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Prepare the way of the Lord.

From before his birth, John the Baptist was called by God to be the prophet specially chosen to prepare the people for the coming of Christ. We too are called, through our rebirth in Baptism, to prepare the people of our day to receive Christ into their lives. Through God's grace, we are the light of the nations today.

Readings

Sundays Year B ~ Ordinary Time ~ Psalms Week 4
The Nativity of John the Baptist.
 24th June 2018

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.*

First Reading

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Isaiah 49:1-6

Responsorial Psalm

I thank you for the wonder of my being.

Psalm 138

Second Reading

Jesus, whose coming was heralded by John.

Acts 13:22-26

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
*As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High.
 You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways before him.
 Alleluia!*

Gospel

His name is John.

Luke 1:57-66.80

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday	23rd June	The Nativity of S John the Baptist	6:00 pm	Parishioners
Sunday	24th June		10.30am	Leslie & Mary Stowers
Monday	25th June	Feria	9.15am	Dorothy Rose R.I.P.
Tuesday	26th June	Dedication of the Cathedral		No Mass
Wednesday	27th June	Feria	7:00pm	Dorothy Rose R.I.P. (UCM)
Thursday	28th June	St Irenaeus	9.15am	Donald & Joan Peck R.I.P.
Friday	29th June	SS Peter & Paul	9:15am	Personal Intention
			7:00pm	Parishioners
Saturday	30th June	Feria	10.00am	Holy Souls
Saturday	30th June		6:00 pm	Parishioners
Sunday	1st July	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am	Mary & John Stowers

Morning or Evening Prayer will be said 15 minutes before all weekday Masses.
 The Prayer Group meets every 'term time' Tuesday morning at 10am in the Garden Room
 Confessions are before Mass on Wednesday 6.00-6.30 pm and Saturday at 10.30-11.00am

Sick and Housebound -

PLEASE SEE ITEM OVERLEAF

Faithful Departed - please pray for Alphons Anton Wimmer, May Warren, David Nesbitt, Ada Brown, Rosemary Anderson, Mollie Savage, Winifred Thirkettle, Raymond Taylor, Eric "Chum" Chamberlin, Doris Woodyard, Dorothy Hodgkinson, Betty Kearns Errol Tanner and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Divine Office: Morning or Evening Prayer from the Divine Office is usually said fifteen minutes before weekday Masses. We use the black books on the bookcase at the back of church and the page number(s) will be on the hymn board. The words for the Benedictus and Magnificat are on the inside back cover of the book. If the board says 'sheet' you will find this attached two or three pages from the back of the book. If coming to weekday Mass, do come a little early and join us in this great prayer of the Church.

Russian Writer: A gentleman in Russia has been corresponding with me lately as he has written an online article about St Walstan. (A link to this article will be on the new website, which will be up and running in the near future.) He has asked if anyone in the congregation would like to correspond with him as an 'online penpal'. Let me know if you would be interested and I will give you his email address. Fr David.

Youth Survey: Thomas Agius, our Youth Representative on the Parish Council, has put together a short survey form for the young people of the parish. These will be given out on the weekend of June 30th/July 1st and ideally should be returned the following weekend. Thank you.

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR): To ensure that we comply fully with these new regulations, which came into effect on May 25th, the Diocese has asked that every parishioner, 16 and over, complete one of the forms left in the porch.

Conscientious Objection (Medical Activities) Bill: Baroness Nuala O'Loan's bill is currently going through parliament and needs our prayer and support. To find out more, please visit <http://www.freeconscience.org.uk/>

Walsingham: There are copies of the new Pilgrim's Handbook for sale in the porch priced at £3. All proceeds go to the shrine.

Journey in Faith: Anyone who is interested in finding out more about joining the Catholic Church is invited to an informal meeting in the Presbytery (behind the church) at 7.30pm on Wednesday July 11th. If you would like to know more, please speak to Fr David.

The UCM annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham is on Tuesday 3rd July. Mass is at 11:30am. Cost £8.00. If you're interested can you please let Janet Smith know by 31st May. Many thanks.

Northern Saints Youth Pilgrimage July 24th – 29th 2018 The Ignite Team is leading a pilgrimage to York, Durham, Lindisfarne and Iona. For those age 16-35. For more information, see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth. Booking must be received by 15th June.

Diocesan Summer Camp for children ages 8-14, Friday August 24th-Monday 27th, at Moreton Hall School, Bury St Edmunds. Further details on www.facebook.com/diocesansummercamps Fr David has booking forms.

Collections: 16th /17th June £ 780.68
Day for Life £ 290.00
Many thanks

Confirmations: Bishop Alan will be coming to confirm five of our young people at a special Mass on Thursday July 5th at 7.00pm. Please come along to support them if you can. Altar servers are encouraged to serve at this Mass.

Sick List: As part of the new Data Protection regulations we are no longer allowed to print people's names in the sick list without the express permission of the person themselves. We cannot accept names if given by other people, even close family members. Permission from the person must be in writing. (An email is acceptable for this.) I realise that this seems extreme, bordering on the ridiculous, but we are bound to follow the regulations. Fr David.

The Cake stall raised £72.31. Many thanks for your support. **The next Cake, Jam and Bring & Buy** stall is on Sunday 1st July in the Garden Room after Mass. All proceeds to our charities.

National Grandparents Pilgrimage: Sunday 22nd July 2018, Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Everybody welcome to honour & thank Grandparents alive & dead for all they have done for us down through the ages. A day of Faith and Fun for all the family.

Bake sale in aid of Christina Thomas – Saturday 7th July & Sunday 8th July in the porch before and after mass. Donations of any bakes savoury or sweet much appreciated just let me know. Shirley Calleja 07896950182 or email: calleja3@sky.com

St Augustine's School Choir will be singing at a Mass at St John's Cathedral on Wednesday of this week, June 27th, at 4pm. All are welcome to attend.

Eucharistic Ministers: All Special Ministers of Holy Communion will be re-commissioned at the Sunday Masses on July 7th & 8th.

DVD/Discussion Evenings: These continue on Thursday evenings, 7pm, in the Garden Room on all Thursdays, except July 5th, until July 12th.

School Masses – Summer Term 2018
22nd June
29th June, 13th July, 20th July

All items for the newsletter may be left at the presbytery (marked clearly "for newsletter" along with the date, and your name), or email newsletter@stwalstans.com. For all forms of communication, please provide a telephone number on which you can be contacted. The deadline for items to be included in the newsletter is Wednesday 6pm