



St John the Baptist Parish Newsletter

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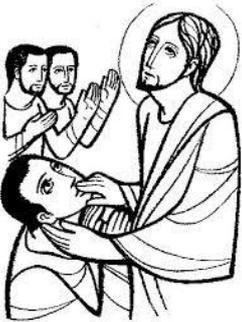
St John's Church is on St John St, Tamworth, B79 7EX

Twenty Third Sunday of the year (A) – 10th September 2017

Psalm Response: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts

Saturday 9 th September	Feria	10.30am (S.J.)	Brian Cunningham
Twenty Third Sunday of the Year		6.00pm (S.J.)	Darren Burford – Noel Flynn
Sunday 10 th September		9.00 am (S.H.)	Paddy & Family – Joyce Davidson
Twenty Third Sunday of the Year		10.30 am (S.J.)	Margaret Burke – Ann Serridge
		12.00 noon (S.H.)	Saya Yozef – Kieran Kelly
Monday 11 th September	Feria	10.00 am (S.J.)	Communion Service
Tuesday 12 th September	Feria	10.00 am (S.H.)	Communion Service
Wed 13 th Sept	St John Chrysostom	10.00 am (S.J.)	Communion Service
Thur 14 th Sept	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	10.00am (S.H.)	Communion Service
Fri 15 th September	Our Lady of Sorrows	12.30pm (S.J.)	Communion Service
Saturday 16 th September	Ss Cornelius	10.30am (S.J.)	Communion Service
Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year		6.00pm (S.J.)	Brian & John Farrington – Anne & Sydney Green
Sunday 17 th September		9.00 am (S.H.)	Kory & Katie Wright – Colin & Joan Pickup
Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year		10.30 am (S.J.)	Nell Mattison – Norah Mason
		12.00 noon (S.H.)	Paul Doherty – Jackie Cook

Confessions: No confessions on Saturday 16th September



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: *Am I my brother's keeper?* As we read today, the answer is yes. We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves, with a self-emptying, sacrificial love that Jesus demonstrated on the cross for all of our sins. Can we say we have charity in our hearts for our fellow men and women, especially, or can we be jealous and self-involved to truly open our hearts to the kind of self-sacrificial love that Jesus showed, from which we benefit so much? Is it time for us all to look into our hearts and answer the question 'Am I my brother's keeper?'



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ann Naylor** whose funeral service will take place on Wednesday, 20th September at 11am in Sacred Heart Church and **Patrick McEvoy** whose funeral is to be arranged. May Ann rest in peace.

Frank Hill Thank you to Joan and family for the kind donation of £188.70 towards the building fund, which was collected at Frank's funeral

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Martin Kennedy, Thomas Garrity, Catherine Davis, Beatrice Collins, Elizabeth Tricklebank, Winifred Tomson, Nellie Brown, Patrick Gallagher, Mary Florendine, James Hunt, Mary Hails, Joseph Fogg, Michael Fenelon, Josef Grobleney, Paddy Larvin, Mary Heafield, Sarah Smith, William Tully, Philip Carroll, Mary Plant, Hugh Twomey, Louise Bull, Vera Stevens, Robert Robertson Thompson, Kathryn Pomeroy, Lily Cureton, David Farrell, Anthony Shevlin, David Hepple, Louisa Keane, Nancy Kinsella, Caroline Pully, John Black, Andrew Bennett, Clifford Walters, Margaret Burke, Jean Hopkins, Oliver Meaney, Padraig Gillan.

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 cool, 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. It helps us to live simply. 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.

Home Mission Sunday – 17th September When we hear the word 'Mission' we often think that this is helping people in other countries. Home Mission Sunday gives us the opportunity to look closer to home and share our faith with those we love, know and meet in our daily lives. This all ties in with our Alpha course starting up soon.

The second collection next weekend will be in aid of Home Mission Sunday

Father Hudson's Care - On 23-24 September the second collection will be for Father Hudson's Care. Father Hudson's mission is to provide Catholic social care in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, reaching out to support vulnerable people young and old. Please give generously to this worthy cause. As well as giving through the Church, parishioners can support Father Hudson's by donating online at www.fatherhudsons.org.uk.

Donation Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of church.



Fr Mario. Thank you to everyone who donated to Fr Mario's collection last Sunday. He will come back so we can say farewell on Sunday 17th September.

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. We will keep the parish in our prayers.

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.

Thank you to the parishioner who donated £400 for a new microphone for Sacred Heart.

Catechesis

Journey in Faith will be on a Thursday this year starting on Oct 5th. We are inviting two 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. Can you help do an evening meal or organise a team to do it?

Since we are using the new Alpha Programme, we have invited Paul Northam to speak about it at all Masses this weekend. Welcome to Paul Northam from Maryvale. Paul works there and co-ordinates evangelisation within the Diocese. What he is offering is something that could change all of our lives and the future direction of our parish.

If you can help as a leader, please come forward. There will be training on Thurs Sept 21st and 28th. We just want good, normal people who can listen and encourage others to speak. Please let us know if you can be one of those.

Finally, how many people could you invite? Please think about how many people you could invite (by giving them an invitation card). Take whatever number of cards you need. Don't worry if they all say 'no', at least you have asked them. The more we ask the more 'yeses' we will get!



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 Tues, 10.30am – 12.30pm, offering a friendly place where people with memory loss and carers can come together in a safe and supportive environment.

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.

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

A.A. Groups meet at St John's every Monday and Friday starting at 8.00 pm.

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.



The Peruvian fundraising Coffee Morning Thank you to everyone who supported this event which raised £438.30 to help the victims of the floods and mudslides in Peru. Well done to Magdalena.

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?

Chase the Cake - The Diocese has taken a lead in responding to the needs of people sleeping rough by opening Tabor House in Birmingham later this month. We have a one day bike ride (or walk) on October 1st at

Cannock Chase to help us raise some funds for this important work. Please join us. There is a poster in the porch with information or email michael@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk

Tea Dance with Vintage Afternoon Tea in aid of the Memory Café – Wednesday 27th September 2.30pm – 4.30pm at the Mosonic Room, Lichfield St B79 7QE. Tickets £7.50 in advance or £8.50 on the door contact Sue or Karen 01827 431002

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.

Staffordshire Council of Voluntary Youth Service (SCVYS) are holding another Young Leader residential weekend for Young People aged 13-19. This will take place 17th - 19th November at Laches Wood Outdoor Education Centre near Coven. There is some further information and application forms Cheryl Rice cheryl@staffscvys.org.uk.

Money Matters	
Envelopes	156.80
Standing Order	800.00
Loose	392.18
Total:	£1348.98
Fr Mario's	£1658.23
Donation:	£400.00
<i>Thank-you.</i>	
Gift Aid: Please increase your giving by 25%; sign a Gift Aid form.	

Afternoon Tea Grand Raffle- The following people have won prizes, but we have not been able to contact them:

2nd VIP Spa Day for Two Collins 121 yellow
10th Wine Edith 152 white
19th Milk Tray Ian, St Elizabeth's 2 white

3rd Ash End Farm Family Pass P McDonald 100 yellow
11th Prosecco Hardy 85 white

If you have the winning tickets please contact the Parish Office to arrange a time for collection. For a full list of all the prize winners, please see the notice board at the back of church.



Well done to the Wilsons, the musicians, waiting on tea, bakers and all who ran an amazing afternoon tea last Sunday. Many said it was the best ever, 'a real treat'. In total, they made £1,008.04. Thank-you to all who were involved.

St Editha's Book & Fairtrade Shop Christian artist Hannah Dunnett cards, book "More than Words", and 2018 calendar are now available.

Welcome to Fr David Marsden and the students from Oscott College who will be at 9.00am Mass. Fr David will be saying the Mass for us and this group of students will be coming to the parish twice a term

with Fr David. Please say hello to them after Mass and keep them in your prayers.

