

**PRAYER AT THE SENDING OUT OF THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

Priest: Almighty and loving Father, as we have received your Son in this Holy Eucharist, we ask you to hear our prayer for our brothers and sisters:

All: **Give your healing, Lord, to those who are sick and housebound.
May those who take the Body of Christ to them
also be a loving sign of our prayers and thoughts.
Keep us united with them in all their sufferings
so that we will grow together as one community
with the presence of Christ among us.**



*Please Pray For
SICK*

Archie Armitt, Anna Andreucci; Sharon Black, John Colquhoun, Anne Marie Brown, Jackie Chinskie, Geraldine Cocking, Margaret Connelly, Hugh Devine, Patricia Docherty, Patrick Docherty, Pauline Moon, Paul Fox, Allison Gean, Jim Hayes, John Hunter, John Lilly, Simon Logan, Ellen Madden, Les Mathew, Cathie McAleavey, Ann McKenna, Julie Ann Morrissey, Brian Nolan, Ella Helling, Ella Rae, Cecilia Donnelly; Ruby Sinclair, Rachel McGhee, Craig Steven, Mary Taylor; Robert Houston; Harry Docherty, Jane Cameron, Gerald McAleer; George O'Hara; Margaret Abbott **Babies & Children:** Laila Hunt, Luke Devine, Eve Naughton, Connor Simpson, Zak Matthew Thomson



RECENTLY DIED

Anne Morton, Rena McGuigan; Jerzy Kaczorowski;
George McDonald (Sunday 5:45pm Mon 9:30am); Ellen Fearon

ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby Young; Elizabeth McGuinness; James Tracey; Samuel Ferris;
Geraldine Murphy; Bessie Larkin & Larkin Family; James snr & Harry McGinty;

Prayer to Saint John the Baptist

**God, You raised up St. John the Baptist
to prepare a perfect people for Christ.**

**Fill Your people with the joy of possessing His grace,
and direct the minds of all the faithful in the way of peace and salvation.**

**Grant that, as St. John was martyred for truth and justice,
so we may energetically profess our Faith in You,
and lead others to the Way, the Truth, and Eternal Life.
Amen.**

12th Sunday of Year B

23rd/24th June 2012

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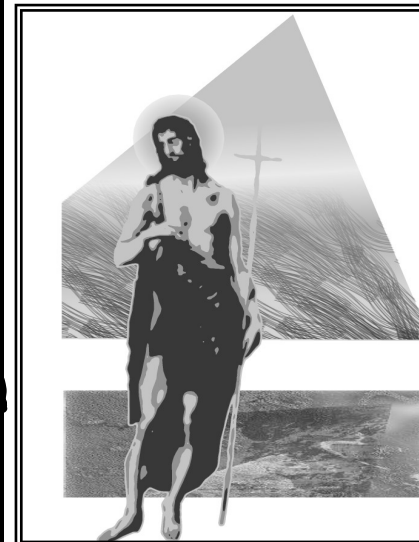
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Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you as you
deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the
wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labor and not to ask for reward,
save that of knowing that I do
your will.

St. Ignatius'

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**THE
SOLEMNITY
OF THE
BIRTHDAY
OF
SAINT JOHN
THE BAPTIST**

SUNDAY MASSES: Vigil: 5:30 pm (Sat), 10 am, 12 noon 6pm

WEEKDAY: Mon-Fri 9:30am; Sat 10am

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 9:30am and after the Vigil Mass

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SCO 11041**

Feasts this Week
Tues 26th St Jose Maria Escriba
Thurs 28th St Irenaeus
Fri 29th St Peter & St Paul
Holyday of Obligation
Vigil Mass Thurs 7pm
Fri Masses at 9:30am, 7pm
Sat 30th First Martyrs of Rome

MANY THANKS
to all those who worked for
and supported
the Summer Fete

Month's Mind Mass
For Canon Ashe
In St Bernadette's Motherwell
On 2nd July at 7:30pm. All welcome

Daily Mass on the internet
www.navanparish.ie/church-live.html

Julian Prayer Meeting will meet at
12 noon on Mon 25th June

Carfin Grotto New Season
Please see calendar in porch for
times of daily Masses etc and events

Last Week's 1st Collection £1497
2nd Collection £621
Parish Lottery new total £1715.86
Many thanks for your generosity

 Congratulations to
Tyler Norman Turnbull
who is being baptised this
weekend and to his family

New Rotas available in the porch
For Readers, Eucharistic Ministers
and Altar servers for July

Parish Pilgrimage/Holiday
31st Aug-6th Sept 2013
The Cathedrals of Tuscany

Staying at the Casa
Versiliana on the Tuscany
coast, access to beach, flying to Pisa,
trips to Pisa, Florence, Lucca and the
Cinque Terre. Half Board.
Cost Approx £600. Includes transfers etc
If you are interested please put your
name on list in porch



Diocesan pilgrimage at Carfin
Sun 24th June Mass at 3pm with
Sacrament of the Sick

Ramble on Sunday 8th
July Around Peebles. Bus
will leave Church at 1:30pm
And return about 7pm
Names on list in the porch



Baptism Course

On Monday 25th June
at 7pm in the upper room of
the Loyola Centre. All parents/
godparents are invited to attend this
evening where they will fill out the
baptismal form, learn about the
Sacrament and then see Fr. Gerry to
arrange a date for the baptism



Congratulations to May
& Joseph O'Brien who
celebrated their Diamond
Wedding last weekend



SVDP Tel: 07582075890 for help
Furniture Collection 07812 480615
or 07817663702

Retreats at Kinnoull see poster

Donations for flowers most
welcome Box at Our Lady's Altar



HE MUST INCREASE: The people in this week's Gospel are frightened and amazed by the mysterious events surrounding the birth of John. Only his mother and father, Elizabeth and Zechariah, know what this child will be. John the Baptist was fashioned in secret, knit by God in his mother's womb, as we sing in this Sunday's Psalm. From the womb he was set apart, formed to be God's servant, as Isaiah declares in this week's First Reading. The whole story of John's birth is thick with Old Testament echoes, especially echoes of the story of Abraham. God appeared to Abraham, promising that his wife would bear him a son; He announced the son's name and the role Isaac would play in salvation history. The same thing happened to Zechariah and Elizabeth. Through his angel, God announced John's birth to this righteous yet barren couple. He made them call John a special name—and told them the special part John would play in fulfilling His plan for history. As Paul says in today's Second Reading, John was to herald the fulfilment of all God's promises to the children of Abraham. John was to bring the word of salvation to all the people of Israel. More than that, he was to be a light to the nations—to all those groping in the dark for God. We often associate John with his fiery preaching. But there was a deep humility at the heart of his mission. Paul alludes to that when he quotes John's words about not being worthy to unfasten the sandals of Christ's feet. John said, "[Christ] must increase. I must decrease". We must have that same attitude as we seek to follow Jesus. The repentance John preached was a turning away from sin and selfishness and a turning of our whole hearts to the Father. We must decrease so that like John we can grow strong in the Spirit, until Christ is made manifest in each of us.

Loyola Centre: Hall booking and enquiries tel: 01698296550 10am-2pm
Sun Bingo 7:15pm; Mon-Fri: Tea Room after 9:30am Mass Mon: Wishaw
Scout Group Beavers 5:45-6:45, Cubs 6:45-8pm; Tues: Zumba 7pm Toning
Class 8pm. Finished for summer holidays, resumes on Tuesday 17th July
Youth Club: Thurs 6:30-8pm; Sing-along and dance on Fri 20th July from
8pm till late. Music with John Doc. Tickets £5

Ordinarily the Church observes the day of a saint's death as his feast, because that day marks his entrance into heaven. To this rule there are two notable exceptions, the birthdays of Blessed Mary and of St. John the Baptist. All other persons were stained with original sin at birth, hence, were displeasing to God. But Mary, already in the first moment of her existence, was free from original sin (for which reason even her very conception is commemorated by a special feast), and John was cleansed of original sin in the womb of his mother. This is the dogmatic justification for today's feast.

During one "generation gap" quarrel with his parents, young Michael cried,
"I want excitement, adventure, money, and beautiful women. I'll never find it here at
home, so I'm leaving. Don't try and stop me!"
With that, he headed toward the door. His father rose and followed close behind.
"Didn't you hear what I said? I don't want you to try and stop me."
"Who's trying to stop you?" replied his father.
"If you wait a minute, I'll go with you."