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24 June 2018 - The Nativity of St John the Baptist

A DISTURBING MESSAGE?

He's a shadowy figure, impressive but slightly perplexing. Everybody knows that John the Baptist was a cousin of Jesus, the son of Elizabeth and Zechariah. But some people think that he joined a type of separatist monastic community, the Essenes, who lived in the desert close to where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. They were a zealot group that was looking forward to the imminent coming of the Messiah who would once more set up the kingdom of Israel according to the promises that were made to their ancestors in the bible. Only those who adhered strictly to the Law would be part of this kingdom. If nothing else they were fundamentalists.

Certainly we do come across John in the desert, a strange character aged about 27, wearing a leather belt and camel hair tunic and living off locust and wild honey, and we know that he was preaching a message of repentance, getting people to be immersed in the waters of the River Jordan. Whether he was part of the exclusive Essene desert community we cannot say, but he converted many people and prepared the way for Jesus' preaching. He told his own disciples to follow Jesus and he was beheaded in prison by Herod.

Many people refer to John the Baptist as the hinge between the Old Testament and New Testament prophets. The job of a prophet is to be a spokesperson for God. We may balk at the thought of wearing a sandwich board and walking up and down the high street with Gospel messages. But because of our baptism we have each been called to be prophets, pointers, signposts and spokespeople for God and the Gospel. Maybe John the Baptist stands as a reminder of how necessary this is in a world that seems to be looking for compass points.

Would it help to talk? The Bethany Bereavement Support Group holds its **'Drop In'** on the last Friday of each month in the Parish Centre from 10.30 – 11.30 am. Next **'Drop In'** Friday next, 29th June. A warm welcome, chat and a cuppa for all who wish to attend, no need to book, just arrive.

Weekend Intentions



Along with their families and friends the following people are especially remembered this weekend. This time of the year holds a special significance for all those who knew and who loved them.

6.30 pm Vigil – 1 Grainne Brennan – Months Mind

2. Get Well Mass

10.00am – 1. Maurice Downey - Anniversary

2. Michael & Elizabeth Lyons - Anniversary

12.30pm – 1. Paddy O'Carroll – 20th Anniv

2. John & Maureen McCamberidge - Anniversary

Recently Deceased: Fr Gerry Doyle, Brian Bergin

Months Mind: Grainne Brennan

Anniversaries: Jack & Lily Flynn, Raymond Widdis (18th Anniv)

**World Meeting of Families 2018
St. Brigid's Cabinteely**

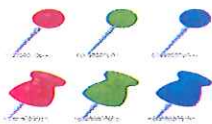
Over the next few weeks, Parishioners will notice the installation of our interactive mural on the walls of our church!

"WHAT DOES FAMILY MEAN TO YOU"?

We invite everyone attending masses or visiting our church during the months of June and July to take a piece of colored paper from the boxes provided and write your own words on 'what family means to you'.

There is a sticky label at the back of each piece of paper that can be peeled off to allow you to choose the place to put your contribution up on the mural.

We are ALL members of a family... please help us make our mural!



Parish Noticeboard.



It's Time For A Break

Coffee Dock

Today is the last Sunday that the **coffee dock** will be open after 10 am Mass until the beginning of Sept. A big thank you to Ann Quirk and all her helpers who have kept the Sunday

morning coffee break going over the past year. All now will have a well-deserved rest over the summer. See you in Sept.

World Meeting of Families

If you wish to attend any of the events during the "World Meeting of Families", it is important register as soon as you can. You can register at

<https://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/>

If you need assistance in registering, you can drop into Foxrock Pastoral Centre any Wed - 10.30am - 12.30pm. Volunteers there will assist you.

World Meeting of Families Mass on Sunday, 26th August 2018.

The Parish has booked a 52 seater bus for transport to the Pope's Mass in the Phoenix Park. Cost of return journey is €15 per person. Early booking essential as seats are booking up fast. Please note that all travelling must have their entry tickets obtained in advance. Please contact the Parish Office to book your bus seat.

Registration for tickets for the Visit by Pope Francis to Knock Shrine and to the closing Mass will open tomorrow, **25 June** on <http://worldmeeting2018.ie>

There are **candles** for the World Meeting of Families available from the Parish Office. Cost: €2 per candle or €5 for three.

OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

God, our Father,
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,
One family, in the Spirit of your love.
Bless us with the joy of love.
Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous,
welcoming to those in need.
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.
Protect all families with your loving care,
Especially those for whom we now pray:
[We pause and remember family members and others by name]. Increase our faith,
Strengthen our hope, Keep us safe in your love,
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask, through Christ our Lord,
Amen

'Thoughts from Heaven' by Mairead Tuohy Duffy (mother of Fr Aquinas) is a new poetry book and is available in the Parish Office.

Bible Reflections

Finishes for the summer on Thurs next, 28th June and restarts on Thurs 6th September.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.

Karen Armstrong, religious historian and former Catholic nun, is a provocative, original thinker on the role of religion in the modern world. She promotes a new kind of religious discourse that goes back to the core values of religion: every single religion is based on compassion and on the golden rule, first propounded by Confucius 500 years before Christ, 'Do not do to others what you would not like them to do to you. Look into your own heart, discover what it is that gives you pain, and then refuse under any circumstances to inflict that pain on anybody else... This is civilization.'

Visit www.NewPilgrimPath.ie for more.

The Annual Blessing of the Graves:
Sallynoggin Parish Sun, 1st July at 3 pm in Deansgrange.

Glencullen Cemetery – Sun 8th July at 3pm.

Kilgobbin Cemetery – Sun 22nd July at 3pm.

Social Welfare Information

Our Social Welfare Information Service takes place in St Brigid's Parish Centre every Tuesday -10.30 am-12.30 pm.

Just drop in – no appointment needed.
No Service available in August.



Our latest St Brigid's Mini Cross

is now in place in the patio outside the church. This Cross will be blessed after 12.30 pm Mass today Sunday, 24th June. If you would like to purchase a brick in the next mini cross please contact the parish office for information.

Volunteers needed for Aware

Aware, Ireland's leading organisation providing support, education and information services for people impacted by depression, bipolar disorder and related mood conditions, is urgently seeking new volunteers across four services – Support Line, Support Mail, Support & Self Care Groups and Life Skills Online. No prior qualifications or experience is required, as comprehensive training as well as ongoing support and education is provided by the organisation. For more information on each opportunity, please visit: www.aware.ie/volunteering or phone Emma on 01-2374926.