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Parish Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs 8.15am-4.00pm



Birth of St John the Baptist

Year B

24th June 2018

Testify to the Light

John the Baptist is the only saint whose birthday is observed by the Church. Today, in the **Gospel** (Luke 1: 57–66, 80), we celebrate that birth and the joy it brought. We also remember John's identity and mission as he is named – just as God calls each one of us by name even before we are born and invites us to respond to his call.

As a forerunner of the Lord, John was not given his father's name, but that given by the angel – even before his birth he was chosen to be a bearer of light to the nations (**First Reading** - Isaiah 49: 1–6).

The **Psalm** (139) affirms that I, too, am chosen to go out testifying to the light. I am moulded and fashioned for this purpose.

I can trust the Lord. It is *his* promise and *his* work in me (**Second Reading** - Acts 13: 22–26). God will choose people after his own heart to bring the message of salvation to the ends of the earth.

Let us pray this coming week that we, too, might live according to the gift of salvation, asking the Lord for strength to be faithful to the name by which he has called us, as we try to spread light to others.

Second Collection: There will be a second collection **next weekend** for Peter's Pence.

SS Peter & Paul – Holy Day of Obligation: Friday 29th June is the Feast of SS Peter & Paul, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 8.30am and 7.30pm on this day.

Summer Fayre – thank you! A big thank you to everyone who came along to the summer fayre last weekend. We raised a fantastic amount of money for the Parish, which will be split equally between the school and the church. A very special thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard to help make it such a great success - these events really cannot happen without a lot of hard work behind the scenes.

Year 4 - Training for NEW Altar Servers: ALL year 4 children are invited to become Altar Servers. The last session is **30th June at 9.30am**. You will need to come along with a parent. Please contact the Parish Office or see Fr Martin for more information.

Confirmation 2019: Parents / candidates meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th July in the Parish Hall at 8.00pm. Potential Candidates who wish to be confirmed next year and are currently in Year 9 and above need to come with their parents to this meeting.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: Please collect your new rota from the sacristy.

Church Cleaners: Please collect your new rota from the back of the Church.

Talking before Mass: Pope Francis said this at a recent General Audience in Rome:

‘When we go to Mass, maybe we arrive five minutes before and we start to chit-chat with those around us. However, it is not a moment for chit-chat. It is a moment of silence for preparing ourselves, a time for the heart to collect itself in order to prepare for the encounter with Jesus. Silence is so important.’ Please bear the Holy Father’s teaching in mind, in order to show respect for the Blessed Sacrament, and for our fellow parishioners who are praying. Please show a good example to those around you.

Children in Year Five: Will the children in year 5 please see Fr Martin after mass.

Deirdra Horseman: Deirdra’s funeral will take place on Thursday 28th July at 12.00pm. May she Rest in Peace.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Each first Friday of the month, Jesus is exposed on the altar until 7pm. Each Thursday afternoon from 2.30pm-5.30pm we are invited to spend silent time with Him. Each Sunday afternoon during the Hour of Mercy 3.00pm-4.00pm He invites us to ‘come’. This encounter with our Risen Lord on Sunday takes place in the Van Meenan Room. All are welcome.

Interested in the Catholic Faith (RCIA) If you wish to know more, please see Fr Martin or Eileen Jonas or enquire at the Parish office.

Save the Date – Let’s Celebrate!! Please join us to celebrate the contribution made by the many volunteers who support our Parish & Church at a mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 22nd September at 6.30pm. Refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall.

CLEANER REQUIRED: St Mary’s Catholic Primary School requires a Cleaner for 12 ½ hours per week Monday to Friday, 3.30pm-6.00pm. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Mary McLeavy at St Mary’s School Office on 01708 448430 for further details.

Home from Home for the Elderly are seeking new volunteers new trustees for the charity. Our charity currently provides much needed befriending services to the elderly, and we also run a monthly social group which meets at St Mary's Parish, but which is open to all. We are not looking for huge time commitments, many hands make light work! For more information, please contact our trustees via Joanne Challis on 01708 747026 or e-mail:

admin@hfh4elderly.org.

Pass It On! Every first Saturday, 2-4pm in the parish hall. This is a free social event for older generations to pass on stories, skills and advice to younger generations. All welcome! If you require help with transportation or for more info call Joanne on 01708 747026.

Afternoon Tea Dance: The next tea dance will take place Wednesday 27th June from 1.30 – 4.30pm at St Albans Parish hall, Langdale Gardens Elm Park. Dancing to Mary, refreshments

will be available. Admission £5, for more information, contact John O'Connor on 07903 366992 All Welcome.

English Martyrs Hornchurch - Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2019: We are organising a pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year from Thursday 7th - Thursday 14th March 2019. If you wish to join in this holy pilgrimage, which will be led by Fr Britto, please contact the parish office at English Martyrs: 01708 507020 / hornchurchem@dioceseofbrentwood.org for an itinerary and booking form. *Cost per person £897 / booking deadline 20th July 2018 for this price.*

THE GOSPEL OF MARK: On Wednesdays 20th and 27th June at 7 pm Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Gospel of Mark, the gospel being read on Sundays in 2018. These 'Gidea Park Faith Evenings' will take place in the hall at Gidea Park Catholic Church (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Refreshments provided. Admission free.

The St John Bosco Childrens Summer Camp at Aldham Essex: This is a activities camp with a Catholic ethos that runs as follows: Week One Saturday 21st July to 28th July 2018 for Boys; Week Two Saturday 28th July to 4th August 2018 for Boys; Week Three Saturday 4th August to 11th August 2018 for Girls. It is for children aged 8 to 13 and costs £145 per week. Should you require an application form or more information then please look on the website <http://svpboscocamp.org.uk> For any enquiries then please email the boys camp at boysbookings@boscocamp.co.uk or the girls camp at girlsbookings@boscocamp.co.uk. More information can be found on the poster at the back of the church.

Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School, Upminster: We wish to warmly invite you to a pupils & staff Reunion to be held at the school on Saturday 7th July 2018 between 2pm and 5pm. Come back, meet up with some old friends and teaching staff and have a look around the school to spark fond memories! To purchase a ticket please telephone the school on 01708 222660.

CHURCH EVENTS:

Children's Liturgy: Sundays for children at the 9.30am Mass.

Baptism Course: First and second Thursday of the month.

Baptisms: Last Sunday of the month.

Charismatic Prayer Group: Wednesdays at 8.00pm in the Van Meenen Room.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: *Every Thursday 2.30 – 5.30pm & every First Friday from 9.00am – 7.00pm.*

RCIA Journey in Faith: Mondays at 7.30pm in the Van Meenen Room.

Rosary: Wednesdays at 7.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Weekdays after 8.30am Mass in Our Lady's Chapel. Saturdays after 12 noon Mass in Our Lady's Chapel.

St Vincent de Paul Society: Meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month in the Van Meenen Room. New members always welcome. If you, or anybody you know, would like/need a visit or help from the SVP please contact us through the church office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially Roseleen Ammerman, Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Phil Clerkin, Joyce Cougill, Sharon De Giorgio, Joan Dowding, Leo Duffy, Margaret Faye, William Fernandez, Bernadette Haddle, Kevin Hartie, Baby Nathan Howe, Evelyn Hughes, Mary Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Sajj Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Mary McCarthy, Dinah McMahon, Patrick Medlin, Joseph Mifsud, Patricia Mills, Richard Mole, Sheila Murphy, Maureen O'Neill, Kathleen Payne, Philomena Perry, Molly Peters, Anthony Picton, Jill Ridley, Paul David Ridley, Oliver Roome, Maura Shanney, Jane Stevenson, Anne Sullivan, John Sullivan, Marie Tweedie, Maria Wallace, Mary Wallace, Josie Walsh, David Wells, Maureen Williams and for all our family and friends who are ill.

Please inform us if there is someone seriously ill and let us know if anyone on the list is no longer ill so we can remove their name from our list.

WEEKEND 30th June / 1st July 2018:

Readers:	Sat.	6.30pm	Jane Hull / Sarah O'Connor
	Sun	8.00am	Seb Hough / Angela Joseph
		9.30am	Emma McMillan / Ella Donald
		11.30am	Nonita Emilianus / Nneamaka Ajoh

Bidding Prayers: Pat How

Coffee Morning Rota: Group 1

Offerings 17.06.18: Envs: £1,247.68

Sick Clergy: £519.91

Church Cleaning: Group 1

Loose: £805.78 Total: £2,053.46

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	23 rd June	12.00pm 1.30pm 6.30pm	NO MASS Wedding: Amy McLeavy & Daniel O'Keefe Vera Smyth RIP / Betty Long RIP
Sunday	24 th June Nativity of St. John the Baptist	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	All Parishioners Eric & Dorothy Dodkins RIP Joan Prior RIP
Monday	25 th June	8.30am	George Stone RIP / Matthew Ward RIP
Tuesday	26 th June	8.30am	Kathleen Kelly / Fred Sullivan Int
Wednesday	27 th June	7.30pm	Maureen Walsh RIP / David Power RIP
Thursday	28 th June St. Irenaeus	8.30am 12.00pm 2.30-5.30pm	NO MASS Requiem Mass: Deirdra Horseman RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	29 th June SS Peter & Paul Holy Day of Obligation	8.30am 7.30pm	Ann McDermott-Roe RIP / Norah Lenehan RIP Pat Mills RIP / Andrew D'agata RIP
Saturday	30 th June	12.00pm 6.30pm	Maura Henry Int Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life
Sunday	1 st July Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	All Parishioners Joan Gilbey RIP Sam Farrugia RIP

Hospital: Are you going into hospital this week for surgery?
Fr Martin will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all Sunday Masses.
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