



St John the Baptist Parish Newsletter

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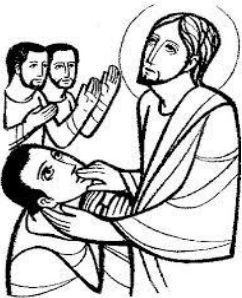
St John's Church is on St John St, Tamworth, B79 7EX

Twenty Second Sunday of the year (A) – 3rd September 2017

Psalm Response: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God

Saturday 2 nd September Twenty Second Sunday of the Year	Feria	10.30am (S.J.) 6.00pm (S.J.)	Rose Mockler Brian & John Farrington – Nora Bolt
Sunday 3 rd September Twenty Second Sunday of the Year		9.00 am (S.H.) 10.30 am (S.J.) 12.00 noon (S.H.)	Winifred Walker – Muriel Rean Robert Joseph Ward – Ann Serridge Ann McCauley – Jim & Sheila Brown
Monday 4 th September	Feria	10.00 am (S.J.)	Communion Service
Tuesday 5 th September	Feria	10.00 am (S.H.)	Holy Souls
Wednesday 6 th September	Feria	10.00 am (S.J.)	George Mander
Thursday 7 th September	Feria	XX.XX (S.?.) 10.00am (S.H.)	Simon & Matilda Family & Grandchildren
Friday 8 th September Nativity of the Blesses Virgin Mary		9.15 (S. ?.) 11.00am (S.J.)	Funeral Mass for Nuella Enright
Saturday 9 th September Twenty Third Sunday of the Year	Feria	10.30am (S.J.) 6.00pm (S.J.)	Nora Mason Darren Burford – Noel Flynn
Sunday 10 th September Twenty Third Sunday of the Year		9.00 am (S.H.) 10.30 am (S.J.) 12.00 noon (S.H.)	Paddy & Family – Joyce Davidson Margaret Burke – Ann Serridge Saya Yozef – Kieran Kelly

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, Stella Moseley, Christopher Wheeldon, Maureen Gallagher, Colin Pickup, Theo Castanheira, Iris Bishop, Michael Dwyer, Gemma Vine, Corinne Collins, Christine Breeden, Judith Timms, Christine Bayley, Baby L'Kye, Margaret Gallagher, Maria Fe Alcuaz, Peter Seekings, Pat Elsmore, Tom Collins, Dylan Smith, John Hackett and Mary Collins.

Reflection: *If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself.*

In today's Gospel Jesus pulls no punches, he challenges us to be ready to lose our lives to be able to save them. Our culture seems to claim that those who want to save their lives can do so, mostly by possessing more things and living in ever greater comfort. If we are to be followers of Jesus, we need to let him lead, accepting that he will not lead us away from suffering, pain or difficulty.

Instead of seeking our own benefit and gain, we allow every experience – even in moments of distress – to draw us into closer relationship with Jesus who invites us to lay our burdens on his shoulders. Let us pray that we can let go and grow in trust of God's love for us.



Na każdej niedzielnej mszy dostępne są **polskie tłumaczenia** czytań i Ewangelii. Można je znaleźć w p rzedsionku kościoła. Miłej i owocnej lektury!

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mary Walker, John Delaney, Bridget Moore, John Brittle, Agnes Vickers, Cecelia McClean, William Fellows, Mary Pizzuto, John Fenelon, Francis O'Neill, Joan Duffy, Eileen Roberts, Patrick Duane, Tom Faulkener, John O'Hara, Kathleen Archer, Dick Fleming, Les Dodds, Elizabeth O'Loughlin, Thomas Tooley, Michael McCourt, Eithne Hill, Hannie Phelan, Win Taylor, Kathleen Redmond, Rosie Williamson, IZIAH Cuffe, James Dagnall, Ida Mulvey, Patrick Minihan, Kelsey May, Greta Wood, Peter Brookfield, Veronica Wilson, Margaret McKenny, Margaret Stone, David Griffiths, Gerard Kelly, Brian Standen, Andrew O'Rourke, Peter Higgot, Alfred Hill, James Kavanagh, Mary Fellows, Lucy Riley, Rosaleen Baird.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Nuella Enright** whose funeral Mass will take place in St John's church on Friday 8th September at 11.00 am. Family flowers only, donations will be for St Giles Hospice. **Ann Naylor** whose funeral service will take place on at Sutton Crematorium at and **Betty White** who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Frank Hill Joan and family would like to thank Fr Mario and Fr Sean for the meaningful Funeral Mass for Frank. Thank you to everyone for their kind wishes, Mass cards and sympathy cards. A Mass will be said for your intentions.

Apple Festival: Thank-you to those who have offered to help with making apple juice. We would still welcome some more volunteers for this – the list is still in the porch. We also need people to:

1. **Provide apples.** Can you get some from your garden or someone else's (with permission, of course)? We need to start collecting now. Please make life easier for us by:

- discarding any that are rotten or bruised
- telling us whether they are cooking or eating apples
- storing them in a box layered with newspaper until October – in a dark room is best

2. **Making and Baking:** then we need lots of people to make things like pies, tarts, sauces, chutneys, toffee apples, crumbles, Tarte Tatin, apple sponge. We will supply apples and flour.

Why do it? It can be fun. We can use our talents and enjoy the fruit of our labour. It raises funds for our work and it saves thousands of apples being wasted. Why not?



Youth Band/Choir: We are looking to form a new music group who will take an active part in our Masses, across the parish, once a month.

We are hoping to rehearse weekly on Friday evenings at Sacred Heart from 6.30pm for about an hour. If you are in Year 7 or above, play a musical instrument or sing and are interested in getting involved please speak to Alex or email Father Michael. If you are an adult who would like to help too then please get in touch.

The Peruvian fundraising Coffee Morning and raffle, to help the, victims of the floods and mudslides in Peru, will take place today, Sunday 3rd September. Please support this after the 10.30am Mass at St John's Church.

Afternoon Teas take place this Sunday afternoon. Our thanks to all who are organising this, also our bakers and sandwich makers, musicians and all those doing waiting on. We hope all who are going enjoy a lovely afternoon.

For the Christmas Raffle, we need to plan ahead. Can anyone help with prizes please? Any ideas to make it a little different or help with distribution of tickets would also be welcome. We have some major works coming up and a fundraising boost would help.

Catechesis

Learning about the Faith: If you are an adult who is not a Catholic and want to learn about the faith then please email michael@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk Starting on October 5th we will be meeting every Thursday to look at our Christian faith and what it means to be a Catholic. All are welcome.

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 & want to know more.
2. Catholics who want to renew their faith.

What we do need of everyone is to pray this will go well & bring blessings to many people & to the parish. We also need teams of people who can prepare a simple meal for, possibly, large numbers. Since we are using the new Alpha Programme, we have invited Paul Northam to speak about it at all Masses on the weekend of September 10th. Can you help do an evening meal or organise a team to do it?

Next weekend, Paul Northam from Maryvale, will come and speak about this at all Masses. Paul works there and co-ordinates evangelisation within the Diocese.



Do you want your child to make their First Holy Communion next Summer? If the answer is yes, and your child is not in a Catholic school, then you need to register them for classes as soon as possible. They need to attend a class one evening a week starting next month.

If you know someone in this situation, then please let them know. So please email Fr Michael (michael@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk) or write down your contact details and hand them in immediately. If you have any questions then please get in touch.

Prayer Group meeting on Thursday at Sacred Heart – 8.00 pm. This prayer includes silence, adoration, praise and singing and open prayer. All are welcome.

Community Activities

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.

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.

Foodbank: Thank-you to all who remember this each week. The need has not lessened so please keep it coming.



Senior Citizens at Sacred Heart – Meet every Tuesday for social gatherings at 1.30 pm. Come along and join in the fun.

UCM - There will be meeting of the UCM at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6th September in St John's. The speaker will be an author who will talk about his work.

Sacred Heart Flower Group - A raffle will be held on Sunday 17th Sept after 9am Mass in aid of church flowers. Tickets will be on sale on Sunday 10th September after both masses, a list of prizes will be available.

A.A. Groups meet at St John's every Monday and Friday starting at 8.00 am. Anyone that needs it will be welcomed – just turn up.

The SPIN Café also runs from St John's every Monday. It is for people with learning disabilities looking for somewhere to meet and something to do. New members are welcome.



Fr Mario. The second collection today, Sept 3rd will be our gift to Fr Mario in thanks for his two years of service to our parish. Fr Mario will come back so we can say farewell on Sunday the 17th September. I went to see him in the week. He seems well. Although the house looks very bare, Fr Mario seems excited and looking forward to his ministry there. He sends his regards.

Fr J.P. has not arrived yet from India since he is still trying to get a visa. He is unlikely to come before October. Please keep him in your prayers. In the meantime, please help us keep everything running smoothly in any way you can.

Car park facing St John's –The car park at the top of Halford Street, is now being managed by a company. They fined 15 people last week. We would advise that you don't park there.

Kenelm Youth Trust Charity Ball 2017 – Saturday 14th October 2017, 7.30pm at the Belfry Hotel and Spa, Sutton Coldfield. Accommodation is available with a discount rate.

Tickets £45 which includes Champagne Reception, Four Course Meal, Grand prize Auction, Casino, Raffle and live music from the Squares.

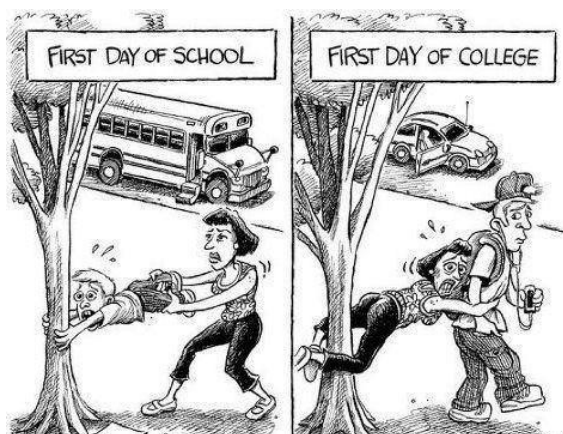
All tickets can be purchased through the main Kenelm Youth Trust Office on 01538 703224 or email events@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

These tickets are pricey (due to venue and band) but it is to support the Diocese's work with young people including Alton Castle and Soli House. Would anyone be interested in helping get a Tamworth table together?



The Poland Pilgrimage begins on Monday 11th September, leaving very early in the morning. 37 are going and we will be away until Saturday 16th. We will pray for the parish, its mission and its people. There will be no midweek Masses that week since we have no second priest.

Fr David Mellor has been concelebrating some 12 O'clock Masses at Sacred Heart due to illness. Please pray for him (and his wife Janet) as he seems to be entering his last days in this life.



Schools in Tamworth restart this week. We wish all children, staff and parents every blessing as this new school year begins. We especially think about those children starting a new school.

Old Hanging Baskets: when you decide your hanging basket has run its course, you might want rid of it. if so, then bring it to us so we can replant it next year for our summer fayre.

Money Matters

Envelopes	209.22
Standing Order	800.00
Loose	368.37
Total:	£1377.59
Building Fund	214.25

Thank-you.

Gift Aid: Please increase your giving by 25%; sign a Gift Aid form. Call Rob on 769403 or robertjbreenen@googlemail.com