Mass Intentions from June 22-28 2024

Sat. Jun 22 /4:30 p.m. Patrick O'Grady - Beverly & Myles Redmond

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Sun. Jun 23/10:00 a.m. Nick Baird - Teresa Baird
Michael Selwyn Joseph - Kahawita family
Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott family
Leonita, Julian& Emilio Fabrigas - Portia Madriaga
Deceased members of Broccolini family - Annette Broccolini
Valentina, Francesco & Carlo Cicchino - Nick Cicchino

Wed. Jun 26/10:00 a.m. David Awe - Teresa Baird, Shanahan families

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Thur. Jun 27/10:00 a.m. David Awe - Teresa Baird, Shanahan families

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Memorial – St. Irenaeus

Fri. Jun 28/10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Baird, Shanahan, Ryan, Scott, Malone, Faherty, McGarry & Kostner families - Teresa Baird

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Times - (Year B)

First Reading (Job 38:1-4. 8-11)

The creation is a mystery that shows the power of the Lord.

Second Reading (2 Cor: 5:14-17)

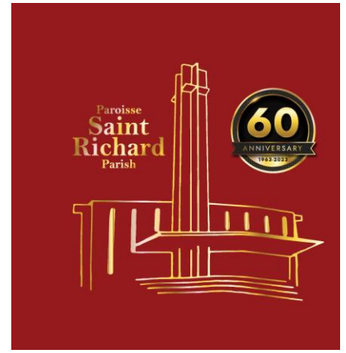
Through his death Christ has established a new creation.

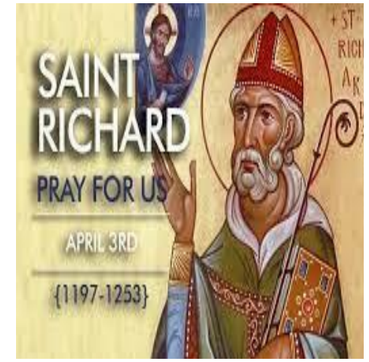
Gospel (Mark 4:35-41)

Jesus sleeps while a storm threatens to overcome the boat he and his disciples are in. The disciples wake Jesus and he calms the storm, then he asks them why they were so afraid and did not have faith.

Reflection:

Often it is only when we face adversity that we realise how fragile life can be. God is in control.
That message comes through loudly in our readings today.
The First Reading presents God's response to Job's question about all the problems which have befallen him. God demonstrates the divine wisdom and power by pointing to the fact that no one assists God in the process of creating a powerful storm.
The Responsorial Psalm proclaims God's mighty acts as seen by sailors during turbulent times on the sea.
In the Second Reading, St. Paul proclaims that Jesus is the new creation and that those who are joined to Him are renewed and become part of His new creation.
Allowing God to be in control is a lesson all of us need to continually learn. It does not lessen the importance of our giving ourselves 100% to the tasks on hand. It, however, takes away the unhealthy anxiety and helps us to deal with the difficulties in life. Life is filled with challenges. The challenges can become so overwhelming that they de-energize us and paralyze us. It is only when we can surrender ourselves to God that God can demonstrate Who is in control. Through his cross and resurrection Jesus restores us to a relationship of trust in God. In the midst of our troubles we can only find trust in God through this gift of Jesus Christ.





TO ALL ST. RICHARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS, FAITH FIRST CHILDREN, PARISHIONERS, THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, FRIENDS, DIGNITARIES, CATERER AND ALL WHO MADE DONATIONS FOR MAKING ST. RICHARDS 60TH CELEBRATION A BEAUTIFUL EVENT.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
In memory of Giuseppe Colafabio.
By - Rosaria Colafabio

Next Sunday with be the last bulletin as we break away for summer.
There will be no weekday morning masses for the month of July and August. The last bulletin will only have the mass and sanctuary lamp request for July and August.

The Nativity of John the Baptist is a Christian feast day.
It is observed annually on 24 June.

Saint John the Baptist was set apart from the womb to prepare the way of the Lord and was a significant figure connected to the Incarnation and the Redemption. The Church honors him because of his role in preparing the way for Christ.

His message was that God's judgment on the world was imminent and that, to prepare for this judgment, the people should repent their sins, be baptized, and produce appropriate fruits of repentance.

His gifts were likely teaching and prophesy, perhaps apostleship. He was filled with the Holy Spirit before he was even born. His clear calling and purpose was to prepare the way of Jesus.

According to all four canonical gospels of the New Testament, as well as the account of the Jewish historian Josephus, John the Baptist was killed on the orders of a local ruler sometime before Jesus' crucifixion. The gospels claim king Herod had him beheaded, upon the request of Herodias daughter Salome, prompted by her mother, Herodias, who was infuriated by John's condemnation of her marriage to King Herod. The girl demanded the head of John the Baptist on a platter, and the unwilling Herod was forced by his oath to have John beheaded. Salome took the platter with John's head and gave it to her mother.

According to the New Testament gospels, John was imprisoned and executed shortly after Jesus began his ministry. This ought to place his death about 29 or 30 CE. John the Baptist was 6 months older than Jesus. He baptized Jesus at age 30 and was executed by Herod a short time later.

Blessed are You, LORD GOD, ever inviting. Through Your Goodness, You called Your servant John the Baptist from before his birth to be the herald of Your Son, Jesus. He was willing to devote his life to helping other prepare to receive the Messiah. He proclaimed the need for people to reform their lives in order to follow the Christ (Messiah) when He came. We thank You for the example and ministry of John the Baptist. You have chosen us, also from before our birth, to share in the important mission of preparing others for the coming of Jesus into their lives. We are privileged to be called to this special role. We know that like John the Baptist, we, in and of ourselves, are unworthy to have any relationship with Jesus, but because of Your divine graciousness, we can serve our sisters and brothers and help to lead them to Jesus. Through the gifts of Your Holy Spirit, continue to remind us of our need for repentance and strengthen us to be heralds of the Good News of Jesus the Messiah. We make this prayer in the name of Your Son, **Yeshua**-*Jesus ("GOD Saves"), Who is living and reigning with You and the Holy Spirit, our one and only GOD, forever and ever. Amen.*

HAPPY SAINT JOHN BAPTIST DAY!