

# Parish of St. Mary's

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The Nativity of St John the Baptist - 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**This Weekend: June 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>**

- 7.00p.m. Liz Devine (Month's Mind).  
10.00a.m. Deceased members of O'Hara family, late of Marian Avenue.  
12noon 1. Mary Kate Fox, Lisnanagh (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv).  
2. Joe & Dolores Breaden, Ballymahon Road and Pat McGirr.

The Manor – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Peter & Catherine Adlum, Cranleymore.

Weekday Masses: The Manor at 11.00 a.m. - No Intention

**Next Weekend: June 30<sup>th</sup>/July 1<sup>st</sup>**

- 7.00p.m. Charles & Elizabeth Brady, Main Street.  
10.00a.m. Nora McLoughlin (Memorial Mass), London.  
12noon CEMETERY SUNDAY.

**Offertory Collection:** - €1,195.00 - sincere thanks.

**BAPTISM** - We welcomed Jake Damian Wenman, Cloverwell into our Christian community recently.



**RECENTLY DECEASED** - Please pray for Eileen Loughrey, (née Heavey) Cadamstown, Broadford, Kildare and formerly of Edgeworthstown who died recently. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. *Requiescant in Pace.*

**CEMETERY SUNDAY** is a lovely tradition of gathering to remember our deceased relatives and friends in prayer. Mass will be celebrated on **Sun 1<sup>st</sup> July** in AUGHAFIN Cemetery at 12 noon. This will replace the 12.00 Mass in St. Mary's Church.

**CASA CHURCH GATE COLLECTION** – Longford CASA group are holding a Church gate collection on 30<sup>th</sup> Jun/ 1<sup>st</sup> July. We provide a social outlet for adults with physical/intellectual disabilities in our community through monthly socials. We also provide flights to Lourdes for seriously ill pilgrims in our area. We are a voluntary organisation and we depend solely on your generosity. "A small donation makes a BIG difference".

**National Learning Network Longford** offer a range of free courses for job seekers, unemployed and people with an illness or disability. Training bonus of up to €98 extra p.w. for ages 18-26. Contact 043 3342255 or NLN Longford on Facebook.

"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert,  
Make straight the way of the Lord"

"He must increase, I must decrease" - John the Baptist

Far from being timid, morose, acerbic or melancholy, or putting on a dreary face, the saints are joyful and full of good humour. Though completely realistic, they radiate a positive and hopeful spirit. The Christian life is 'joy in the Holy Spirit' (Rom 14:17), for 'the necessary result of the love of charity is joy; since every lover rejoices at being united to the beloved ... the effect of charity is joy'. Having received the beautiful gift of God's word, we embrace it 'in much affliction, with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit' (1 Th 1:6). If we allow the Lord to draw us out of our shell and change our lives, then we can do as Saint Paul tells us: 'Rejoice in the Lord always; I say it again, rejoice!' (Phil 4:4).

Gaudete et Exsultate

### THE DEEP END: Nativity of John the Baptist

Today we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist and listen to Luke's account of his nativity. John's story is one of sacrifice and humility. His parents know there will be something very special about this child. The circumstances surrounding his birth already have people amazed. Jewish historians account that John was a preacher around the time of Pontius Pilate who went around calling people to renewal! He spent a lot of time in the wilderness, eating wild things and wearing sackcloth. He must have been a very interesting and attractive figure as we are told in the gospels that people flocked to the River Jordan to be baptised by him; a sign of their repentance or renewal of relationship with God. John gathered so many followers around him that he was considered a threat to Herod Antipas who feared he might begin a rebellion. John was a preacher, a prophet, a signpost pointing people in the right direction: towards Jesus of Nazareth.

We can pray today for all those people who acted as signposts in our lives and brought us closer to God in some way, those who guided us and pointed us in the right direction when we needed it. We too are also called to be signposts for others.

*'Lord, we thank you for people who guided us, but did not try to possess us: parents, teachers, spiritual guides, friends. For a time we stood with them. Very simply, like John the Baptist, they said to us, "Look, there is the one you should follow," and hearing this we followed that person.'* - Michel de Verteuil

### Christ comes disguised as a stranger

I saw a stranger yesterday  
I put food for him in the eating place,  
Drink for him in the drinking place,  
music for him in the music place;

And in the Holy Name of the Trinity  
He blessed myself and my house,  
My possessions and my family.

And the lark said as she sang:

It is often, often, often,  
Christ comes disguised as a stranger.

– Gareth Byrne, Love One Another as I Have Loved You

### READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD – JUNE

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Marie Cassidy, Matt Farrell.  
Sunday 10.00 a.m.: Siobhan Campbell, Sean Noonan.  
Sunday 12 noon: Kate Crossan, Kate O'Donohoe.

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - JUNE

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Angela Kelly, Eileen Glennon, Marie Reilly.  
Sunday 10.00 a.m.: Anne Smith, Siobhan Campbell, John Cahill.  
Sunday 12 noon: Maria Noonan, Liam Tuite, Angela Dockery.

Fr. Tom Healy P.P.