Brenda McGrath & Rui Rodrigues	Edy Endoza, Virginia Francois, Damian P Keeling
12.00	Bernadine & Denis Fernandes & Mary Rainford	Rosemary John, Marjorie Smith, Mary Mayne
18.30	Agnes Babu, Sharon Wrightman & Barrie Ellis-Daley	Reya Mathai, Juliana De Souza & Barrie Ellis-Daley
Church Cleaning:	Wk4: Mon 25th June @ 7pm	Wk1: Mon 2nd July @ 10am
Coffee Morning:	Gabrielle Yifter, Victor Pope Maida Maurice	Anna Lukashuk, Adela Vianello, Amparo Johnson

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection last weekend was £2,278.32 [Loose plate 60%; Gift Aid 40%]
Standing Order for the month of June £1,375
 Thank you for your generosity



Sunday 24th June THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	09.00 10.30 12.00 18.30	Lourdes Da Costa RIP Peg & Jim Breslin RIP A For Couples Frank Reilly RIP
Monday 25th June Feria	09.30 11.00 18.30	Ruth Wanters RIP Funeral: JOSEPH JACOB Thanksgiving to St Anthony
Tuesday 26th June Feria	09.30 18.30	People of the Parish Jim Seery RIP
Wednesday 27th June St Cyril of Alexandria	09.30 18:30	F/M: Peter Joseph Hogan Tereza Lobo 80th Birthday Thanksgiving
Thursday 28th June St Irenaeus	09.30 18.30	Kurunandan & Dhushiyanthi Intentions Prendergast Family Deceased
Friday 29th June SAINTS PETER & PAUL Holy Day of Obligation	09.30 12.00 20.00	Mick Kearney Pro Populo John Connolly RIP A
Saturday 30th June Feria	09.30 16.30 18.30	Bill Connors Exposition & Confession The Community Prayer Crusade Special Intention of CPC
Sunday 1st July THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year B)	09.00 10.30 12.00 18.30	Paddy Durkin RIP Teresa O'Hara Intentions Jouany, Theodore & Domingue Families + H/S Theresa Treacy RIP

<u>Monday 25th June</u> Padre Pio Group (7pm Parish Meeting Room) (Meet 2nd & 4th Monday of each month) <u>Tuesday 26th June</u> Charismatic Prayer Group (7pm Church) <u>Wednesday 27th June</u> Rosary Prayer Group (7pm Parish Meeting Room)	<u>Thursday 28th June</u> Knit & Natter Group (3pm Parish Meeting Room) Legion of Mary (7.15pm Parish Meeting Room) Tamil Mass (7.30pm Church) <u>Friday 29th June</u> 50+ Club (2pm Function Suite) Parish Open House (6pm– 7.30pm in the Presbytery)
Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat: 11.30am – 12.30pm	

Adoration & Morning Prayer Monday - Saturday: 8.45am Holy Hour on First Friday 5.15pm – 6.15 pm	Novena to St Anthony Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Chaplet Friday: 10am	Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Saturday: 10am
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