

**Birthdays of St John the Baptist  
Year B Psalms Wk 4**

**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.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I thank you for the wonder of my being.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Through the tender mercy of our God, the Dawn from on high will visit us.

**THE CALENDAR EARLY JULY**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Icon Interest Day** led by Annette Ashton. £40

**6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> The weekend retreat/workshop with Fr Kieran O'Mahony OSA has been cancelled.** There were not enough applicants to make it viable.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> CLARE PRIORY CRAFT FAIR**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> THE WAY OF SILENCE** The spirit and practice of *Lectio Divina* led by Mary Handforth **10.30 - 3.00 p.m. Donation**

**Holiday Club 2018 – Mega Makers 31<sup>st</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

This year's Holiday Club takes place at Clare Baptist Church Hall. The Mega Makers is based on the story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, as told by St Matthew. It explores how God showed his love through these situations and how he is still doing so today through his church. Mega Makers is for children aged 5 to 11 years and is 'an energetic mix of songs, games, crafts, group work and general silliness!' All children are welcome. Single one-off cost per child £5: Come for the week or come for the day.

**See the poster on the notice board. Registration forms are now available.**

Our usual times for Mass on Sundays: 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m.

On weekdays, daily Mass is at 10.00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass on Saturday mornings, and at any time.

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**Augustinian Friars Diocese of East Anglia**

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*Missal Page 1047 (Old book 742)*

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**'His name is John'**

Of him whose birth his father doubted, the Evangelist says:  
"He himself was not the light, but came to give testimony to the light  
so that everyone might believe through him."

Indeed he was not the light,  
but because he was worthy to give testimony to the true light,  
he was wholly in the light.

Therefore let us all give honour to the most blessed John  
by celebrating this day of his birth with great joy,  
for before anyone else he recognised the everlasting light of heaven  
which was going to dispel the darkness of the world,  
and John was the first to point it out.

*(Saint Maximinus of Turin 5<sup>th</sup> century)*

**THOUGHTS FROM ST AUGUSTINE**

**Humility of John the Baptist**

John the Baptist was regarded by some people as the Messiah but he told them:  
"I am not the one whom you think." He refused to accept the error of someone in  
order to derive glory from it. John admitted what he was, declared what he was  
not, and humbled himself. He clearly recognised where his salvation came from,  
for he understood that he was the lamp, and he feared being extinguished by pride.

*Sermon 293,4*

**Prayer:** Thanks and praise to you, my God, who is sound in my ears and who  
illuminates my heart. Keep me away from temptation.

*Confessions 10,31*

**Retiring Collection - Peter's Pence**

## Saints of the week

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Dedication of the Cathedral

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> St Irenaeus** A disciple of St Polycarp. Bishop of Lyon, martyred in 202 'The glory of God is a human being fully alive; and to be alive consists in beholding God.'

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Saints Peter and Paul** Their lives are well known. **Peter**, the fisherman, the follower, the impetuous, the one who knew Jesus as 'the Christ', the one who denied Jesus and died for him, and who exclaimed 'Lord, I believe, help my unbelief!' and who cried out, 'Lord, save me! Or I perish.' **Paul** whom Jesus cornered on the road to Damascus, whose spectacular conversion began a life of preaching, in chains and in all circumstances, who travelled and taught up and down the Mediterranean coast, always aware of his treasure 'I live, now not I, but Christ lives in me' and of the treasure within all of us, 'the secret is: Christ in you.' Both Paul and Peter were martyred in Rome in the sixties; Paul was beheaded, and Peter was crucified.

**Masses on this holyday: Vigil (Thursday evening) at 7 p.m.  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> The First Martyrs of Rome** Commemorates those who suffered in Nero's persecution in 64 +/- and were martyred on Vatican Hill.

### We pray for the sick and for all who have requested our prayers:

God our Father,  
we pray for the many people who have asked for our prayers,  
for their healing and their peace.  
Caress them; shelter them, and keep them in your tender care.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

*(A prayer adapted from the Rite of Anointing of the Sick)*

**On the mend** We are all glad to know that Phil Smith is now out of hospital. Phil thanks you for your prayers and good wishes, and hopes that you will keep them up during his time of recovery.

**R.I.P.** Your prayers are requested for Elisabeth Thacker, who lived near Glemsford and whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 10 a.m.

**R.I.P** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Donna Howe, daughter of Pat Moroney. Donna's funeral will be on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 2 p.m.

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

## Collections

17<sup>th</sup> June - £421.05

Day for Life - £96.84

Thank you for your continued generosity

## ADOREMUS: NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE AND CONGRESS

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September** at the **Liverpool Echo Arena**

Fr Stefan is travelling to Liverpool for this Congress and hopes to be accompanied by two volunteers to represent our parish. Would you like to be one? Stay overnight at St Mary's, Harborne, Birmingham; attend the Saturday proceedings of prayer and procession; and return to Clare on Sunday. It's in September, but bookings have to be made with the Diocese long in advance. Please speak to Fr Stefan as soon as possible. You will be our parish's representative.

## MASS TIMES DURING THE 2018 CRAFT FAIR

<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>MORNING</b>	<b>NO 10 a.m. MASS</b>
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>EVENING</b>	<b>6 p.m. VIGIL MASS</b>
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>MORNING</b>	<b>8 a.m. Mass as usual</b>
		<b>NO 10 a.m. MASS</b>

## GDPR

Thank you for your patience with the unannounced documentation at last Sunday's Masses. The task is not yet completed, as many were elsewhere, and some were not within reach of writing materials. I hope we can reach something near completeness ere too long. Blank forms are available for any who missed last week.

## Friends of Augustine Meeting

Want to find out more about St Augustine?

Join us at our monthly meetings in the Priory.

This Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June **7.45pm** – Everyone welcome.

### **Fr Robert Marsh O.S.A. Welcome!**

This week we are saying welcome to Clare to Fr Robert Marsh as a member of our community. In one sense he has been a member of our community since last year, because, as our Father Provincial, he has a place at the heart of each of our communities and a responsibility for them all. Fr Robert made his first profession of vows here at Clare in 1984. He was ordained priest in 1991. He served in our Edinburgh community; he taught in our school in Carlisle; he was our Master of Students, that is, he was the mentor of our Augustinian students in their years of philosophy and theology; he was secretary of the *Augustinianum*, the Augustinian Patristics Institute in Rome; then he was Bursar of the Collegio Santa Monica, our international college in Rome; then, for the years leading up to his election as Provincial, he was the Bursar for the Province of England and Scotland. Fr Robert is exchanging the ceaseless busy-ness of Hammersmith for the peaceful perspectives of Clare. As Provincial, he will have to be on the road to visit the communities in Edinburgh, Birmingham and London. We pray that he will always find the tranquillity of Clare to soothe away the cares that come his way.

### **Poringland with Bishop Alan Wednesday 20th June**

The priests of the diocese were invited to the White House for a Celebration of Priesthood with the Bishop. We arrived in time for coffee in the garden and, as midday approached, we headed for the chapel of Our Lady of the Annunciation for Mass. Bishop Alan was the principal celebrant, assisted at the altar by two of the newly ordained deacons of the diocese. We congratulated the jubilarians of the diocese, 60 years, 50 years, 40 years, and 25 years for Fr John Warrington who is very ill in hospital. We prayed particularly for Fr John and for the jubilarians, and then for the diocese and all its people. Bishop Alan spoke of the priest's calling to be holy himself and to sanctify the people in his care. There was a sprinkling of plainchant (Kyrie, Sanctus, Agnus Dei) and another opportunity to sing the gentle-toned version of the Our Father by Rimsky Korsakov. Then we had lunch *al fresco* in the gardens of the White House. Difficult for Fr Stefan and me to tear ourselves away from such delights. Still, we wished to be back in time to greet Fr Robert who had arrived and settled in during our absence.

### **CATENIAN ASSOCIATION**

Three weeks ago the newsletter carried information about the Catenians. They have followed up their preliminary offering in the paragraph below:

“CATENIAN ASSOCIATION. Members and wives of The Catenians will be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Bury St Edmunds Circle in July with a meal at the Farmers Club in Bury.

In August they are arranging a boat trip on the river Cam followed by a pub lunch at The Plough in Fen Ditton. Why not come along and meet Catenians in your area?

For further information contact [edmundjaques@gmail.com](mailto:edmundjaques@gmail.com) ”

### **CRAFT FAIR Sign up! Sign up!**

Thank you for giving such a strong indication of your commitment to this major undertaking. There are quite a few slots left to fill. Please look to see what you can manage... There are lots of opportunities. Thanks in advance for your help.

**Tombola at the Craft Fair** Items for the **Tombola** are urgently requested. There are just three weeks to the Big Day, that is, there are just **TWO WEEKENDS BETWEEN NOW AND THE CRAFT FAIR!** so please help!

Caroline, Jane, Maura, Pauline **The Tombola Team**

**Cakes for the Craft Fair** There was so much form-filling last Sunday that the Cakes-for-Craft-Fair were rather overlooked. Please say yes to the request by putting your initials in the box, and then we can know what we've got and what we're getting. We couldn't just give smaller slices; that would be very un-Priory-like. And, we have found some extra freezer space, so please don't feel too limited about when to bring your lovely cakes. Always wanted. Always acceptable.

### **Bookstall at the Craft Fair**

If you are over-burdened with books, you can offload some of them onto us at the Bookstall. We'll be glad to receive them.

**Maria**

### **Church Cleaning**

Our thanks once again and our renewed appreciation of the discreet manner in which our church cleaners fulfil their task each week. Their role is something of a ministry because they are providing the peaceful, uncluttered environment in which the rest of us can pray. Members of the teams do have to take a holiday and, from time to time, some do have to step down because of other demands on their life. And so, at present, we are needing to enlist the help of **one or, preferably, two new recruits** for the teams of cleaners. If you have the time and the energy to assist us, please tell me, or Kathy in the office.

### **Flowers**

Our flower arrangers have returned to their regular, weekly displays that look so beautiful each Sunday. Our thanks to them for their generous care. Hesitantly they asked me about the arch at the church door. Would it be wanted during the Craft Fair? I had no hesitation in giving a definite yes, and I am sure that you will agree. The arch has featured in three weddings and a festival. In fact, we had our arch before the Duke and Duchess of Sussex had theirs! For that, our thanks to Dick Oldershaw for his creation.

### **Food Bank**

Our thanks to Mary Davy and to Felicity Stoneham for collecting all the items for the Food Bank and for conveying them to the REACH centre in Haverhill. Our parishioners are very generous and the journey to Haverhill has become noticeably more frequent. Would anyone like to give a hand to Mary and Felicity and make the occasional trip to REACH on our behalf?

Fr David