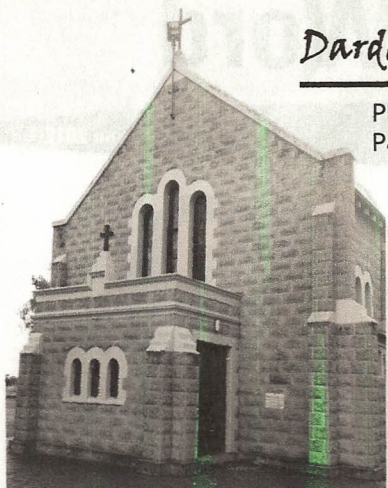


## Dardanup/Boyanup Catholic Church

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### MASS SCHEDULES

**Saturday: 6.00pm** Dardanup Immaculate Conception Church, Ferguson Road  
**Sunday: 9.00am** Dardanup on 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month  
**9.00am** Boyanup, St Louis, Bridge Street on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
**Weekdays: 9.00am** Dardanup - (Except Thursday 8.15am)  
Boyanup - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday (with Eucharistic Exposition) & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. - **9.00am**

### Birth of St John the Baptist

24th of June 2012

John the Baptist is an important figure in all four gospels. In all four he is identified with the beginning of Jesus' ministry but in Luke, the association between the two is taken back in time to the announcement of the birth of each character. The parents of both John and Jesus are depicted by Luke as pious Jews who do all that the law requires of them. Here the promise is given to Zechariah that a son will be miraculously born to him in his old age. There is an echo here of the promise made to Abraham and Sarah. This is to be no ordinary child. Even from his mother's womb, he will be filled with the Holy Spirit and his task is quite explicit. In his ministry he will reawaken in people a love for their God. Like the great prophet Elijah, he will 'turn the hearts' of the people, refocusing them on what truly matters. In doing this, John is preparing a people who is worthy of the one who is to come. John stands firmly in the prophetic tradition of Israel. He comes out of the desert proclaiming the advent of the kingdom of God and issuing a call to repentance...indeed, he is simply preparing the way for the one who is to come.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Rev Nick Lim  
*Priest-in-charge*

Nick Maher  
*Chairman*

Denise Cox  
*Council Secretary*

Peter Prinsloo and Alison Congdon  
*Liturgy Com*

Rebecca Ward  
*Formation Com*

Robyn Sykes, Pam Harris and John Starr  
*Parish Counsellors*

Ian Haines  
*Youth Com*

Des Wilkie  
*OLOL School Rep*

Ward Italiano, David Wells, and Danny Harris  
*Parish Finance Com*

### PARISH SECRETARIES

Kirsten Italiano and Wendy Prinsloo

**Parish Vision Statement:** *In union with the entire Church, we aim to be a Christ-centred Family of families, spiritually alive and growing in our faith, reaching out, welcoming and engaging all in a spirit of generosity, compassion and love. Parish Mission Statement:* *Through the example of our lives, we proclaim the Gospel by: Actively seeking opportunities to engage everybody in the sacramental life of the parish; Answering the call to serve with generosity; Providing opportunities and on-going support for the deepening of our faith; Recognizing the value of the parish school community to the life of the parish and supporting them in their faith journey; and Looking for ways to engage and include the broader community.*

### Communion Antiphon:

"Through the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us."

### PRAYER FOR THE PARISH COMMUNITY

Our Father in Heaven, You call us to form a Family of families, A community of Families, Led by your hand and guided by Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Grant our parish and home: Unity and Creativity in serving one another; Imagination and Right Motivation in spreading the Good News of your Kingdom; Joy and Enthusiasm as we grow in Holiness through the celebration of the Sacraments, the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and the Deepening of experiences through our Catholic Christian formation. Make our parish and home a worthy dwelling place of the Holy Spirit, who will throw Fire into our hearts and minds; to enable us attain Unity that will move us towards Mission. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception  
St Louis de Montfort

Pray for us!  
Pray for us!

**PLEASE STAND FOR THE ENTRANCE HYMN!**

### NOTICES

- Boyanup Community** would like to invite parishioners living here in Dardanup Area to be part of the **Centenary Committee** as there are different responsibilities needing coordinators. Please attend the meeting this 10th of June immediately after mass. Thanks!
- There are still **Parish Roster for our Liturgical Ministers** posted at the back of the Church. Please get your copy before you leave the Church. Thanks!
- To all those who have friends or relatives living in any of the Bunbury Nursing Homes**, please coordinate with any of our Extraordinary Ministers of Communion if they want to receive a weekly visit and holy Eucharist.
- Bunbury Regional Hospital is inviting all our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** interested in visiting the infirmed and in bringing the Holy Eucharist to them. The forms needed to be filled in are in the parish office. Please see Fr Nick after the mass. Thanks!
- There are **Plan giving envelopes** still at the back of the Church, please get your pack after the mass.
- Free Mission Magazines and Justice Trends** at the back of the Church, please get one before you leave! Thanks!

**Something wonderful is happening here! Come and See... Everyone welcome!**  
**There is a daily Eucharistic Celebration in the parish except Monday. Daily masses is usually around 25 mins every morning. This will not take so much of your time, so please join us in prayer before you begin your daily chores—indeed, a wonderful way to start the day! Hope to see you in the parish daily masses! Thank you and God bless!**



Alleluia, alleluia! / You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; / you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways. / Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*John is his name.*

The time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave birth to a son; and when her neighbours and relations heard that the Lord had shown her so great a kindness, they shared her joy.

Now on the eighth day when they came to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother spoke up. 'No,' she said 'he is to be called John.' They said to her 'But no one in your family has that name', and made signs to his father to find out what he wanted him called. The father asked for a writing tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And they were all astonished. At that instant his power of speech returned and he spoke and praised God. All their neighbours were filled with awe and the whole affair was talked about throughout the hill country of Judaea. All those who heard of it treasured it in their hearts. 'What will this child turn out to be?' they wondered. And indeed the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew up and his spirit matured. And he lived out in the wilderness until the day he appeared openly to Israel.

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# The World Gospel

## JOHN

'John' comes from the Hebrew Yehohanan or Yohanan, a name associated with the root 'HNN' which means 'to grace' or 'to show favour'. John therefore means 'Yahweh has given grace.' In his diptych presentation of the birth and circumcision of John and Jesus, Luke allots no more than two verses to the birth of John and the joy that it occasions while he describes the circumcision at length. The case of Jesus is different: the story of his birth is presented in detail while his circumcision is mentioned only in passing.

The relatives of Zechariah and Elizabeth discover that the conception and birth of John are divinely willed not through the word of the angel but through the wonders that surround the naming of the child on the day of his circumcision. What the angel predicted to Zechariah – the child would be called John and many would rejoice at his birth (Lk 1:13-14) – is fulfilled. The people do not know of this prediction but sense the stirrings of great things in the marvellous agreement between both parents on the baby's name. They naturally wonder: 'What then will this child turn out to be?'

Luke himself answers the question: the child will become strong in spirit, filled with the Spirit of God, and will grow up in the desert where he will start his ministry. John, the son of the priest, will break tradition: he will not grow up to be a priest serving God in the temple; but he will become a prophet who will prepare the way of the Lord.

Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

# The Saving Word

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist / B

24 June 2012

## First Reading

Isa 49:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Behold I will make you a light to the nations.*

Islands, listen to me,  
pay attention, remotest peoples.  
The Lord called me before I was born,  
from my mother's womb he pronounced  
my name.

He made my mouth a sharp sword,  
and hid me in the shadow of his hand.  
He made me into a sharpened arrow,  
and concealed me in his quiver.

He said to me, 'You are my servant (Israel)  
in whom I shall be glorified';  
while I was thinking, 'I have toiled in vain,  
I have exhausted myself for nothing';  
and all the while my cause was with the Lord,  
my reward with my God.  
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,  
my God was my strength.

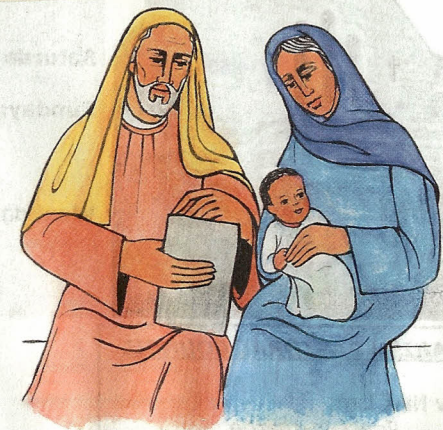
And now the Lord has spoken,  
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
to gather Israel to him:  
'It is not enough for you to be my servant,  
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back  
the survivors of Israel;  
I will make you the light of the nations  
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of  
the earth.'

### ■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 138:1-3, 13-15. R. v. 14

R. I praise you for I am wonderfully made.

1. O Lord, you search me and you know me,  
you know my resting and my rising, / you discern my purpose from afar. / You mark when I walk or lie down, / all my ways lie open to you. R.



2. For it was you who created my being, / knit me together in my mother's womb. / I thank you for the wonder of my being, / for the wonders of all your creation. R.

3. Already you knew my soul, / my body held no secret from you / when I was being fashioned in secret / and moulded in the depths of the earth. R.

## SECOND READING

Acts 13:22-26

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*Christ's coming was announced beforehand by the preaching of John.*

Paul said: 'God made David the king of our ancestors' of whom he approved in these words, "I have selected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose." To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal."

'My brothers, sons of Abraham's race, and all you who fear God, this message of salvation is meant for you.'

### ■ The word of the Lord.