



St John the Baptist Parish Newsletter

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The Transfiguration of the Lord (A) –6th August 2017

Psalm Response: The Lord is king, most high above all the earth

Saturday 5th August Feria The Transfiguration of the Lord	10.30am (S.J.) 6.00pm (S.J.)	Barry Gardner Nora Bolt – Mary Madeline Titterton
Sunday 6th August The Transfiguration of the Lord	9.00 am (S.H.) 10.30 am (S.J.) 12.00 noon (S.H.)	Joyce Davidson – Betty Lorden Dominic Barron – John Prosser Ann-Marie Gallagher – Thomas O'Mallon
Monday 7th August Feria	10.00 am (S.J.)	Communion Service
Tuesday 8th August St Dominic	10.00 am (S.H.)	Brian McLoone
Wednesday 9th August St Teresa	10.00 am (S.J.)	Michael Bolger
Thursday 10th August St Lawrence	10.00am (S.H.)	Joe Hackett
Friday 11th August St Clare	12.30pm (S.J.)	Communion Services
Saturday 12th August Feria	10.30am (S.J.) 6.00pm (S.J.)	Holy Souls June Sharratt – Patricia Fitzgerald
Sunday 13th August Nineteenth Sunday of the Year	9.00 am (S.H.) 10.30 am (S.J.) 12.00 noon (S.H.)	Gwendoline Carney – Paddy & Family Michael Bolger, Kieran Hernon - Meg & Bill Burford Carl Richards – Margaret Beggan

Confessions: Saturday 11 – 11.30 at St John's and 5.15 – 5.45 pm at St John's



Please pray for the sick: Chad Williams, Teresa Woodcock, Gill Horsley, Margaret Thompson, Mary Pullen, Julie Orme, Nikolas Atkins, Stephen Morley, Jaden Walker, Frank Ryan, Gillian Solanky, Mary Miller, Winnie Claridge, Sarah Gillen, Anne-Marie Purslow, Ann Bernes, Joan Trevis, Tony Soden, Pablo Claveria, Adam Coxhead, Eileen D'Arcy, Sarah Spencer, Gladys Cuffe, Kingsley Bayley, Beryl Smith, Sheila Mulligan, Mary Williams, Joyce Anderson, Agnes Buckley, David Foxall, Leslie Roe, Olive Ahern, Sadie Porter, Michelle McGrotty, Nancy Finn, Tony Borman, Yvonne Mattison, Stella Moseley, Christopher Wheeldon, Maureen Gallagher, Colin & Joan Pickup, Theo Castanheira, Iris Bishop, Michael Dwyer, Gemma Vine, Corinne Collins, Christine Breeden, Judith Timms, Nuella Enright, Christine Bayley, Baby L'Kye, Patrick McGinty (inr), Marqaret Gallaqher, Maria Fe Alcuaz.

Reflection: His face shone like the sun.

For our own wellbeing we all need times to climb mountains, to get away from the ordinary, to see new views. It helps us to see our world from a new vantage point, every mountain, every view is different. Spending time in prayer with the Lord has the same effect, it is time well spent. It create a space within us to reflect, to look at our lives from a new vantage point. The effect of prayer and spending time with Jesus, Pope Francis says: "We now return home with a good seed: the seed of the Word of God," he said. "The Lord will send rain and that seed will grow. It will grow and it will bear fruit..... "



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Frank Hill**. Frank will be received into St John's Church on Monday 14th August at 6pm followed by the funeral Mass on Tuesday 15th August at 11am and **Joan Pickup**, Ann-Marie's mother-in-law. May they rest in peace.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Felix Connelly, Robert Walker, James Creighton, Margaret Mortimer, John Robinson, Hugh McDaid, Cissie Moss, Peter McNulty, Patrick McGinty, Winifred Haddrick, John Duffy, James Carney, Harold Rogers, Philip Martin, Stephan Admonowski, Maurice Weir, Michael Brennan, Phyllis Sedgley, Mary Edwards, Frances Garrett, Clarice Doherty, Marea Griffiths, Derek Hassall, Richard Harte, Gertrude Roots, Betty Burke, David Fleming, Rudolph Feix, John Francis Law, Roderick Tudor Wilson, June Sharratt, Mary Higgs, Norman Richardson, Jesse Box, Thomas Serridge, Philomena Wardell, William Lawley, John McGeough, Ronald Nicks, Alice Leedham, Joe Hackett, Elizabeth Kelly, Jean Bridges, Wendy Hughes.

Afternoon High Tea this year it will be on Sun 3rd Sept from 2.00 till 4.00 pm at Sacred Heart. Tickets are £10 (children £7). All proceeds to our building fund. Tickets available today. Due to demand we have extended it to make 20 more available! *Can anyone help us with some raffle prizes please?*

A Bereavement Support service operates at Sacred Heart on Fridays (10 – 12.00). If you know of anyone grieving, please invite them to join us.

Memory Café –Heart of Tamworth in partnership with Home Instead are running a Memory Café in St John’s Community Rooms every Tuesday, 10.30am – 12.30pm, offering a friendly place where people with memory loss and carers can come together in a safe and supportive environment - just pop in.

Tamworth Memory Walk – a stroll in aid of Alzheimer’s Society. Take a stroll round the Castle Grounds on Sunday, 24th September starting at 11am. You can choose to walk the 1.25 miles circuit or strolls to suit your ability. For more information on how to join, donate or sponsor contact David on 01827 51615 or email davidbarnes99@yahoo.com

Journey in Faith will be on a Thursday this year starting on Oct 5th. We are inviting two possible groups:

1. *People who are not Catholic who want to know more*
2. *Catholics who want to renew their faith.*

What we do need of everyone it to pray this this will go well and bring blessings to many people and to the parish. We also need teams of people who can prepare a simple meal for, possibly, large numbers. Can you do an evening?



Fr Mario is leaving for St Catherine’s on August 21st. We expect Fr J.P. soon. Please keep them both in your prayers. Fr Mario will come back so we can say farewell on 17th September.



Starfish Volunteers Required: The Starfish Project Tamworth is growing and needs new volunteers. Starfish has centres open every day, except Friday and Sunday. Please contact John Larkin, if you are interested on 07967928282. You will find it very exciting and rewarding to be part of the team.

Starfish: Our Starfish ‘breakfast club’ runs from the Sacred Heart. It’s held every Sat from **10 till 12.00 am.** Please let anyone know who may wish to come along.

Foodbank: Summer holidays can be very difficult for parents in poverty who struggle when they have to buy food for children normally on free school meals. Thank-you to all who remember this each week.

Take a Gentle Walk with Caroline Proud, your Green Badge Guide for Tamworth, Sunday 6th Aug, starting outside Tamworth Tourist Information Centre, Marmion House, at 11.00 a.m. taking in the beautiful heritage this Ancient Market Town has to offer. Tickets cost £6 each and must be pre-booked either with TIC on 01827 709581/618 or directly with Caroline on 07761081733 by noon on Sat Aug 5th.

The Peruvian fundraising Coffee Morning and raffle, to help the victims of the floods and mudslides in Peru, will take place on Sunday the 3rd September after the 10.30am Mass at St John’s Church. Raffle prize; Meal Voucher for an Italian Restaurant to the value of £35. For more information ring Magdalena 07518576247

Money Matters	
Envelopes	141.00
Standing Order	800.00
Loose	454.22
Total:	£1395.22
Building Fund	237.41
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