



The Parish of English Martyrs,  
St Joseph & St Peter  
in Chard, Ilminster and Crewkerne.  
***THE GOOD NEWS***

*24th June 2018*

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF  
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

*Note: The readings shown below are those for mass during the day (pages 1150-1154 in the CTS New Sunday Missal)*

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** 807 - Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven

**FIRST READING:** from the prophet Isaiah 49: v 1 - 6

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

**SECOND READING:** from the Acts of the Apostles 13: v 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:** from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 1: vv 57 - 66, 80.

**CREED:** **Said**

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** **Take our bread, we ask you..**

**OUR FATHER:** **Said**

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

**COMMUNION HYMN:** 644 - Alleluia, sing to Jesus

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:** 721 - O Lord my God....

**NEXT SUNDAY: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Year B**  
*Next week: Special Collection for Peter's Pence*

*Welcome to this House of God: Talk to God before Mass, listen to God during Mass, talk to others after Mass.*

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Induction Loop systems are installed in our churches in Chard & Crewkerne.

## BULLETIN BOARD

**Friday 29th June** is the Feast of St Peter & St. Paul, a Holyday of Obligation. There will be ONE MASS in Chard, at 7pm.

**Please note the Mass Times on page 4; there are several changes this week.**

**The 2018 Glastonbury Pilgrimage is on Sunday 8th July.** The first pilgrimage to Glastonbury in modern times was in 1895 to celebrate the beatification of Abbott Richard Whiting, whose statue is over the front porch of our church in Chard.

Find more at [www.glastonburyshrine.co.uk/shrine/pilgrimage](http://www.glastonburyshrine.co.uk/shrine/pilgrimage).

### **DOWNSIDE DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

Tuesday 3rd July 10.00am-2.30pm.

More information next week.

**DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE** takes place from 24th to 31st August. Contact Dcn David Wakefield 07711 834800.

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** The Chard car park will be closed on the 27th June for parking spaces white lining.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** Our candidates will be making their First Holy Communion on Sunday, 1st July. Please pray for them and their families.

**CENTENARY PILGRIMAGE:** details are now on the parish website, under the Centenary 2019 tab.

**COME AND SING!** Let's continue what we started a few weeks ago. If you enjoy singing, please join us on **Saturday 7th July** at 10am in English Martyrs Church.

### **PARISH BBQ!**

The Parish BBQ will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> July. (See posters on Church notice boards)

**TICKETS** are on Sale **NOW**, £8 per person.



### **Ride for Vocations 4 - The Final Leg: Climb Every Mountain. 26th June - 9th July 2018**

Fr Matt, Vocations Director for Clifton Diocese, has decided to go for one last 'Ride for Vocations'. Fr Matt will take on 10 iconic climbs of the Tour de France in both the Alps and Pyrenees.

All effort and suffering will be offered for the Vocations Ministry of the diocese.

Each climb will have a specific prayer intention which Fr Matt will be praying. Follow his progress and pray along with him.

Total distance to climb: 143 miles  
Total altitude gain: 50,500 feet  
Average gradient: 7%  
Maximum elevation: 9,002 feet (Col d'Agnel)

**Donations:** [WWW.MyDonate.BT.Com/Events/RfV4](http://WWW.MyDonate.BT.Com/Events/RfV4)

**COFFEE & TEA EVERY SUNDAY** in the hall after the 11am Mass. Please encourage all visitors to join us.

**AT MASS AND IN YOUR PRAYERS**  
**THIS WEEK**

Please remember with the whole Church, our Pope Francis and those who hold high office under him.

**Our whole Diocese follows a cycle of Prayer**, so during Ordinary Time (Summer) we are asked to pray for: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.

**In our own Parish**, we pray for all parishioners and visitors; for those who are unable to be with us today, the sick and the housebound and those who care for them, and all who have asked for our prayers, all those who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

**DIARY**

**Thursday, 28th June, 7pm: Taize**

**Saturday, June 30th: Diocesan Day for Liturgical Formation - see Page 2.**

**Sunday, 1st July: First Holy Communions in Chard.**

**Tuesday, 3rd July: Downside Day of Recollection - see page 2.**

**Thursday 5th July, 7pm: Holy Hour**

**Saturday, 7th July: Parish Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 11.30am.**

**Sunday, 8th July: Diocesan Glastonbury Pilgrimage.**

**Thursday, 12th July, 7pm: Taize**

**Thursday, 19th July: 7pm -Holy Hour**

**Forty Martyrs of England and Wales: Saint Alexander Briant**

From Somerset, he studied at Hart Hall, Oxford, and at Douai, where he was ordained priest in 1578. The following year he returned to Somerset as a missionary. In 1581 he was arrested in London, in a house adjoining that used by Fr. Robert Persons. His captors were disappointed that they failed to apprehend Persons., but they were sure that Briant knew his whereabouts and determined to wring the information from him. For two days he was deprived of food and drink, and when this brought no results he was moved to the Tower of London, where he was racked severely. His persecutors then thrust needles under his nails, but he still refused to give any information. After this he was cast for eight days into a pit twenty feet deep and without light. Then he was brought back to the torture chamber again and racked on two successive days, until his body was disjointed. In all these sufferings he never revealed a single secret. Thomas Norton, the torturer in the Tower, admitted that the martyr was entirely unmoved by threats to 'make him a foot longer than God had made him'. During his torture he promised God that he would seek admission to the Society of Jesus. He did so and was accepted before his death. He was hanged, drawn and quartered at Tyburn, after St.Edmund Campion and St.Ralph Sherwin, on 1st December 1581.

*Please take this newsletter home as a reminder of this week's Masses and events.*

**MASS AND SERVICE TIMES for this week - ORDINARY WEEK 11, Year B**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN  
THE BAPTIST**

Saturday 23rd June 5.30pm Ilminster Mass: *Special Intention (Anne  
Emmerson)*  
Sunday 24th June 9.00am Crewkerne Mass:  
11.00am Chard Mass: *Deceased relatives & friends  
Law and Banks families.*

Monday 25th June **Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
**No Mass or Prayers**

Tuesday 26th June **Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
**No Mass or Prayers**

Wednesday 27th June **Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
**No Mass or Prayers**

Thursday 28th June **Memorial of St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr**  
**No Mass or Prayers**

Friday 29nd June **SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES**  
**7.0pm Chard Mass: *Deacon Brian Mooney RIP***

Saturday 30th June **DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF  
SAINTS PETER AND PAUL (Feast)**  
**9.00am Chard Rosary**  
9.30am Mass: *for the welfare of the  
Rowntree family*  
***Confessions available after Mass.***

**Next Sunday: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Yr B)**

Saturday 30th June, 5.30pm Ilminster Mass: *John & Kirsty Roffe-Silvester*  
Sunday 1st July 9.00am Crewkerne Mass: *for First Holy communion  
candidates and their families*  
11.00am Chard Mass: *for First Holy communion  
candidates and their families*

**CONFESSIONS:** *Chard - Tuesdays and Saturdays, after Mass;  
Ilminster - Saturdays, after mass; Crewkerne - 8.30am every Sunday*