

**THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, Year B, 23rd & 24th June 2018**

**SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION**

John the Baptist was chosen for a task while still in his mother's womb. He is both a necessary and a tragic figure. His whole purpose was to point to someone more powerful than himself. In our competitive society it is not easy for us to give way to others, but this was exactly what John was asked to do and he did it with humility, thereby earning the respect of all generations. Jesus himself describes him as the greatest man who has lived. The measure of John's greatness can be seen in his willingness to draw people to himself only to step aside and lead them to another. We can learn from John. We all want to do good for others and each of us has his own gifts. What is brave though is if we see someone who is better, to let that person take forward the mantle for the good of all of us.

**Deacon Terry**

**PARTNERSHIP PRAYER - 2018**

Risen Christ, from your abundant grace,  
pour out afresh your Holy Spirit upon our Diocese.  
As we build on the deep foundations of faith  
laid by the saints of these Northern lands,  
and of our Tynemouth Priory Partnership:  
Mary, the Mother of God, St Joseph,  
St Columba, St Aidan, St Oswin,  
St Cuthbert, St Edmund, St Edward and St Bernadette,  
may our Partnerships continue the mission  
of building your Kingdom on the earth:  
to give living witness to your love,  
and to your compassion and hope for our world.  
We pray in trustful confidence  
that your power working in us  
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

**PARISH NOTICES**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Enis Meenaghan, who died on 19th June. Funeral arrangements to follow. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

- This Friday, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, is a Holyday of Obligation. A second collection will be taken for Peter's Pence for the work of the Holy See.
- Next Sunday is Sea Sunday. A second collection will be taken for the Apostleship of the Sea.

**PARISH WALKING GROUP**

The next Parish Walk will be on Tuesday, 3rd July when David Armstrong will lead a flat 6 mile walk from Weetslade Country Park to the Big Waters and back. If you require more information please contact Peter Weighill on 0191 2512917.

**PARISH MONDAY CLUB**

The Parish Monday Club will meet on 25th June in St Edward's Parish Rooms after the Service, when Kath and Harry Gilbert will return with a presentation entitled 'Land of Ice and Fire' the story of their visit to Iceland. Their stories, with their special combination of music and photography, are always fascinating and everyone is very welcome.

**PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB**

The next parish luncheon club will be held at 12.00 noon on Wednesday, 27th June.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME**

We look forward to welcoming the children and their families as this year's Sacramental Programme for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion concludes with the final session, Sending Forth, on 7th July 2018 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

**ROTAS—IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH**

Could all welcomers, Eucharistic ministers, readers and bidding prayer writers please **CHECK THEIR DOCKETS AT THE BACK OF CHURCH** for the new rotas. Normal email service will be resumed next time. Thank you.

### **PARISH RETREAT TO AMPLEFORTH**

Our annual Parish retreat to Ampleforth Abbey takes place from Monday, 23rd – Wednesday 25th, July and will be led by one of the monks from the Abbey. If you are interested in coming please contact Pauline Keavey (0191 2521790) for more details. Places are limited and **a deposit of £25 will be needed this weekend.**

### **ASHTON FAMILY THANKS**

Lawrie Ashton & family thank you all for your prayers, cards and messages, not just following Judy's death, but throughout the period of her long struggle with her illness. We also thank Monsignor Andrew Faley for his many visits, prayers & Mass intentions, Fr Stephen Watson for his prayers and hospital visits and Fr Tony Curren for his prayers and Mass intentions. We have been very moved by the outpouring of love from you all. We thank you also for the many donations to Macmillan Cancer. The total currently stands at £950.00.

### **FAIR TRADE SALE**

The sale on 17th June raised £111 from the sale of goods and £11 in donations. Thank you for your support.

### **OTHER NOTICES**

#### **PARTNERSHIP MATTERS**

The Partnership Finance Committee and Development Group will next meet on Wednesday, 27th June, at St Edward's, Whitley Bay. (The Parish Prayer Group will gather at 8.00pm in the Church.)

#### **ECUMENICAL WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL EVENT**

On Thursday, 28th June 7.30pm at St Andrew's Church, Eastfield Avenue, Monkseaton a wine and cheese event with raffle will take place. Tickets are £4.00 and can be obtained from Kathleen Woodward (0191 2528932).

#### **CONGRATULATIONS — ST PETER'S MONKSEATON — 80TH ANNIVERSARY**

Congratulations to the clergy and people of St Peter's this weekend who celebrate the 80th anniversary of the parish.

#### **CHAPLAINCY VOLUNTEERS/MINISTERS – NORTH TYNESIDE GENERAL HOSPITAL**

There will be a meeting at 1.30pm on Friday, 29th June in the hospital chapel to discuss current issues and ideas for the way ahead. Please spread the word and try to come.

#### **ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH INVITATION**

You are invited to a day on Saturday, 30th June 10.00am - 4.00pm at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields with Fr Michael Hickey and Michael & Hilda Hedley to explore who God is, what the church is about, who we are, to revel in God's love for us and reconnect with him in our world. Tea & coffee will be provided but please bring your own lunch. Let us know if you would like to come, either through your own parish priest or Fr Michael on 07912 060628.

#### **INTERFAITH PRAYERS FOR PEACE**

Saturday, 30th June at 1.30pm in the ruins of St Mary's Chapel, located at the bottom end of Reid Park Road, Jesmond (best approached by car via Osborne Road). Since 2010, a group of Christian & Muslim women have met annually to share readings about Mary, from the Bible & the Koran. Shared refreshments will follow at Holy Name parish hall. This event is **limited to women and young children only**, but is open to women of all faiths who are keen to pray for peace and promote unity and understanding between peoples. Please see posters in our 3 churches for more information.

#### **YOUTH MINISTRY INVITATION**

All those concerned about how we can support young people on their faith journey are invited to a co-workers' meeting at the Emmaus Village on Sunday, 8th July at 3.00pm (Tea, coffee and cake from 2.15pm). YMT will present a number of opportunities including the national Flame event which happens in March 2019 and this will also be a time to share good practice with people from other parts of the Diocese. Please let YMT know if you are coming on 01207 592244 or admin@ymt.org.

Parish Office opening hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 10.00am—12.00noon, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

For bulletin entries please contact the Parish Secretary - email parishofficeolss@btconnect.com or telephone 0191 2527066.

Items for inclusion in the bulletin should be received by 12.00 noon on Thursdays.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>ST EDWARD'S</b>	<b>IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY</b>	<b>OUR LADY'S AND ST EDMUND'S</b>
Saturday 23rd June <b>ST ETHELREDA</b>	9.30am Catherine Grace Leeder & Harold Thane Leeder (EF) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	5.30-5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm Patrick Quinn (GQ)	
Sunday 24th June <b>THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>	11.00am Marian DiMascio (LD)		9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 25th June	9.30am Word & Communion	10.00am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 26th June	7.00pm Eileen Conlan (MME)		
Wednesday 27th June <b>ST CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA</b>	8.00pm Prayer Group (in the Church)	10.00am Shelagh Brown (EB)	
Thursday 28th June <b>ST IRENAEUS</b>	9.30am Jane Storey (LL) 7.00pm Compline		
Friday 29th June <b>SS PETER &amp; PAUL HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</b>	10.00am Eileen Conlan (JC)	7.00pm People of the Parish	
Saturday 30th June <b>FIRST MARTYRS OF THE CHURCH OF ROME</b>	9.30am Darren Nugent (MN) 10.00am CONFESSIONS	5.30 - 5.50pm CONFESSIONS 6.00pm People of the Parish (Especially migrants travelling to Europe)	
Sunday 1st July <b>13TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	11.00am Pat Higgins (SH)		9.30am Steve and Bas Perrett (AD & JS)

<b>BAPTISM</b>	<b>ST EDWARD</b>	<b>IMMACUALTE HEART OF MARY</b>
1st July , 12.30pm (Mgr Andrew)	Fearne Stevie Nash	
1st July , 12.30pm (Deacon Terry)		Lottie Armstrong

**Please remember in your prayers** those who are ill: Joan Skelton, Joan Samson, Anne McLaughlin, Moya Finlay and Margaret Duffy. Please also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently especially Miriam Southwick, Clara Gallantine, Judy Ashton and Enis Meenaghan.

**Priests' telephone numbers**

Father Martin Stempczyk 0191 2513770, Father Chris Hughes 0191 2575801, Fr John McElhone 0191 2623820, Fr David Smith 0191 2623882.

Deacon Terry McGann contact via Parish Office 0191 2527066.

**Hospital Chaplaincies**

**North Tyneside General Hospital**, Rake Lane, North Shields & Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital, Northumbria Way, Cramlington: Contact Fr Stephen Watson or Fr Lee Barrett on 07768 387393.

**RVI, Freeman and Walkergate Hospitals:** Contact Fr Arockia Mariadass Pagyasamy OCD, at St Teresa's, Heaton Road, Newcastle on 0191 2655290.

**Newcastle General Hospital:** Sister Teresa, 0191 2336161 ext. 28465.

**Contact email addresses, numbers and website:**

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**Cluster Website** [www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk](http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk)

**READINGS AT MASS**  
**THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, 24TH JUNE 2018**  
*The Order of Mass is in the Laudate Hymn book from page 200.*

**First reading**

**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 (Israel) 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. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

**Psalm 138(139):1-3,13-15**

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

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

**Second reading**

**Acts 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. **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**

**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. **Praise to you. Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Memorial Acclamation**

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.