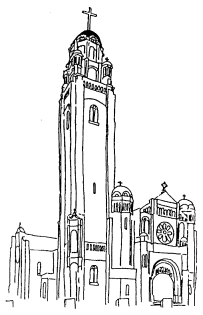

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at a glance

Today's Readings

Isaiah 49: 1-6	*Behold I will make you a light to the nations*
Acts of the Apostles 13: 22-26	*Christ's coming was announced beforehand by the preaching of John*
Luke 1: 57-66, 80	*John is his name*

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist Year B 23rd/24th June

In a nutshell

The name 'John' originates from the Hebrew language and means 'God has shown favour (grace)'.

The name given to John the Baptist reflects both the favour God showed to Elizabeth and Zechariah in granting them a son and also the favour that God showed to the people through John. John's whole ministry was to call people back to God.

In Luke's gospel, when Jesus announces the commencement of his ministry he announces the coming of the Lord's year of favour.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

When Elizabeth gave birth to a son, the whole village was quite certain that the child would be called Zechariah after his father. But Elizabeth resisted and Zechariah had no hesitation in writing, "His name is John" - is John. Present tense.

This caused great consternation in the village. This could only mean that more shocking breaks with tradition were to come. And in the last verse of todays' Gospel, we learn that this now young man is not preparing for priestly service at the Temple!

He is out in the wilderness! He has adopted the lifestyle of the most marginal, living outside settled existence where tradition suffocates.

Pope Francis constantly urges us to be challenged by those existing on the margins. This encompasses not only those who are suffering exclusion, injustice or who are simply without the necessities of life. He is also concerned with those on the peripheries of world power. Perhaps this is best symbolized in the choosing of a Cardinal from Tonga which has only 15,000 Catholics!

We could pause for a moment to pray that we are sufficiently open to receive God's messengers, who may erupt from the margins, from 'the wilderness' of the peripheries, even from Argentina!

Fr Michael Tate in Liturgy Help 2018

Raise your voices

Entrance antiphon:	A man was sent from God, whose name was John. He came to testify to the light, to prepare a people fit for the Lord.
Response to the psalm:	I praise you for I am wonderfully made.
Gospel acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia ! You, child will be called the prophet of the Most High; you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways Alleluia

Readers

Saturday Vigil June:	Janet Neenan (Coordinator) John Betros
Sunday 7.00 am June:	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Peter Frost
Sunday 9.30 am June 24th:	Adele Cornale (Coordinator) John Rouen

Church Cleaners

June: Paula O'Connor
(and other volunteers)

Money Counters—Parish Office

June 24th: Group 3 **July 1st:** Group 4
July 8th: Group 1 **July 15th:** Group 2

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil June 23rd:	Sr Gabriel (Coordinator) Anne Wright, Sr Gabriel
Sunday 7.00 am June 24th:	Peter Frost (Coordinator) Peter Frost, Charlie Robinson, Gary Keating
Sunday 9.30 am June:	Paula Hudson (Coordinator) Paula Hudson, Adele Cornale, Phil Docherty
Sunday 6.00 pm June:	Andrew Poidevin Coordinator) Paula O'Connor, Andrew Poidevin, Therese Compton, Denise Haylen

Gardeners

Susan & Kevin Bradley

Offertory Gifts— Sat 5.00 pm Vigil Mass
June 23rd Volunteers

Offertory Gifts— Sun 7.00 am Mass
June 24th: Maureen Fitzsimmons & Elaine Haigh

Mass Offerings: ***Your prayers are requested for the following:***

Recently Deceased: **Sr Patricia Murphy OLN, Fr Doug Smith, Paul Kelly, Eugene Gormley *(Ireland),* Ann Larkman.**

Other Deceased: Fitzpatrick Family, Tom & Ethel Given, Kit & Bill Sanders, Lynette McDonagh, Toni Baily, Billie Cotter, Harry and Muriel Colthup, Negus and Ferguson Families, Paul Hudson, Noel Hudson Sr, Sherry Jackson.

Anniversaries: **Vincent Caeiano Fernandos,** Patrick Doherty, Michael O'Sullivan, Fredrick Shrimpton

Sick: **Justin Wood, Win Wallace, Maximilian Naum, Geoffrey Karpin, Robyn Hutton, Alan Power, Fr Frank Perry msc, Brother Dan Geary msc, Paul Miller, Chris Schneider,** Teresa Collins (*Ireland),* Sr Kath Conlan, Gloria Dunn, Brigid Scarlett, Ellie Herbert, Cassie Andrews, Neil Thornton, Conor Cassidy *(Ireland)*, Tony Kelly, Mary-Jane Saunders, Thelma Shepherd, Enid Hampshire, Anne Hampshire, Barry du Bois, Alistair Ross, Maureen O'Connor, Maddy O'Connor, Trish Shadwick, Patrick Herlihy, Alma Reid, Steve Elias, Fr John Rate msc, Fr Thoi Tran msc.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The following children from Lycee Condorcet (French School, Maroubra) will receive the sacrament of reconciliation after 9.30am Mass on Sunday

Antonio Harb
Adrien Guitera
Ava Puglisi

St Brigid's Parish Information

Mass Times	**Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm**
Morning Tea	Most Sundays after the 9.30 am Mass
Weekday Masses	**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30 am**
Reconciliation	**20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass**
Sacrament of Anointing	**During 9.30 Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month**
Baptisms	By appointment, usually on the first and third Sundays of the month
Marriages	By appointment, arranged at least six months in advance
Parish Office	**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9am to 3pm (phone 9315 7562).**

This Week at St Brigid's & Beyond

Snr Patricia Ann Murphy OLN (Our Lady's Nurses of the Poor) sadly passed away on 13th June 2018, Requiem mass will be offered in The Church of the Holy Trinity, Mossglen Street, Minto on Friday 22nd June at 10.30am. May she rest in peace.

St Canice's - A team of wonderful volunteers from St Brigid's Parish will be serving lunch on Sunday 16th September at St Canice's.

Planned giving envelopes are ready for collection the Church foyer, thank you for your continued generosity and support. We will send tax deductible receipts in early July.

Piety Store Reopening Soon - We are going to open up our Piety Store with a range of beautiful cards and items, if you would like to assist once a month before or after mass please can you contact the office, 9315 7562.

Fr Phil

Social Justice Group:

We would like to assist the House of Welcome by collecting necessities for the refugees affected by the latest government decisions. There are 7,000 people who will be notified of the withdrawal of government support. These people will be evicted, lose Medicare or living allowance. Jobs are required urgently, please call Leonie on 9727 9290 if you can help.
If you would like to donate any of the following items (a donation box will be in the church foyer).

- *Rice & Cooking Oil*
- *Shampoo & Conditioner*
- *Laundry Powder*
- *Toothbrushes & toothpaste*
- *Cleaning cloths*
- *Nappies 6-10kg babies*

Your generosity is appreciated. **Dianne Mullin (Social Justice Group)**

Film night - July 1 at 4.30pm, at the Ritz.

We would like to invite you to join us at the Sydney premier of Border Politics. Directed by Rymer Childs, the film follows human rights barrister Julian Burnside as he traverses the globe examining the harsh treatment of refugees metered out by most Western democracies.
Please join the House of Welcome and RACS at this special event, where there will be Q & A with Julian Burnside and MC Tom Ballard.

Tickets are $25 and can be booked through Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/border-politics Anyone without computer access can book through: Dianne 0499 325 823 / 96650346 (St Brigid's Social Justice Committee).

Annual Marriage Mass & Renewal of Vows

The Marriage Mass and Renewal of Vows will take place on Sunday 8th July at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney at 10.20am. All married couples are welcome. Mass will be celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher. Married couples wishing to attend to renew their vows should register with the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 930708404 or LMevents@sydneychatholic.org. Registered couples celebrating 50th, 55th, 60th, or 65th wedding anniversaries will receive a special certificate from Archbishop Fisher. Special recognition will also be given to couples who were married at the Cathedral.

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