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Solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist 23/24 June 2018

“As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God,
the Most High.”

Luke 1, 76

SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER &

PAUL On Friday 29th June we honour St Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles and St Peter, first Bishop of Rome, both of whom played an integral part in the growth of the early church and were martyred on the same day. It is a **holy day of obligation** with 3 opportunities to get to Mass: Vigil Mass at **19.30hrs on Thurs 28 June** and then Fri 29 June **09.15hrs and 19.30hrs.**

MONTH'S MIND FOR NELSON

CARWANA The 18.30hrs Mass on Sunday 8th July will be a Mass for Nelson - a chance for parishioners and all who remember Nelson to pray for the repose of his soul. A light refreshment for family and close friends will be served in the Cenacle after Mass.

SECOND COLLECTION 24 JUNE - PETER'S PENCE Help the Holy Father to help others!

YOUTH & FAMILY MASS IN PROSPECT PARK, LIEBENROOD ROAD

Sunday 8th July, 2 - 4.30pm. Music led by English Martyrs Youth choir. Picnic after the Mass. Come with a mat or foldable chair and food and drink to share. Everybody welcome.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid	£178.01	Loose	£710.79
Standing Orders			£484.00
Day for Life			£287.67

THE ROCK 'N' ALE FESTIVAL

is now into its 6th year. This year's event will be held on **Saturday 21st July** and tickets are now on sale.

It is a family event and, as with past events, will generate funds for the Motor Neurone Disease Association as well as being a major contributor to Parish income. There is a full bar, provided by the Purple Turtle, children's entertainment, three live bands playing music from the last 30 years, and a hog roast....oh, and England will have won the world cup the weekend beforehand. Tickets are **£10** for adults, **£5** for under 16's and under 5's are free.

They can be bought after Mass or by calling 0118 958 4498 during office hours or visit www.facebook.com/rocknale.

If you can help promote the event then please take some of the leaflets or posters that are available in the Narthex.

SVP SENIOR CITIZENS OUTING

The SVP are arranging a fabulous day trip to Savill Garden, Windsor for senior citizens on **Tuesday 17th July**. Come and enjoy a lovely day out with good company. Meet at Our Lady & St Anne car park at 9.45 am, coach will be back by 4pm.

If you think you might like to come, contact the parish office on 0118 947 1787 or speak to John Woodard for details.

OFFICE CLOSED 1st - 4th JULY

Please remember the sick and/or housebound in your prayers

Domingo Antao, Betty Brown, Tess Carter, Lucy Collaco, Barbara Dalton, Jean Davison, Mollie Durnin, Lady Anne Eyston, Dorothy Jennings, Maureen Kinnon, Nancy Lynch, Ruby Mason, Lucy Maszowska, Evlyn Novell, Carrol O'Donovan, Theresa Parking, Veronica Perkins, Jenny Pollard, Carmel Potton, Claudina Rodriguez, Sheila Smith, Pamela Thompson, Tilly Walters, Marjorie Whitehead.

Solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist [Year B – Mark] (*the readings at the Vigil Mass are different from those for the day itself: these commentaries are for the readings of Sunday and not Saturday evening*): John the Baptist features only in the NT and yet he is a profoundly OT figure. He is the last of the prophets and in a sense it is his unique role to close the OT and open the NT: he straddles the two great traditions, he brings to a close the long conversation with his people which God conducted through the mouths of the prophets and introduces the new, unique, interlocutor between God and man. The Church commemorates only three birthdays in her liturgy: that of Jesus (25 xii), that of Mary (8 ix) and, today, that of John the Baptist. In commemorating the birth of the son of Elizabeth and Zechariah the Church is thus honouring all the OT prophets, especially the varied ways in which they foretold the coming of the Messiah. John was known as the pre-cursor and the evangelists assign him a role subordinate to Jesus. We know little of any relationship which may have developed between John and Jesus in their adult lives. Did Jesus learn from John, was he even initially his disciple, as some scripture scholars suggest? The Church has been built on the foundation of the Apostles, bishops are their successors. But who are the successors in today's Church to the prophets of old? The feast of John the Baptist incites us to reflect on the on-going role of prophecy in today's Church and invites us to consider who the prophets are in the contemporary world.

First Reading (OT): Isaiah 49, 1 – 6: The prophet describes here the beginnings of his own calling. Right from the outset of his life, God has called him to speak on his behalf. [*The parishioners who attended the Advent Course will remember how we studied the role and calling of the OT prophets and the content of their teaching*]. We focus a lot today on “success”: how big is our Sunday congregation, is our weekly collection increasing, is what we preach making an impact? The OT prophet did not measure the effectiveness of his ministry by such standards. He drew his strength from God and all he desired was to bring people back to God.

Second Reading (NT): Acts of the Apostles 13, 22 - 26: Our text today is from one of the great sermons preached by Paul which Luke reports. It was delivered in the synagogue at Antioch in Pisidia. The context is Jewish, the audience knew their OT history. Paul places John the Baptist in line with David and Abraham before him. Here the role of John as pre-cursor and as an indispensable link in the history of salvation is highlighted by Paul.

Gospel: Luke 1, 57 – 66. 80: The birth of every child signals the beginnings of a new life. Every parent is curious as to how their daughter or son will turn out. The miraculous circumstances of the conception and birth of John to his aged parents must have heightened this sense of curiosity and eager expectation. What will become of this child? That sense of wonder and joy at the birth of the boy is admirably conveyed by Luke, a joy not only shared by his parents but also by all the inhabitants of the hill country of Judah who heard about it.

The readings for today's Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book :

Vigil pp164-166

Mass during the day pp167-169

Masses and Intentions

Twelfth week of Ordinary Time

Saturday 23rd June
Feria in Ordinary Time

Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist Year B (Mark)

Saturday 23 rd June	17.30	Frank O'Donnell RIP
Sunday 24 th June	10.00	Evie Lavell
	18.00	Mapledurham Mass
	18.30	Nelson Carwana RIP
Monday 25 th June	09.15	Private intention
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		
Tuesday 26 th June	09.15	Private intention
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		
Wednesday 27 th June	09.15	Philip Colehan RIP
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		(1st Anniversary)
Thursday 28 th June	<u>19.30</u>	Int. Linda Colehan
<i>Vigil Mass of SS Peter & Paul</i>		
Friday 29 th June	09.15	Patrick Treacy RIP
<i>Solemnity: SS Peter & Paul</i>	19.30	Peter Lennon RIP
(Holy Day of Obligation)		
Saturday 30 th June	10.00	Private intention
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (Mark)

Saturday 30 th June	17.30	Chris Gaughan
Sunday 1 st July	10.00	Patrick Treacy RIP
	18.30	People of the parish

Confessions: Saturday 10.30 - 11.30
16.45 - 17.15

Exposition & Benediction: Saturday 10.30 - 11.30

Evening prayer, Rosary: Saturday 16.45