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## THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018

### SUNDAY THOUGHT

The story of the coming of Jesus Christ is incomplete without the story of John the Baptist, the great prophet who bridged the Old and the New, and of whom Jesus proclaimed, "among those born of women, no one is greater" (Lk 7:28). Today the Church celebrates his birth, the only nativity observed by the Church other than those of Christ himself and the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is because both Mary and John were born free from original sin - Mary from conception, and John cleansed in his mother's womb at the moment he leapt for joy in the presence of the unborn Christ.

John was born for one purpose: to call the people to repentance and prepare them for the coming of the Saviour. Unlike the holy men before him who emphasised religious observances, John's preaching was concerned with active spiritual practices: dwelling on inner transformation, justice, and repentance. Many mistook him for the Messiah - John could not save, but he did give people a profound experience of forgiveness and salvation, allowing them to experience God, whatever their past or present situation.

In the first reading, God speaks through Isaiah of his knowledge and design of every person, reminding us that we are each created by him in love, "to be a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth". In remembering John's birth and calling, we reflect on our own. When we were baptised we too were given the office of prophet. We too have been individually designed by God with different gifts and strengths to fulfil a specific role in his kingdom. He has a plan for each and every one of us, and longs for us to discover and work with that plan. John's life changed salvation history - without his voice, his material detachment, his humility, his fidelity to mission and courage for the truth, the people would not have been prepared for the Messiah. Does your life point to Christ? What is God's plan for you? Without you, what would be missing from God's kingdom?

**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.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 49:1-6

**Response to Psalm:** I thank you for the wonder of my being.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Acts 13:22-26

**Gospel:** Luke 1:57-66. 80

**Communion Antiphon:** Through the tender mercy of our God, the Dawn from on high will visit us.

#### *Next Sunday's Readings*

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24; 2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15; Mark 5:21-43 (Gospel)

### LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

**Rickmansworth:** Envelopes: £671.70; Loose Plate: £395.19; Standing Orders: £703.08 **Total: £1769.97**

**Mill End:** Envelopes: £379.60; Loose Plate: £103.59; Standing Orders: £176.96 **Total: £660.15**

**Chorleywood:** The Offertory collection for the month of May - **£2556.74**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

### TEXT GIVING THROUGH YOUR MOBILE PHONE

Special Gift? Top-Up Offering? For Rickmansworth text: **Parish RICKM** to 70800; For Chorleywood text **Parish CHORL** to 70800; for Mill End text **Parish MILLE** to 70800. It's easy! To make a £5 Donation. Thank You!

## FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

<b>SUN 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	11.30am 12.45pm	Sunday Brunch - Hall Baptisms	St John the Evangelist Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>MON 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	10.15am for 10.30am 10.30am - 11.30am 8.00pm	Quiet Space - Upper Room Mom's Connect - Hall Choir Practice	Our Lady Help of Christians Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist
<b>TUE 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	10.00am	SVP Meeting - Upper Room	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>WED 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>			
<b>THU 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	8.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>FRI 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	10.00am	Coffee after Mass for all - Hall	Our Lady Help of Christians
<b>SAT 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	5.30pm	<b>NO MASS, HOLY HOUR OR CONFESSIONS</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady Help of Christians St John the Evangelist

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	<b>Our Lady Help of Christians</b>	<b>St John the Evangelist</b>	<b>St John Fisher</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 23 <sup>RD</sup> JUNE	<b>10.00am</b> Joseph Netto RIP (Anniv.)	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) John & Mary Gibson RIP	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 24 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE <i>THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</i>	<b>8.30am</b> Monica Scudder RIP <b>11am</b> Declan Finn RIP <b>6pm</b> John P Tighe RIP	<b>10.30am</b> Kathleen Farrell RIP (Anniv.)	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY</b> 25 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	<b>9.30am</b> Viktor Boehler RIP	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 26 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>		<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 27 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE <i>ST JOHN SOUTHWORTH, PRIEST &amp; MARTYR</i>		<b>9.30am</b> James Furey RIP (Anniv.)	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 28 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE <i>ST IRENAEUS, BISHOP &amp; MARTYR</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Eileen Quinn RIP		<b>8pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish
<b>FRIDAY</b> 29 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE <i>SS PETER &amp; PAUL, APOSTLES</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Carmen Crammond RIP <b>8pm</b> Alf Loose RIP	<b>9.30am</b> For the Sick and Housebound of the Parish	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 30 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	<b>NO MASS THIS MORNING</b>	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) For the People of the Parish	<b>6pm</b> (Vigil) Fr Patrick Miscampbell RIP
<b>SUNDAY</b> 1 <sup>ST</sup> JULY <i>13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	<b>8.30am</b> In Thanksgiving <b>11am</b> Mary Robinson RIP <b>6pm</b> Sheelagh Hannigan (Ints.)	<b>10.30am</b> Tony Stevens RIP	<b>9am</b> For the People of the Parish

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

**Our Lady Help of Christians:** Kathleen Collins, Wendy Goldsmith, Kathy Wright, Brenda Reynolds, Olive Cordery, Neville Mathews, Agnes Harper, Eileen Durkan, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Peter Ward, Heather Kean, Olive Kiener, John Caneparo, Henry Cutting, Christina Thomas, Nalene Nixon, Pam Bell, Joan Townend and Gill Townend.

**St John the Evangelist:** Jean Mulderrig; Rita Murray; Imogen Bailey, Harry Lennon, John Connor, Michael Dixon, Pat Beaton, Audrey Lewin and Mary Gardner.

**St John Fisher:** Nora O'Toole, Francis De Souza, Georgina Kelham, Pete Murray, Steve Kibbey, Matthew Leone, Jean-Pierre Roche, Fr Peter Stevens, Angela Hoy, Pat Finucane, Colin Dowling, Margaret Lamb, Kitty Finucane, Don Williamson, Helen Forrest and Barbara Marke

## NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

### PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION - 1<sup>st</sup> JULY

Next week there will be a retiring collection for Peter's Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please give generously.

### NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Anyone in the parish who has received their first Holy Communion - including those who have just received their first Holy Communion - who would like to become altar servers, are invited to attend a training session in their respective parish. Servers for Our Lady's and St. John the Evangelist should, where possible, come to both sessions. Please, email Fr Damian to confirm your attendance. Anyone unable to attend the session, but who would still like to become an altar server, should email or speak to Fr Damian. Training dates are as follows:

Our Lady Help of Christians - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 4.30pm

St. John the Evangelist - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 4.30pm

St. John Fisher - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 4.30pm

### ALF LOOSE RIP

It is with sadness that we share the death of Alf Loose who died recently. We commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord and pray for his family at this sad and difficult time. Details of his funeral arrangements will be announced in due course.

### TOM BUGLER RIP

The ashes of Tom Bugler will be interred in the Garden of Rest after the 9.30am Mass on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

On **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June** the Church celebrates the Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul. Being one of the major feasts in the Church's year, Friday is therefore a holy day of obligation, meaning that Catholics should attend Mass that day. Please take note of the extra Masses being celebrated across the three parishes:

St John Fisher - Vigil (Thursday) 8.00pm; Our Lady Help of Christians - 9.30am and 8.00pm; St John the Evangelist - 9.30am (to be joined by St John's School).

### THREE PARISH BBQ

Family fun and food starting at 12:30 pm on **SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JULY** at St John's primary school in Mill End. Enjoy a Burger and or a Sausage BBQed to near perfection, at just £5 for adults and £2 for under 13s. Enjoy a few very silly but highly competitive games. Are you over 4 and under 99 then come and socialise with your fellow parishioners for an hour or 2 in the July sunshine. Please sign up on the list at the back of the church or with a helper, or let Adrian know (07503 898689 or [adrian@justparkers.co.uk](mailto:adrian@justparkers.co.uk)) that you'll be joining us for a fun afternoon.

### GDPR COMPLIANCE

As you know, the General Data Protection Regulation came into force on 25<sup>th</sup> May and this parish, like all other organisations, will be affected. There are a number of procedures we will need to follow. If you are a parish volunteer (eg a member of a parish committee, a catechist, a reader, a Minister of Holy Communion, a helper with teas and coffees, a member of the choir, welcomer, cleaner, etc) please collect from the back of the church a Confidentiality Agreement which we ask you to sign and hand to Fr Shaun or Fr Damian as soon as possible.

### REGISTRATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018

In July Fr Shaun will be registering children wishing to make their First Communion in 2019. To be eligible children must be in Year 3 or above by September 2018 and attend Mass regularly in one of the three parishes. The expectation is that all children preparing for Holy Communion should already know how to make the sign of the cross and know the *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *Glory be*. These prayers should be taught and prayed in the home regularly. Parents may bring their child for registration on the following dates:

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Our Lady's Church Hall, Rickmansworth – 5.00pm to 6.00pm

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July** – Our Lady's Church Hall, Rickmansworth – 10.00am to 11.00am

It is essential that you bring with you to the meeting the child wishing to be prepared for Holy Communion. If your child was baptised somewhere other than Our Lady Help of Christians Rickmansworth, St John Fisher Chorleywood or St John the Evangelist, Mill End you will need to bring with you the child's baptismal certificate. You are welcome to bring your child to whichever of the registration times is best for you. There is no need to make a particular appointment, please just come along during the appointed times. Do not worry if the place of registration is not your usual church for Sunday Mass attendance.

### THREE PARISH WALKING GROUP

It has been suggested that a three parish walking group be formed. To establish the measure of support, a trial walk of 8/10 miles is planned for Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July starting at 9.30am. If there is sufficient interest it is envisaged that monthly walks of 8/12 miles will be planned for August, September and October. The July walk will start and finish at the car park by the tennis courts at Chorleywood House (Grid Ref TQ 03315 96823). Enquiries to [billgraham1888@gmail.com](mailto:billgraham1888@gmail.com)

### THREE PARISH DAY PILGRIMAGE TO STONOR PARK – THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2018

This pilgrimage is now fully booked.

## GENERAL NOTICES

### GARDEN RETREAT

Garden Retreat in the beautiful grounds of Rosary Priory and the Niland Centre with **Sr Laurentia Carroll OP** and **Sr Anne Walsh OP** on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July** from 10.00am - 3.30pm. *We hunger for beauty*. Nourish your soul and your senses. Please bring a packed lunch (tea/coffee provided) & rain gear (precaution). Suggested donation £14. Registrations welcome at [nilandcentre@gmail.com](mailto:nilandcentre@gmail.com) or 020 8950 4000. Niland Conference Centre at Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath WD23 4EE.

## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

### HELP NEEDED – FIRE WARDENS FOR 11.00AM MASS

We need some more volunteers to act as Fire Wardens at the 11.00am Sunday Masses. It is not an onerous duty and some training would be given. If you would be willing to help with this please contact Fr Shaun.

### WEEKDAY MASS

There will be no 9.30am Mass on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June** and also no 10.00am Mass, Holy Hour and Confessions on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June**.

### HEALTH AND SAFETY - HELP NEEDED

Are you involved in Health and Safety in your workplace? If so, would you be willing to help Paul Forrest, our designated Health and Safety Rep in the parish, with Health & Safety issues in the parish? If so, please speak to Fr Shaun.

### COFFEE AFTER 8.30AM MASS

Please join us in the hall for a catch up and make new parish friends at our coffee morning after Mass next Sunday.

### STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

Many thanks to all who have saved their used stamps for the Missions. Everyone's small contributions can make a difference. The box is in the church porch. Please keep them coming! *Sheila Harrington.*

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

### SUNDAY BRUNCH AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday Brunch at St John's (with bacon and sausage rolls) will take place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June after 10.30am Mass. All proceeds raised will go to Aid to the Church in Need. We hope that you will come and join us!

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are now guiding the children to return to their parents after the liturgy class via the centre aisle. When the liturgy group is very busy there is not enough room along the side aisles and the children are getting too close to the prayer candles. Going forward the offertory will go in front of the children allowing the children to return to their seats via the centre aisle.

**WEEK DAY MASS** - there will be no 9.30am Mass here on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June**.

## ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

### PARISH BBQ – 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY - MORE HELP NEEDED!!

Many thanks to the parishioners who have made offers of help for the parish BBQ on 1<sup>st</sup> July. As a result this event can now go ahead. However, more help is still needed. We especially need help with the following: setting up of tables, chairs etc. after the 9.00am Mass on the day, help with clearing of rubbish and washing up and the clearing away of tables and more offers of salads. There is a sign-up list in the porch for these tasks, please do sign up if you can help.

### PARISH BBQ – 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY AT 1.00PM – SIGN UP

Now that the BBQ is definitely going ahead would you please sign-up on the list on the lobby noticeboard if would like to attend. Tickets will be £8.00 per adult, £4.00 for children 5 to 13 and free for children under 5. We hope that many parishioners, especially young families, will come along and join us for this lovely occasion. Monies will be collected at the BBQ on the day. We would be grateful for a little more help on the day. Please contact Juliet on 283602 or e-mail [juliethale@talktalk.net](mailto:juliethale@talktalk.net)

**WEEK DAY MASS** - there will be no 9.30am Mass here on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June**.

### SOCIAL EVENTS IN THE PARISH

We are interested to hear from you about the kind of social events that you would like to see happening in the parish. We would be grateful if you could please complete the form today and place it in the white box in the lobby. We would like to establish a small social events committee to plan and coordinate social events in the parish. We are, therefore, inviting parishioners to sign-up for a two year commitment to be part of this committee. If you would be willing to do this, please write your name and email address on the bottom section of the leaflet. The reality is that without a group of parishioners willing to take responsibility for planning and coordinating social events in the parish nothing is likely to happen!

ROTAS	Saturday 6.00pm Mass			Sunday 9.00am Mass			Sunday Counters	Laundry
	Welcomer	Reader	MoC	Welcomer	Reader	Communion		
23/24 June	E O'Sullivan	J. Stratton	E O'Sullivan	J Whelan	H McGrath	J Hale	Yasmin & Francis	J Whelan
30/06 & 1/07	V & A Cray	C Pierce	C Johnson	M Fields	M Calvert	E Price	Patsy & Carolyn	S Tarrant

### Saints—Youth Group School Year 7-9

**Year 6's are now invited to come along to our parishes' youth group!** We meet fortnightly and meet next on Tuesday 3rd July, 6 pm—7.30 pm @ Mill End parish hall. We start the evening with a chat about life and then pour all our energy into some games; continue to chat and share as we eat pizza & sausage rolls; and we wrap up the evening with a song. You're very welcome to join us!

### REAL summer

For young people who will be in school year 7 to 9 in September, Christ Church Chorleywood are organising REAL summer. Takes place in the afternoon and evening from 28th to 31st August. Main events include a water tournament with slip 'n slides and bouncy castle, go-kart track and colour chaos. There will be live music, leaders sharing about some of the challenges of being teenagers today, and optional Christian worship.

**Info & sign up: [www.realsummer.co.uk](http://www.realsummer.co.uk)**