

## Birth of St John the Baptist - Year B

## MINISTRY ROSTER - JUNE/JULY

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Please see rosters for the month of June. If you cannot attend your rostered day, please see Fr Bernie or call 9369 9328.

## 23 - 24 JUNE (Week 4)

Ministry	5pm Vigil	8.30am	10am	5pm
Altar Serving	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Celina Seeto	-
Proclaimer of Word	Margaret Blake	Gabrielle McAnespie	Eddie Seeto	Mary McCafferty
Eucharist Minister	Barry Anderson	Michelle Byrne Laura Neeson	Genevieve Roberts Gisella Musumeci	Joy Pertile
Hospitality	Warren	Phyllis Spratt Grainne Tierney-Reed	Laura Neeson Jackie Durkin	Kathy Reilly

## 30 JUNE - 1 JULY (Week 5)

Ministry	5pm Vigil	8.30am	10am	5pm
Altar Serving	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Celina Seeto	-
Proclaimer of Word	Margaret Blake	Mia Vinciguerra	Marta Ramirez	Joy Pertile
Eucharist Minister	Shirley Lyons	Fran Gaye Zammit	Cameron Ward Laura Neeson	Elizabeth Rosa
Hospitality	Clare Dinhvu	Michelle Byrne Margaret Duncan	Jackie Durkin Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly

## 7 - 8 JULY (Week 1)

Ministry	5pm Vigil	8.30am	10am	5pm
Altar Serving	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Celina Seeto	-
Proclaimer of Word	Margaret Blake	Anne Fahy	Genevieve Roberts	Daniel Wairau
Eucharist Minister	Vincent Conroy	Kevin Brookes Margaret Kelly	Gisella Musumeci Jackie Durkin	Miriam Wairau
Hospitality	Clare Dinhvu	Laura Neeson Grainne Tierney-Reed	Jackie Durkin Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly



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We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on a land once occupied by the Gadigal people of the Eora nation. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

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23 – 24 June 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.

*Thanks be to God*

## FIRST READING: ISAIAH 49:1-6

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

*Thanks be to God*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 138

O Lord, you search me and you know me,  
you know my resting and my rising,  
you discern my purpose from afar.  
You mark when I walk or lie down,  
all my ways lie open to you.

For it was you who created my being,  
knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I thank you for the wonder of my being,  
for the wonders of all your creation.

Already you knew my soul,  
my body held no secret from you,  
when I was being fashioned in secret  
and moulded in the depths of the earth.

## RESPONSE AT MORNING MASS ONLY:

The Lord set me free from all my fears

## SECOND READING: ACTS (13:22-26)

In those days, Paul said: God made David king of our ancestors. In his testimony about him he said, "I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes." Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work, he said, "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet."

*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!  
He has visited his people and redeemed them.

## WEEKDAY READINGS

Mon 25 June 2 Kings 17:5-8. 13-15. 18 Matthew 7:1-5

Tues 26 June 2 Kings 19:9-11. 14-21. 31-36 Matthew 7:6. 12-14

Wed 27 June 2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3 Matthew 7:15-20

Thu 28 June 2 Kings 24:8-17 Matthew 7:21-29

Fri 29 June Acts 3:1-10 John 21:15-19

Sat 30 June Lamentations 2:2. 10-14. 18-19 Gospel: Matthew 8:5-17

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 Ps: 30:2. 4-6. 11-13

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

## REFLECTION

In Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" Juliet asks "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." Juliet is trying to tell Romeo that she loves him, the person, rather than being attracted by his family's name. The astonishment of the neighbours when Zechariah agreed with Elizabeth that their child should be called John testifies to the way in which a name was used to connect a person to a family in their society. For some families there can indeed be a lot in a name, as new family members are named after forebears. The unusual circumstances of John's conception, when Elizabeth and Zechariah had long given up hope of a child, must have led them to reflect deeply throughout the pregnancy on the child they were to have. When the child was born they knew that they had been chosen to bear and raise a child who belonged in a special way to God. So they named him John which means "graced by God", rather than naming him in the conventional way, after his father or a relative. The conferring of a name is an integral part of baptism. While our surname marks us as part of a particular family, the name conferred in baptism identifies us as a particular individual with a unique relationship with God. Our family, local Church and society may be the context in which we live out that relationship with God, but it is always in the end (and especially at the end) an individual relationship for which we have an individual responsibility. In a sense we are all "Johns", graced by God, given to a family to raise but with an individual mission to fulfil in building God's kingdom. That mission may not involve dramatic and traumatic events such as baptising and being beheaded but the elements which were present in John's mission are also present in ours – praying and preparing, as John did in the wilderness; pointing people towards Jesus, as John did with his contemporaries; and being willing to give all to fulfil our particular mission.

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/>

## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again from the dead,  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty,  
From there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
**Amen.**



## FUTHER REFLECTION

John the Baptist is an important figure in all four of the gospels. In all four he is identified with the beginning of Jesus' ministry but in Luke, the association between the two is taken back in time to the announcement of the birth of each character. The parents of both John and Jesus are depicted by Luke as pious Jews who do all that the Law requires of them. Here the promise is given to Zechariah that a son will be miraculously born to him in his old age. There is an echo here of the promise made to Abraham and Sarah. This is to be no ordinary child. Even from his mother's womb, he will be filled with the Holy Spirit and his task is quite explicit. In his ministry he will reawaken in people a love for their God. Like the great prophet Elijah, he will 'turn the hearts' of the people, refocusing them on what truly matters. In doing this, John is preparing a people who is worthy of the one who is to come. John stands firmly in the prophetic tradition of Israel. He comes out of the desert proclaiming the advent of the kingdom of God and issuing a call to repentance (Lk 3:2-3). He baptises those who repent of their sins and announces the coming of one who would be greater than he and who would baptise with the Spirit. Some believed that John himself was the awaited Messiah (Lk 3:15) but John is unequivocal: he is simply preparing the way for the one who is to come.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Both Zechariah and Elizabeth come from the priestly families of Israel. All male descendants of the priestly families had duties to attend to in the Temple in Jerusalem. This is not a full-time job. Since there were so many 'priests' a roster system meant that each man only served a brief period in undertaking their priestly duties.
- The Temple in Jerusalem had several outer courts: the vast exterior Court of the Gentiles, where all people could go; the Court of the Women, where only Jews could enter and women go no further; the inner Court of Israel where male Jews could enter and where the priests offered sacrifices. At the rear of the Court of Israel stood a massive structure – the sanctuary. This consisted of two chambers.
- The outer chamber was where the incense altar was housed. The inner chamber – the Holy of Holies – was empty. This was where the Ark of the Covenant had stood before it was looted and taken to Babylon in the 6th century BC. The High Priest entered the Holy of Holies once a year on the Day of Atonement.
- The first Temple was looted and destroyed by the Babylonians. The second Temple was rebuilt after the return from the Exile and rebuilt again on a grand scale by Herod the Great. It is Herod's Temple which is the setting for this text and the one which Jesus knew.
- John the Baptist was arrested and executed by Herod Antipas, the son of Herod the Great, because the Baptist denounced the ruler for marrying Herodias who was his niece and had been married to his half-brother.

## Mass Times

**Monday - Friday:** 9:15am  
**Saturday:** 9:15am, 9:45 - 10:15am Reconciliation & 5:00pm Vigil  
**Sunday:** 8:30am, 10:00am & 5:00pm

## Parish Centre

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**Director of Junior School**  
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## LET US PRAY FOR...

**Those who are sick:** Nicola Jarman, Margaret Jones, Teresa Wong, Terry Dodds, Damian Johnson, Lorraine Ladd-Hudson, Maria Alves, Joanne Macrae, Audrey Moran, Catherine Davis, Sr Francis Murphy osc, William Beaudoin, Denis Lindsay, Albert Miu, Jett Jarvis, Grazia Mafodda, Ana Letec, Helene Beazley, Wayne Townson, Dick See, Jessica Amelia, Behan Kahler, Kathleen Schlink, Bob Lloyd, Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Stan Vesper, Rosa Santos, Maria Kiely, Ann Thomas (Fr Bernie's Mum), Gary Shipton, Kim Roper, Br Stan Cusack, Joan Roberts, Hernan Caceres, Veronica Chavez, Maria Montel, Veronica Rodriguez, Luz Bringas, Carolina Perez, Rodolfo Arruabarrena, Joan Dunsmore, James Elliott, Alice Chapman, Mary Thompson,

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Andrew Chin, Peter Chin, Elida Hilda Peirce, Anna Sidoti, Concetta & Angelo De Luca, Joan Margaret Lynch, Allan Smith, Herman Estela

**Those recently baptised:** Hugo Quaife, Edie Borg, Donovan Healey & Lucy Graham

## NEWS AND NOTICES

### ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS & RENEWAL OF VOWS

The Marriage Mass and Renewal of Vows will take place on **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> July** at **St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, at 10.30 am.**

Married couples wishing to attend to renew their vows should register with the Life, Marriage & Family Centre on 9307 8404 or [LMEvents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:LMEvents@sydneycatholic.org). Registered couples celebrating 50<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries will receive a certificate.



You are cordially invited to the next meeting of the Holy Spirit Fraternity Waverley on Wednesday, 27 June at 7:00pm in the Friars Chapel.

### TAXATION RECEIPTS AND TAX DEDUCTION ADVICE FOR 2019

On the weekend of the 7th & 8th July taxation receipts for the following will be available for collection on the table near the glass dividers.

- Planned Giving—25% tax deduction
- Charitable Works Fund (CWF) - 100% tax deduction
- Caritas Australia - 100% tax deduction  
For the year ending 30 June 2019, contributions to the Planned Giving System will attract a tax deduction of 30%. Thank you for your support.

### PARKING ON VICTORIA STREET

Please be aware of the changes to some the parking out the front of the church on Victoria Street from Waverley Council.

### PLANNED GIVING – 1 JULY 2018 TO 28 OCTOBER 2018 NOW AVAILABLE

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