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Year B**

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In the 12th Sunday's Gospel, Jesus gradually reveals His true identity.

After a day of preaching and healing in Capernaum, where crowds gathered out of curiosity rather than genuine discipleship, Jesus sends them away and instructs His disciples to cross the Lake of Galilee. As they row, a sudden storm strikes, filling the boat with water and terrifying the disciples. Jesus, asleep on a cushion, is awakened by the desperate disciples who fear they are sinking. Jesus calms the storm with a command, "Quiet now! Be calm!" The disciples rejoice, recognizing Jesus as their saviour and realising they can rely on Him in their troubles. This incident leads Peter to declare later, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

The Gospel illustrates Jesus' control over every situation and His kingdom's power. This story also serves as a parable or allegory for the Church, reflecting the early Church's experiences and those of modern

Church communities. The boat symbolises the Church, and the accompanying boats represent various church communities. The early Church faced persecutions likened to the storm, similar to challenges faced by churches today. Each community, struggling in turbulent times, finds hope in Jesus' presence. The stormy waters represent troubles and persecutions, but with Jesus in the boat, the disciples—and by extension, the Church—are assured of His protection and guidance through all adversities.

Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

On Monday, 24th of June the Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist.

Filled with the Holy Spirit while still in his mother's womb, John leapt for joy at the approach of humanity's salvation. His birth foretold the Nativity of Christ, and Jesus praised John as the greatest born of women.

Typically, the Church celebrates saints on the day of their death, marking their birth to eternal life. John the Baptist is an exception, with his feast celebrated on his birth. According to the Gospel, John was sanctified in his mother's womb when the pregnant Virgin Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth. This feast highlights the joy and importance of John's birth in heralding Jesus' coming.

Elizabeth, Mary's cousin, was married to Zechariah, a priest. They had no children but prayed persistently. An angel appeared to Zechariah, announcing that they would have a special son, but Zechariah doubted due to their age, resulting in his temporary muteness. When Mary visited Elizabeth,

John leapt in the womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. The angel had instructed Zechariah to name the baby John. Upon John's birth, Zechariah regained his speech and praised God. John, sent by God to prepare the way for Jesus, is the last prophet. He wore camel hair, a leather belt, and ate locusts and wild honey. People from all over came to him, repenting and being baptised. John's core message was recognizing sins and striving to live according to God's will, preparing for the Saviour.

John recognized Jesus at His baptism, witnessing God's proclamation of Jesus as His beloved Son. John testified to Jesus' greatness, acknowledging that he must decrease while Jesus increases.

John died for his unwavering witness to the truth. Herodias, Herod's illegitimate wife, sought John's death because he condemned their union. Herod, swayed by a promise, reluctantly ordered John's beheading.

John's life teaches us to fulfil our baptismal mission, witnessing Christ by living and sharing His truth. It emphasises recognizing Jesus as paramount, the importance of repentance, and frequent confession. By following John's call, we embrace Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and strive for daily conversion.



Fr Barto

Baptism of infants & RCIA Please contact the Office or speak to Fr Barto and Rev Alan. For Baptism it is essential that you make contact with us as soon as possible to ensure that Diocesan requirements are fulfilled and a suitable date can be placed in the diary.

Confession is after weekday morning Mass (Wednesday to Saturday) and on Saturday evening before the 6.30pm Vigil Mass. Confessions can be heard in English, Italian, Spanish and Romanian.

Marriages We welcome the marriage of parishioners and those who regularly worship here. Please notify Fr Barto or Rev Alan **at least six months in advance** to allow adequate time for preparation.

Can we persuade you to **set up a standing order** if you don't have one? Bank details at the front of the newsletter. If you are a taxpayer, please complete a Gift Aid Declaration Form found in the porch and send it back to the church. You can donate **online** through the Diocesan donation page following this link: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=south-woodford>

Weekday Morning Prayer Psalter Week 4
Lectionary Sundays Year B: week 12 Ordinary Time

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the 13 children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday, 16 June. Many thanks to the catechists Joanna and Kristina who prepared the children for this Sacrament.

SOLEMNITY of the NATIVITY of ST JOHN the BAPTIST

On Monday 24 June, Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am.

RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Throughout the world Catholics are invited to support Pope Francis by making a donation to

the Peter's Pence Collection next weekend. This supports the Pope's ministry of serving the church and assisting the poor.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To help clear the raised bed running along the side of the hall. Please contact Tina Marrai for more information.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Afternoon Club Next meeting will be on 3 July at 2pm in the Parish hall.

Coffee morning on Sunday 7 July after the 9.30am and 11am Masses.

Summer BBQ on Saturday 13 July. Volunteers and donations of bottles **urgently** needed. Contact Tina on 07941 227 743.

Table tennis. On Fridays 3-5pm in the hall. Contact Liz on 07403 649 306.

LISTEN TO GOD- Lectio Divina

In the parish hall after Friday morning mass we will be praying Lectio Divina. See our website for details or just come along to find out more. <https://saintanneline.com/parish-news/lectio-divina/>

HUSTINGS FOR CHINGFORD & WOODFORD

On Thursday 27th June at 7.30pm at Woodford Memorial Hall, 209 High Road, E18 2PA. Tickets are free and can be requested via <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-marys-church-woodford/tmodexda>. Please see poster in porch for more details.

YOUTH MASS

On Thursday 4 July, Brentwood Cathedral. Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass and commission all those travelling to Lourdes this Summer. Meet in the Parish Hall from 6pm for pizza, refreshments and a time to reconnect and relax with friends before the Summer. Mass in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. If you wish to sing, play an instrument, read or serve then please bring along your alb or instrument, and let us know as you arrive. Absolutely everyone is very welcome!

MASS AT ST PATRICK'S CEMETERY

Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone E11 4HL, will be on Monday 8 July 2024 at 11.30.am

DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE

Is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat on Saturday 13 July 2024 from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St Mary Mother of God, 213 Hornchurch Road, Hornchurch, Essex RM12 4TF. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING for MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

On Sat 13 July, 3pm in Brentwood Cathedral, followed by a reception in the hall. We have invitations for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries, recently married couples, or couples preparing for marriage. Please speak to Fr Barto if you would like an invitation.

ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP

is now open for bookings! Children age 9 – 12 can enjoy an amazing week, packed with fun activities, including many sports, from 27 July – 3 August. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood and this year there is space for just 100 children. All details are www.boscocamp.co.uk, including booking information and an FAQ section for parents.

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

From 20th to 27 July. A couple of last minute places have become available if anyone in school year 10+ still wishes to join this pilgrimage with the BCYS.

Full details on the pilgrimage and how to apply can be found at www.bcys.net/events/sl24 or email gabriellaskinner@brcdt.org

WALSINGHAM HOUSE ANNIVERSARY MASS **31st August, Walsingham House at Abbotswick**

We invite anyone who may have been involved with Walsingham House over the years to celebrate 40 years of volunteer teams with us, beginning with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12pm and followed by celebrations at our beautiful retreat house just outside Brentwood.

WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE FORMS

Are available in the porch as you enter for the Sacraments, (FHC & Confirmation) and for nursery, primary & secondary Catholic Schools. **Attendance at weekly Sunday Mass and Holy days of obligation by your child is required** unless they are ill. Complete one per child and drop the completed form into the box provided **as you leave Church.**

VACANCIES

The Ursuline Academy Ilford is looking to recruit a Sixth Form Study Support Supervisor. Working Monday – Friday, term-time only. Please see www.uai.org.uk for more details.

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

(To be left on the table by the organ loft)

- Jumpers, tee-shirts, fleeces, underwear jackets - all sizes
- Joggers, jeans, socks all sizes
- Toiletries (shower gel, deodorant, razor)
- Bleach, anti-bacterial hand wash, laundry detergent (liquid)

NO FORMAL CLOTHES OR FORMAL SHOES AND NO CHILDREN'S CLOTHES NEEDED.

Mass Intentions 22nd June – 30th June

Exposition of the Blessed Holy Eucharist is at 9am from Wednesday to Saturday. Rosary will be prayed after morning Mass from Wednesday to Saturday.

Saturday 9.30am Fr Barto Ints
6.30pm Sherif Lawal RIP

Sunday Vigil Mass

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 23rd 9.30am People of the Parish
11am Mary Biss RIP
12.30pm Mass in Romanian

Monday - Nativity of St John the Baptist
9.30am Maureen, Tricia &
Norah Ints

Tuesday 7pm Francis Atal Int

Wednesday 9.30am Bob & Anne Power RIP

Thursday 9.30am Liz McGrahahan

Friday 9.30am Ashwin Kumar RIP

Saturday 9.30am Fr Barto Ints
6.30pm In Thanksgiving for
Rev Alan's ministry

Sunday Vigil Mass

Sts Peter & Paul

Sunday 30th 9.30am Daniel Conington Ints
11am People of the Parish
12.30pm Mass in Romanian

Please pray for those who are sick

Anniversaries 24 June – 30 June

Daisy Mitchell, A.E. Statham, Canon James Dacey, Mrs A Buckley and Anna Rampersad, John Harty, Anna Ridd, Desmond Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Moore, Thomas Murphy, Jack Bull.

Last weekend Mass attendance was 443.

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome!! Please introduce yourself to Fr Barto and Rev Alan. Also complete a registration and GDPR form found in the porch and return to the Parish Office once completed.

SVP SUPPORT

If you, or anyone you know in our community, could benefit from support from the SVP please contact the Parish Office (in strict confidence)

PARISH OFFICE (IN THE PRESBYTERY)

The Parish secretary is in the office on Monday afternoons, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

This Sunday's gospel reading may remind us of the special Urbi et Orbi blessing that Pope Francis gave 4 years ago to an empty St Peter's Square in the midst of the first Covid lockdown.

The Pope looked at the two questions that Jesus asked his disciples caught in the midst of a tempest whilst he, Jesus, slept. He asked them "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?"

You can view the video and/or read the Pope's address by following this link:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-03/pope-francis-urbi-et-orbi-blessing-coronavirus.html>