

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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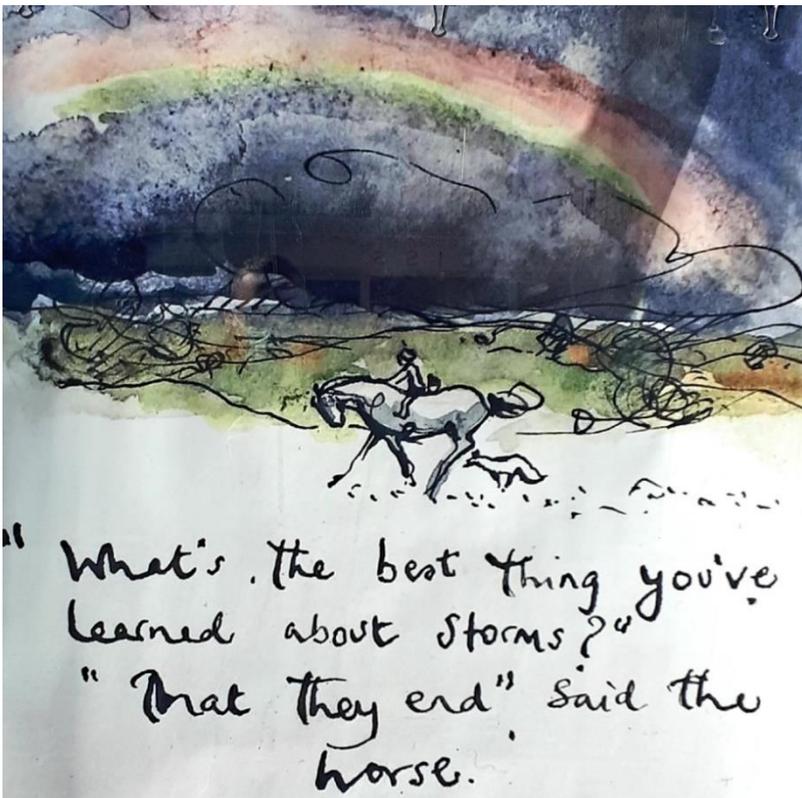
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Twelfth Sunday of the Year - 20 June 2021



And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea: 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' (Mark 4:39-40)

From Charlie Mackesy's 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse'.

(Photographic print as seen in a window of the Baptist Church Café in Portobello High St)

Many Congratulations to the P4 pupils who will make/made their First Communion on Saturday 19 June – **Ignacio Finlayson, Daniel McHardy, Grace Pettigrew, Marianne Read, Maggie Skene, Reyes Taylor, Josie Stewart and Thomas Baranski**

... and asking for prayers for those who will make their First Communion next Saturday, 26 June – **Olivia Archibald, Karol Klag, Helena Barrett, Sophie Shepherd, Maxymilian Flisek and Preston Murray** – and for **Benedict White** who will be confirmed at St Martin's, Tranent, next Wednesday, 23 June.

Next Sunday there is a special collection for Peter's Pence (also called 'Obolo San Pietro'), a financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need.

The special collection for the Tower will be postponed to the following week.

The Work Commenced Last Week on St John's Church Tower

Chris Vinestock, St John's Fabric Co-ordinator, writes: 'We are very pleased that repair works on St John's Church Tower and the surrounding areas started last Monday, 14 June.

The works will continue throughout the summer until mid-October.

During this work, the church will be open for Mass and other Services as per normal. **However, your patience will be greatly appreciated as at times there may be unavoidable noise – which is why while the scaffolding is being erected (a noisy business) Mass will normally be at St Mary Magdalene's during the week.**

Please note that the bells have been silenced for the duration of the work.

Heartfelt thanks for your help and support during this necessary structural work – **and please pray for the safety of all involved.'**

This Week

Saturday 19 June

12.00 noon – St John's – **Mass with First Communions – livestreamed, by invitation only**

6.30pm – St John's - **Vigil Mass - livestreamed, booking requested, a few seats still available**

Sunday 20 June

9.30am – St John's – **Mass with baptism of Oliver and Theo Hunt - livestreamed, fully booked**

11.00am – Prayer Room – **Mass - pre-recorded, streamed on YouTube**

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass – fully booked**

Monday 21 June

10.00am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass - livestreamed, no booking required**

11.00am – **Monthly Meeting by Zoom between Imam Hassan Rabbani and Fr Jock**

5.00pm – Skype – **PEP Meeting**

7-8.15pm – **Zoom Meeting – Gospel Sharing and Reflection – Open to All - to join in over Zoom, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83461136012?pwd=Uy9lTVl3aHdWcWMvV3NvUGdrM2ZlQT09>**

Tuesday 22 June

9.30am - Mortonhall Crematorium - **Funeral Service for Shug Morris.**

10.30am – **Mass from the Prayer Room – livestreamed**

7.00pm – St Mary's Cathedral – **Chrism Mass**

Wednesday 23 June – 11.00am – St Mary Magdalene's – P7 Leavers' Mass - livestreamed, no booking required

Thursday 24 June – THE BIRTHDAY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

10.00am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass - livestreamed, no booking required**

Friday 25 June

10.00am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass – livestreamed, no booking required**

11.00am - **Rosary Group** – 'Anyone can join, especially if you have Facebook Messenger, but also on WhatsApp, or just on the phone. Sometimes it takes time for us all to join in, but we always manage.

Please join us. Message Maria Igoe on 07981333219 or mariaigoe@yahoo.co.uk'

Saturday 26 June

12.00 noon – St John's – **Mass with First Communions – livestreamed, by invitation only**

6.30pm – St John's – **Mass – livestreamed, booking required**

Sunday 27 June

9.30am – St John's – **Mass - livestreamed, booking required.**

11.00am – Prayer Room – **Mass - pre-recorded, streamed on YouTube**

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass - booking required**

FROM ARCHBISHOP CUSHLEY'S AD CLERUM THIS WEEK

Child anxiety webinar

Parents can receive practical and prayerful advice on **helping their child deal with anxiety** brought on by the pandemic in a free, one hour Webinar at 7:30pm on Monday (21 June) led by Catholic educator Angela Dodds. To register visit bit.ly/AnxietyZoom

Chrism Mass 2021

The annual Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh takes place on Tuesday (22 June) at 7pm. Archbishop Leo, along with the priests of the Archdiocese, will bless the oils used in the administration of the Sacraments during the coming year (the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Infirm and the Holy Chrism). The priests attending will also renew their priestly promises. **To register, please visit <https://www.stmaryscathedral.co.uk/reserve/chrism>.**

NOTICE BOARD

BOOKING PLACES AT MASS

If you wish to come to one of the 'live' Saturday and Sunday Masses, please contact the parish house by phone (0131 669 5618 – a special number) or by email (stjohnsandstmarymagdalenes@gmail.com) on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11am to 1pm. *(NB Change of time for this week only)*



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Arlene Lauder writes: 'It is hard to believe that 14 months after the first Zoom children's liturgy session we are still going strong and the young people of our two parishes are as enthusiastic as ever. We are delighted to have a regular number of families joining us each week at 11:15 am zooming in to hear the Liturgy of the Word at their level. If you would like to join us or know of a family with children of primary school age, please get in touch, just email lauder.82@btinternet.com and we will add you to the link list.'

Link for Night Prayer/Compline

This Saturday - June 19 - 9.15pm <https://youtu.be/Jbs5oZEGk8g>
This Wednesday - June 23 - 9.15pm <https://youtu.be/Ymf9k6LNakY>

Advance Warning of our next Baptism Preparation Course

at 7.30pm in St John's Hall on **Thursday 22 and 29 July**. please contact Fr Jock by phone or email if you wish to have a child baptised and would like to enrol for the course.

A MAJOR NEW FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE - TOWER TOMBOLA!

Tickets for this draw cost £10 each and can be purchased on an individual basis or in groups of two or more people. The prize will be 25% of the prize pot with the other 75% of the prize pot going towards the Tower Fund - so for example, if we sell 100 tickets, the prize will be £250 while £750 will go to the fund.

Tickets can be purchased monthly or, if preferred, 6 months or 12 months in advance, and payment can be in cash, standing order or a bank transfer. We have an information leaflet with all the relevant details which will be sent out to each household in St John's – and to any St Mary Magdalene's parishioner who would like to receive it. (After discussion, we decided on balance that it would be worthwhile and cost effective to send out by second class post rather than as yet another email, but volunteers have offered to deliver to some of our households) The plan is to have the monthly draw on the second Saturday of each month, with the first one being on

Saturday 14 August (NB Change of Date)

Please contact Catherine Mc Anenny (07968970159) if you would like to take part in this draw.

AN INVITATION TO CONSIDER COMING BACK TO MASS IN CHURCH

Fr Jock writes: ‘Last week we returned to ‘Ordinary Time’ in the Church’s Year: and perhaps it’s an opportunity to encourage those who haven’t been to Mass since lockdown began to consider coming back to one (or both!) of our churches. We’re aware COVID 19 is still active in Edinburgh and many people are understandably still a bit nervous. We certainly don’t want anyone to feel uncomfortable, but we’re continuing to do our very best to keep everybody safe (through regular sanitising and social distancing etc).

However, if I’m honest, I’ll admit to a growing concern that without such encouragement and invitation, more than a few parishioners (and families) will end up drifting away from our community and the nourishment that keeps faith alive – and, I believe, if that were to happen, both we and they lose out...one of the real bonuses of being an active Catholic Christian is belonging to a warm and diverse community where we can support each other in the joys and sorrows of everyday life, and help one another in our rather secular world to continue to try to embrace and live the beautiful gospel of Jesus Christ.

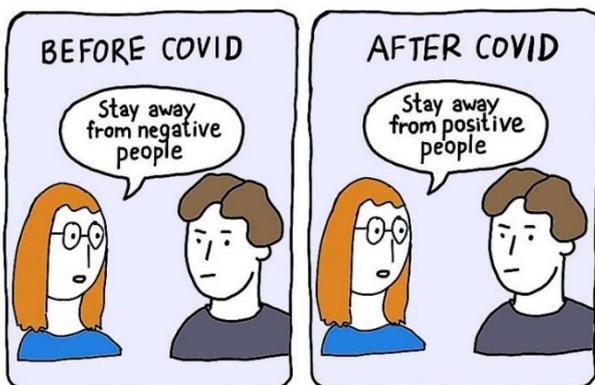
If you’re thinking of coming back to Mass, please be assured the warmest of welcomes awaits you... Likewise if you want to have a chat about anything that might be worrying you or holding you back from doing so, please do make contact.

PS If you’re worried about joining us on a Sunday, do consider coming on a weekday when there are fewer people and there’s no need to book in advance).

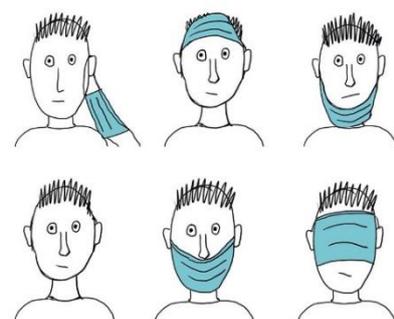
PPS Do show this to anyone who might appreciate this....’

LOCKDOWN CARTOONS

friendly advice



web searches



👍 Coronavirus likes this

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please pray for those who have died recently:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dolores Jones George Larham Jim Barrie</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mary Durkin David Robertson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Anniversaries:</i></p> <p>St John's June 19: Rose Ann Rooney (2011); Norah Gallagher (2001); Mario Boni (1997) June 20: Catherine Conway (2005); Euphemia Dickson (1997) June 21: Sien Looxia Tait (2007); Mary Durkin (1998); Joseph Fusco (1970) June 22: Rose Mary Gorrie (2009); Anne Maureen Jamieson (2005); Margaret Sweeney June 23: David Robertson (2019); Patrick Knowles (1916) June 24: Rosa-Maria Ianetta (2017); Ruby Connachan (2015); Bridget Gallagher (1990); Maria Perilla</p> <p>St Mary Magdalene's June 22: John Joe Callaghan (2018); June 24: Rosa MacLeod (2007);</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:</i></p> <p>St. John's: Sheelagh Dobson, Pat Hunter, Ernie Moran, Peter Kelly, Jean Bonnar, Joyce Martin, Mike Iannarelli, Chloe Sutherland, May Thomson, Norah Bruce, Patricia Lawler, Celia Stone, Catherine Walker, Ruth Viso, Mary Grady, Susan Cammach, Pauli Walker, Evelyn Oldershaw, Anna Butler, May Flynn, Vincent Knowles, John Cregan, young Saoirse Golden, John Whyte, Frances Cunningham, David Reid, Frank Logan, Charlotte McGregor, Betty Dougal, Anne Thomson, Eileen Brown, Mike Noonan, Sarah McManus, Mike Burns, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Maureen Low, Pat Hunter, Mary Slight, Mary Phair, Rose Thornton, Kitty Dykes, Norman Telfer, Philip Jamieson, Alf MacNamara, Maureen Lawrie, Kathie Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Marie Angela Crolla and Lorraine Syme.</p> <p>St Mary Magdalene's: Denis Davidson, Sheila and George Service, Chris English, Jacqueline Marinello, Andrew Farmer, Ray Donnelly, Sam Burns, Clive Davis, Ella Ayers, Isobel Phillips, Margaret Duffy, Maria Scott Jnr, Louise Gorman, Ann Dockrell, John Newall, Michael McPhillips, Bridget Malone, Charles Malcolm, Margaret Ryan, Jacqueline Hannan, Julie Keegan, Rose McKay, Laurie Wallace, Annie Watson, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Jude Ferguson, and Mary and James Muir.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:</i></p> <p>Baby Rudy Scott, Baby Alfie McDevitt, Janie Low, Murdo Tait, John Blyth, Niamh McDougall, Joy Allan, Colin Raasch, Derek Beatty, Annie Ross, Christopher MacKinnon, Dago Dinis, Audrey Burgess, Jaroslav Icina, Annabelle Cervantes, Emily Buchanan, Ray Perrett, William Young, Ann Thorp, John Mackenzie, Alistair Grieves, Tonino Howard, baby Josh Simpson, Maureen McEvoy, Helen McCann, Rhoda Tumboli, Dani Miniette, Marina Calanna, Alec Hamill, Peter Millar, Nan Doig, Rachel Kennedy, Leo Stone, baby Baxter Sweeney, Sr May Lewis, Joan Murray Hamilton, Sr Margaret Mary, Billy McPhillips, Jean Nelson, Margaret Anne Marton, Betty Blyth, Lauren Fitzpatrick, Fr Christy Fox, Joe Greenan, Michael Igoe, Katie Mc Anenny, Robert Shaw, baby Kinsley McMillan, John Walsh, Moira McConville, Margaret and Victoria Roddam, John Williams, Clare Richardson, Karen MacKay, Laura Anderson, Gloria Crolla, Richard Reid, James O'Rourke, Tommy Muir, Janice Todd, Lauli Ridge, Anne Young, James Shepherd, Peter Hanley, Jennifer Kay, Ranier Carpo, Marie Baird, Andrew Franklin, Frank Palmer, Paul Henderson, Ellen Green, Andrew Preston, Jamie Mitchell, Eunice Macdonald, Peter Bromley, Kathleen Cawley, Misia Jack, Hannah Muldoon, Emma Bromet, Edward Caulfield, Igor Rekowski, Diana Hibbert, Joan Brooks, Mary Turnbull, Stuart Falconer, and young Ray Donovan Syme</p>
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Offertory Collections – 13 June 2021

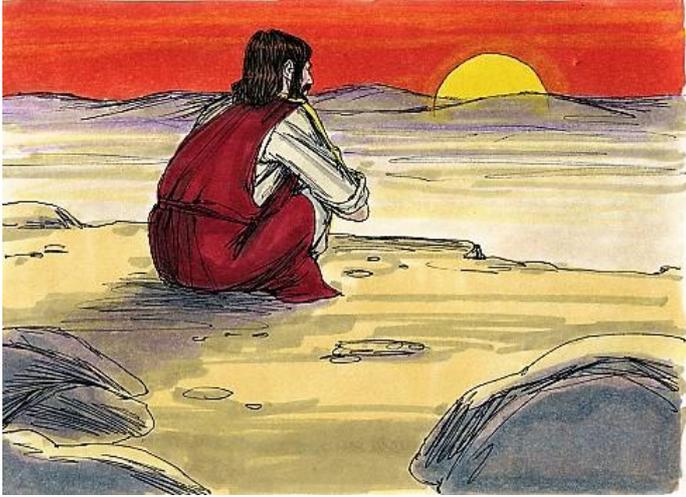
St Mary Magdalene	St John the Evangelist
£348.86 total including Offertory of £118.86 and Gift Aid of 230.00	£1867.83 total including Offertory of £266.43, Gift Aid of £627.40 and £974.00 Online Donations

THANK YOU!



FINDING THE HIDDEN TREASURE by Benignus O'Rourke

Chapter 23 – 'Come To Me'



(Jesus alone in the desert)

A few years ago, on the third day of a retreat I was giving, a loud knock on the door of the room set aside for seeing people heralded the arrival of the oldest sister in the community. She wanted 'a few minutes'.

Sitting down, she said: 'I was very cross on the first night. You told us not to read during the retreat and I had brought all the notes from my last retreat in case you were boring.'

But yesterday I went into the chapel to try to be quiet. I thought I heard the Lord say, "*How can I talk to you when you are all over the place?*"

For people trained to exert every effort to lift up mind and heart to God in time of prayer, the invitation to rest might seem a surrender to idleness. To rest from effort seems to deny the value of our faithful attempts to please God.

All our lives, perhaps, we have strained to please God by trying to keep our minds attuned to our words in prayer. We have struggled to ward off stray thoughts. We have failed again and again. But we have gone on believing that we must keep trying. The result so often is a weariness with prayer, a feeling of guilt, or we resign ourselves to simply reciting set prayers.

Of course, no time spent in prayer is ever wasted. Our efforts are always of value. God accepts all our prayers, delighting in the gift we make him of our time.

But he must weep for us as he sees us wear ourselves down by our struggles and exhaust ourselves in our battles to fight the mind's wandering. He must weep for us, too, when we get so discouraged. All he wants from us is to rest in him and allow him to give us rest for our souls.

There is an important moment in the life of Jesus' disciples when they returned to him after their first attempts to minister in his name and with his power. '*Come apart to a lonely place and rest awhile,*' Jesus said to them.

The disciples perhaps would have wanted to talk about their experiences, but he wanted them to rest with him in a place where they could be all alone. This is the offer, the invitation, to us too. To be quiet, at ease with God.

'Come to me all you who are weary, and I will give you rest,' says Jesus.

How easy it is for us to miss that invitation.

A REFLECTION ON THE READINGS FOR THE TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Mark 4: 35-41

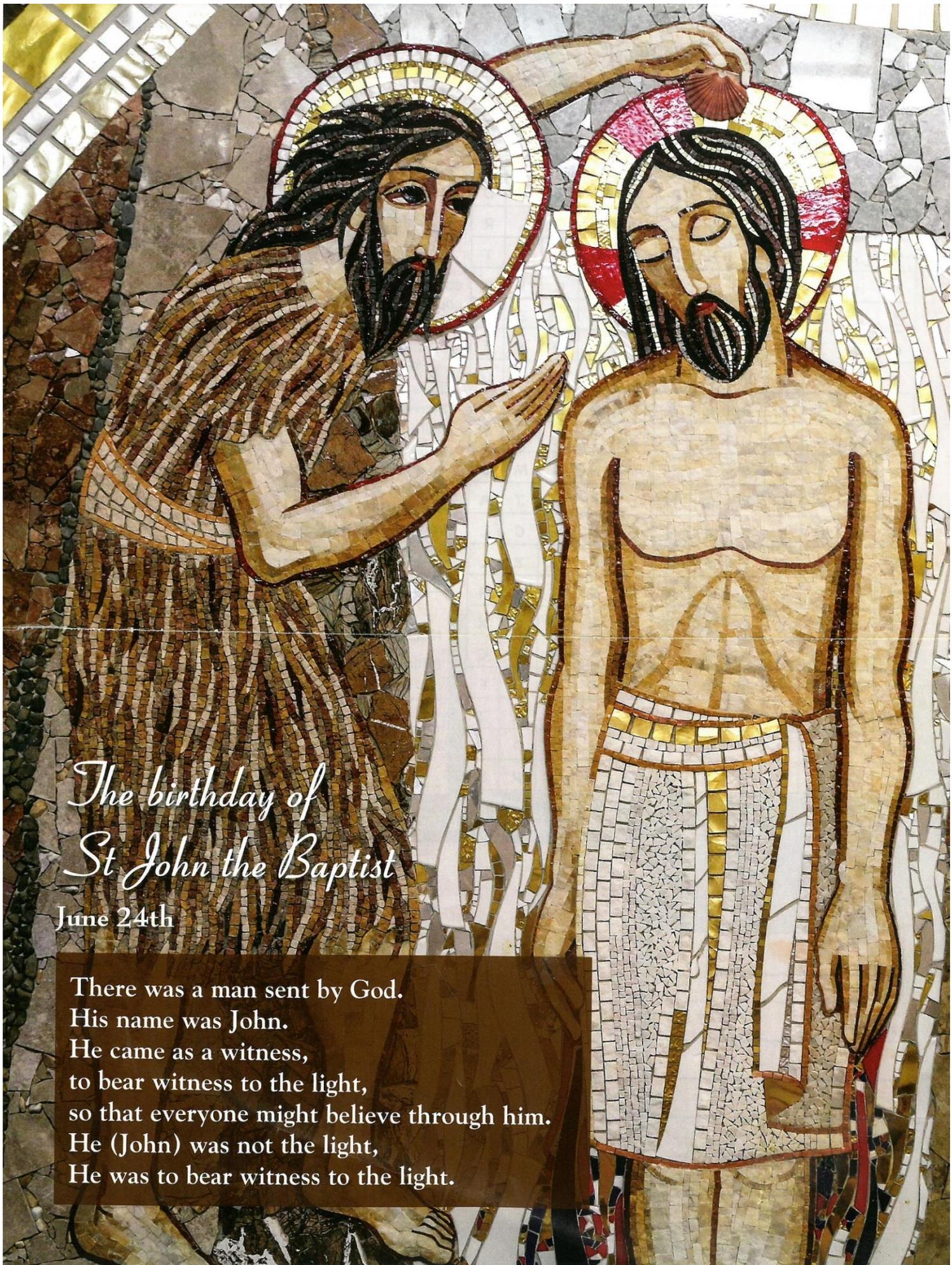
Last weekend, many people looked on helplessly as the Danish footballer, Christian Eriksen, suffered what turned out to be a heart attack during an international football game in Copenhagen. Those of us who were watching the game on TV quickly realized there was something seriously wrong and there was a hush inside the stadium as medical teams fought to save the footballer's life. Today, the episode seems to be heading towards a happier ending and he is expected to thrive – but probably his footballing days are over. Such an outcome would not have been considered a possibility as we watched the medical team performing CPR. Grown men inside the stadium had tears streaming down their faces, hands clasped together, and lips mouthing prayers, unheard by our ears, but heard, nonetheless. When the TV pictures cut back to the studio and the assembled gathering of commentators and pundits, you could see the pain and helplessness etched on their individual faces. One said – “I never ever pray, but today I prayed, and I wanted God to hear me.” Another, “I prayed and prayed and sent my Mum a text message telling her that ‘I love her’”, adding that she now realised just how fragile this life is. On the whole, pundits and commentators alike have enjoyed success in life and more than a little adulation. It was almost as if they recognised, as if for the first time, that adulation offers little protection against the inevitability of death. In today's Gospel passage, Jesus's disciples experience this same level of helplessness as they clung to life in a tiny boat that was being tossed around like a bobbing cork in the waves of the storm that engulfed them. *Master do you not care? We are going down!*

As normality returned to the life of Christian Eriksen, a debate raged. Some objected to the fact that the TV coverage continued even as the battle to save his life unfolded. ‘The BBC should have cut transmission and replaced the programme with something lighter’, ran their argument. Are these the same sort of people, I wondered, who like to see meat arranged on supermarket shelves, neatly wrapped in clingfilm, and switch to the Disney Channel when the news bulletins air leaked video coverage of the goings-on inside a slaughterhouse? Many years ago, when I was in my 20's I realized that talk of death had replaced talk of sex as the great taboo. Many cannot handle mortality and scurry away when forced to confront the prospect.

Another man was in the news this week, after his own brush with death. He is Michael Packard, a lobster diver, who became convinced that he would not see his 57th birthday when he was swallowed whole by a humpback whale. The tongue of such a creature weighs about 4 tons and it uses its tongue to crush the food it has scooped up in its huge jaws before swallowing and digesting. One taste of a human in a scuba suit was enough for this whale and, to his undying gratitude, Michael Packard was spewed from the whale's mouth and back into the foaming sea. He spoke of the blackness and absence of light that surrounded him, as he was tossed around and bruised inside the behemoths mouth as the whale's tongue went to work. He had, however, a feeling of being becalmed by the sense of inevitability of his plight. And then there was the brightness and light that surrounded him as he realised he would see his 57th birthday, after all.

I saw once more, something I have learned many times over the years: an acceptance and embrace of mortality results in calmness, not fear; trust replaces anxiety. It's really that simple. We can absorb, believe, and live the words of Jesus that were directed to the disciples in the boat even as fear gripped them: *Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?* Like the disciples we can be filled with awe and ask each other *Who can this be? Even the wind and sea obey him?* And we can be reassured, as they were.

Storms and setbacks will track us as we plot our course through life. Sometimes we pray and He seems not to hear, sometimes we feel that He must be asleep. There is a momentary panic as events threaten to overwhelm us and we remember the words: *Why are you so frightened?* He may have been asleep at the back of the boat – but, in fact, He never left their side. Nor will He leave ours.



*The birthday of
St John the Baptist*

June 24th

There was a man sent by God.
His name was John.
He came as a witness,
to bear witness to the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.
He (John) was not the light,
He was to bear witness to the light.

Mosaic created by Marko Rupnik SJ, a Slovenian Jesuit