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Jesus called John the greatest of all those who had preceded him: “I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John….” But John would have agreed completely with what Jesus added: “Yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he” (Luke 7:28).

John spent his time in the desert, an ascetic. He began to announce the coming of the Kingdom, and to call everyone to a fundamental reformation of life. His purpose was to prepare the way for Jesus. His baptism, he said, was for repentance. But one would come who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. John was not worthy even to untie his sandals. His attitude toward Jesus was: “He must increase; I must decrease” (John 3:30).

John was humbled to find among the crowd of sinners who came to be baptized the one whom he already knew to be the Messiah. “I need to be baptized by you” (Matthew 3:14b). But Jesus insisted, “Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15b). Jesus, true and humble human as well as eternal God, was eager to do what was required of any good Jew. Jesus thus publicly entered the community of those awaiting the Messiah. But making himself part of that community, he made it truly messianic.

The greatness of John, his pivotal place in the history of salvation, is seen in the great emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself—both made prominently parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus. John attracted countless people to the banks of the Jordan, and it occurred to some people that he might be the Messiah. But he constantly deferred to Jesus, even to sending away some of his followers to become the first disciples of Jesus.

Perhaps John’s idea of the coming of the Kingdom of God was not being perfectly fulfilled in the public ministry of Jesus. For whatever reason, when he was in prison he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was the Messiah. Jesus’ answer showed that the Messiah was to be a figure like that of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah. John himself would share in the pattern of messianic suffering, losing his life to the revenge of Herodias.

*An* *excerpt from the Franciscan Media*



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 **Saturday Vigil: 6.pm**

 **Sunday: 10am**

 **‘THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES’**

**Tuesday: 6pm in Chapel**

**Wednesday: 10am (School Mass)**

**Thursday & Friday: 8am in Chapel**

**Saturday: 9am (every fortnight – Thursday: 11am BUPA Liturgy Saturday: 9.40am BLAKENEY LODGE Liturgy)**

 **‘ROSARY’**

**Saturday at 8.45am Exposition at 8.30am (1st Sat of month)**

**‘RECONCILIATION’**

 **Saturday at 5.15pm**

 **‘LITURGY MEETING’**

 **Tuesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

 **‘PRAYER GROUP’**

 **(Rosary & Divine Mercy)**

 **Wednesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

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**Nativity of Saint John**

**The Baptist Year B**

 **June 24th 2018**

 **2018**

 ***Entrance Antiphon***

**He will be great in the sight of the Lord and will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb; and many will rejoice at his birth.**

***Gospel Acclamation***

**Alleluia, alleluia! He came to bear witness to the light, to prepare an upright people for the Lord. Alleluia!**

 ***Responsorial Psalm***

**Since my mother’s womb, you have been my strength.**

 ***Gospel Acclamation***

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Alleluia, alleluia! Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed; the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

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| T THIS WEEK Saturday & Sunday 23rd & 24th June   |
| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm |  Sunday 10am |
| Acolyte |  Peter Malone |  Trish Matthews |
| Reader |  Confirmation  |  Rodney Little  |
| Commentator |  Confirmation  |  Jo Little  |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Pat Spannagle |
| Musicians |  Anna Quinn  |  Patricia & Monica |
| Altar Servers |  Annabelle Sturgess & Genevieve Mason-Elliott | Jude Moreno & Hunter Styles  |
| Church Care\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_LINEN Marie Ambrose | Group 1: Claire, Anne Hickson, Bev & Jess Smith |
| NEXT WEEK Saturday & Sunday 30th June & 1st July  |
| Ministry | Vigil 6pm | 10am |
| Acolyte |  Tony Butler |  Mark Hogan |
| Reader |  Dobbie Family |  Sue Bulger |
| Commentator |  Dobbie Family |  John Power |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Kerrin Henderson |
| Musicians |  Patricia & Monica |  Anna Quinn |
| Altar Servers |  New Servers | Abby Crampton & Olivia Dean |
| Church Care | ----------------------------------------- |

 Feast Day**Wishing all our wonderful dads a Happy In m FEAST DAYS 28th June: Saint Irenaeus 29th June: Saints Peter & Paul**

 R O S T E R S

**All vocations make their first steps in the family.**

 ***(Pope Francis)***

 ***~P A R I S H N E W S~***

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**We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially:**

**RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret Freeman & Andrew Sturt**

 **MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

Brian Rosetta, Paul Kelly, Sr. Valerian, Pat Malone, Joan Malone, Frank Delany, Ken & Brian Gee, Mazx Butler, Imelda, Bede & Francis McInerney, Cecilia Haddah, John Hourigan, Russell & Peter Ritchie, Kerry Letts, Filomena Comai, Eileen Creighton, Muriel Maidwell, Thomas Maidwell, Margaret Anne Reardon, Steph Scott, Peter Bush, Alan Guthrie, Jim McInerney, Kath Stuckey, Iris Stuckey, Minnie Murphy, Alfred & Bridget Claffey, John Marzol, Joan & Pat Cronmy, Sean Gordon, Maureen Ashleigh, Kade Adams, Tom Sturt, Winifred Whitacker, Edward,Mary & Clem Malone, Pat Malone, Hickson & O’Sullivan families, Colleen Anderson, Reg & Mary Madigan, Matt Downing, Wilkinson & Downing families, Frank Stanfield, Peter Heffernan, Tim & Amy Twomey, Barbara Fuller, Tom & Merle Arentz, Harriet & Ruben Arentz, Kevin & Nola Arentz, Dulcie & Arthur Piper, Marie & Ray Cowan, Kevin Cowan, Kevin Hawthorne, Natalie Baker, Ian Barbour, Fr. Peter Quirk, Con & Ennis Twomey, Mons.John Twomey, Sr. M. Brenda Twomey, Sr. M. Canice O’Sullivan, Bert & Teresa Butler, Anne Lawrance, Joan & Bob Liddell, Ruby Harmer, Hassel & Joy McGrath, Noel Cook, Frederick & Mabel McInerney, James Kelly, Tom & Dorothy French.

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