

# THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Copenhagen Street

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**Parish Office opening times:** Tuesday-Friday 10.00am -2.00pm



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THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

24<sup>th</sup> June 2018

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## Born for a Purpose



There's a new baby on the way and excited parents will start to make plans. They will choose the baby's name, and what colour to paint the nursery. Some parents will already be planning which school they shall put the new baby down for and will even be harbouring secret university hopes. Fond mothers-to-be will be imagining dance classes and music lessons. Indulgent dads will have decided which football team the baby will support. The baby's future is already decided before he or she is even born. John the Baptist's family must have felt a little like this. We don't know what plans they might have made, but we do know that they had hoped to name the new baby Zacharias after his father. God however had other plans. God chose the name 'John' for the new baby through the mediation of an angel. That God chose John the Baptist's name tells us that he had already carved a destiny for the baby. John was born for a purpose.

Nowadays we tend to see John as a subsidiary player to Jesus. But for people at the time, John was the better known of the two. The gospels present John without explanation, as if everybody should recognise him. John's mission had two facets. First of all, he called people to repentance and baptism. Secondly, he prepared the way for Jesus. In a way he was God's spokes-person. But that's not where it all ends. God's project of salvation is still to be carried out and it doesn't necessarily take a great prophet like John. A prophet is simply a spokesperson, a job each of us could undertake to varying degrees. Like John, each of us is born for a purpose. The ministry of John the Baptist continues in each of us.



**CLERGY MOVES:** Fr David will be moving in September to take up a new appointment as Assistant Priest in the parishes of Northolt and South Harrow. His replacement will be Fr Allan Alvarado who is being Ordained a Priest by the Cardinal on next Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> June, in the Cathedral. Please keep Fr David and Fr Allan in your prayers.

**FOOD BANK:** We continue to rely on your support through volunteering on Thursdays or helping us to expand our support base. Food donations are welcome - what is most needed is listed on the box at the back of church. We cannot make use of perishable items. Thank you.

**BEN KINSELLA RIP:** parishioners will remember that this young man was tragically killed in June 2008. To mark his tenth anniversary there will be a special Memorial Mass for Ben at St John's in Duncan Terrace on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00pm.

**PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE:** just a reminder that the next meeting will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm in the Sacristy

**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Envelopes £201.66 Loose £356.11

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:**

**Please remember to pray for Trudy Smelko who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries are about this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.**

**HEALING FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** especially Doreen Clayton, Tom Hunt, Sophia O'Donnell, Monica Smith (O'Leary), Cassie Robinson, Tessa Charlton, Michael Hehir, Emmanuel Tala, Mary Wallace, Nina & Jocelyn Hillgarth, Filomena Barbo, Colin Harris, Nora Moran, Maria Carrano, May Cullen., Gordana Tancevska, Irene Bryan, Phuong Quach, Albert Boateng, Anne & Thomas Griffin, Freddie Mudd, Margaret Cross, Catherine Barnes, Ellen Hunt, Hazel Hoyte, Angela Neary, Irene Cullen, Gerry Twomey, Barbara Johnson, Josephine Onwuka, Pauline Timlin, Kevin Corcoran, Patrick McShane, Margaret Walsh & Russell Blanco

<b>MASSES THIS WEEK:</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>FEAST DAYS</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p 167)</i>	8.30am 11.00am	All our Parishioners Laki Demetriou RIP
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Weds. 27 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>St John Southworth</i>	10.30am	<b><u>**NO MASS THIS WEEK**</u></b>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	<b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p 172)</i>	10.30am 7.30pm	Intentions of Bl. Sacrament School All our Parishioners
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Intentions of newly ordained priests of the Diocese
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p 100)</i>	8.30am 11.00am	Patrick Deville RIP All our Parishioners

**Weekday Masses:** Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10.30am

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday 10.30am, Sunday 8.30am & 11.00am

**Confessions:** Sunday 8am-8.20am: 10.30am – 10.50am

*Weekday Mass at St John the Evangelist Monday - Friday at 10.00am – All welcome*

*Confessions at St John's on Saturday 10.30-11.15am and 5.15-5.45pm*