



St John the Baptist Parish Newsletter

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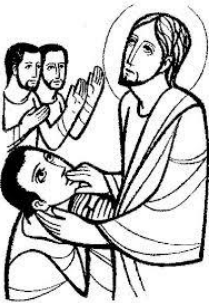
St John's Church is on St John St, Tamworth, B79 7EX

Twenty Sixth Sunday of the year (A) – 1st October 2017

Psalm Response: Remember your mercy, Lord

Saturday 30 th September Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year	St Jerome	10.30am (S.J.) 6.00pm (S.J.)	Mairead Knowles Kieran Kennedy – Margaret Silton
Sunday 1 st October Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year		9.00 am (S.H.) 10.30 am (S.J.) 12.00 noon (S.H.)	Betty Meehan – Mary McLaughlin David and Ann Barnes - Fr Ailbe O’Bric Lil Nevin – Colm Duffy
Monday 2 nd October	Guardian Angels	12 Noon (S.J.)	Peter Seekings Funeral
Tuesday 3 rd October	Feria	10.00 am (S.H.)	Holy Souls
Wednesday 4 th October	St Francis of Assisi	12.00 noon (S.J.)	Funeral Mass for Sheila Mulligan
Thursday 5 th October	Feria	10.00am (S.H.)	Sue Sanders and Family
Friday 6 th October	Feria	9.15 (S. E.) 12.30pm (S.J.)	Nora Mason Mass for the sick and housebound of the parish
Saturday 7 th October Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year	Our Lady of the Rosary	10.30am (S.J.) 6.00pm (S.J.)	Moira Davidson Anne & Sydney Green – Frank Hill
Sunday 8 th October Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year		9.00 am (S.H.) 10.30 am (S.J.) 12.00 noon (S.H.)	Derek Brotherhood – Nicole Padmore Ray Howard – Werner Jankowsky John & Brigid Serrage – Agnes Mullery

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, Joan Trevis, Tony Soden, Pablo Claveria, Adam Coxhead, Eileen D’Arcy, Sarah Spencer, Gladys Cuffe, Kingsley Bayley, Beryl Smith, 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, Pat Elsmore, Tom Collins, Dylan Smith, John Hackett and Mary Collins, Eva Howard, Olive and Ruth Stewart.

Reflection - He thought better of it and went.....:

We can all identify ourselves, or someone we know, with the sons in today's Gospel? The grumpy but honest and generous one, or the kindly, confused and selfish one. The lesson is that we need to take time to decide well, then we need to do what is right. We need sound heads, compassionate hearts and willing hands. God calls all of us to live in truth, love and justice. We need to believe in the possibilities of a better world, and to become the people who join the two sons in the Gospel today – to decide on what is right in the sight of God and to do it.



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

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Frances Wale, Margaret Sharratt, Winifred Chapman, Margaret Moran, Benjamin Hunter, Mary Cash, William Tracey, John Hunt, Albert Cotterill, Jack Towey, Marcus Hopkins, Leslie Mear, Mary Nallen, Michael Leonard, Arthur Hughes, Anne Cleary, Kathleen Sneering, George Pegg, Catherine Whelan, Frances Lyons, Harry Taylor, Esme Lee, Bill Davis, Vicky Galbraith, Betty Roberts, Christina Dunbar, Margaret Collins, Patrick Healy, Marion Longhorn, Thomas McCalliom, Valeria O'Hara, Kenneth Griffiths, Patrick McCann, Mary Windsor, John O'Brien, Hugh Osborne, Doreen Lawrence, Eileen Roach, Winifred Inskip, Peter Gleeson, Charles Lawley, Mary Quibell, Ann James, Pauline Bryans, Anne Green, Andrew Lawlor, Joyce Hall, Mary Gillen.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Peter Seekings**, who will be received into St John's on Sunday 1st October at 7pm followed by the funeral Mass on Monday, 2nd October at 12.00 noon, **Sheila Mulligan** who will be received into St John's on Tuesday 3rd October at 6.30pm followed by the funeral Mass on Wednesday 4th October at 12.00noon, **Daniel Wyatt**, funeral Mass will take place in St John's on Thursday, 12th October at 11.45 and **Anne Bernes**, funeral Mass will take place in Sacred Heart on Monday, 9th October at 10.00am and **Jill Calderbank**. May they rest in peace.



Apple Festival Sunday 15th October

Can you please?

1. Bring in your apples. Can you get some from your garden or someone else's (with permission, of course)? **Please start bringing them in from today.**

Please discard any that are rotten or badly bruised

Tell us whether they are cooking or eating apples (label them)

2. Making and Baking: then we need lots of people to make things like pies, tarts, sauces, chutneys, toffee apples, crumbles...

We will supply apples and flour, from next weekend Oct 6th/7th.



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.

The Heating at St John's is having some important work done to the pipes in the boiler room. Our thanks to Dave and Matt for doing a great job to date. We are sorry if it's getting a touch chilly but the heating should soon be ready to go on.



Building Work: The shower room and confessional are coming along well. At the same time we are awaiting prices for the alterations to the Church sanctuary and redecoration. It will most likely start in the new year.

Lourdes Parish Pilgrimage 2018: The parish has not been to Lourdes for at least 7 years so it is time we gave parishioners the opportunity to go again. A great time to go is Whitsun with the Diocese (May 28th 2018). Please let Fr Michael know if you are interested in helping organise this.

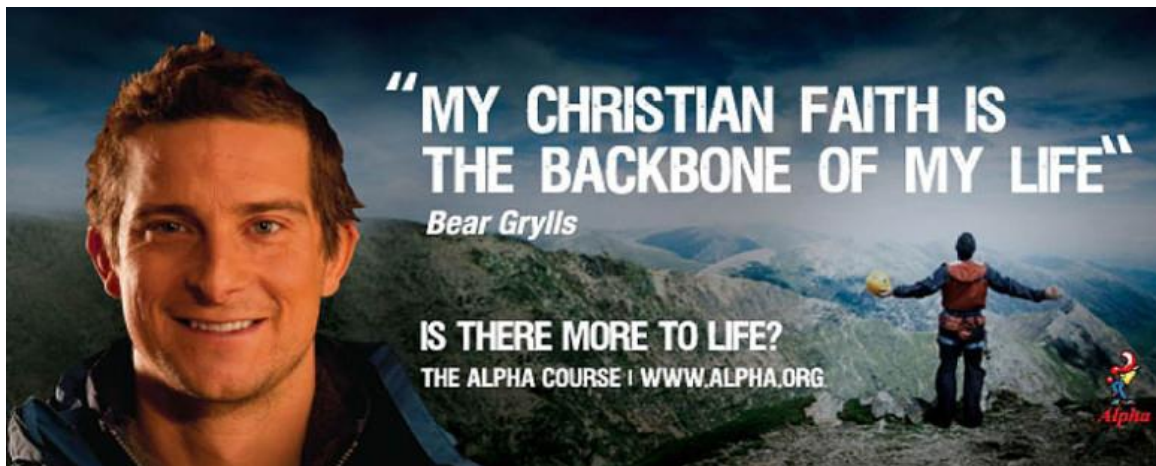


CAFOD Second Collection is next weekend. Please use gift aid envelopes available in Church this weekend. Please be generous in support of this vital work that CAFOD supports.

Second Collection for Father Gerold Mwanga of the Chingulungulu parish South Tanzania to help fund running costs for their mother and child clinic Dispensary and Kindergarden (most children are orphans, parents have died from HIV AIDS). This collection will be on the weekend on Oct 15th. It is being organised by Jean Sutton.

Wedding Anniversary – Congratulations to David and Ann Barnes on the celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on the 30th September, and Brigid and John Serrage on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary today, 1st October. Congratulations and God Bless you all on this wonderful achievement.

Alpha Course



Alpha starts this week on Thursday October 5th. If you are coming, please arrive by **7.15pm**.

It is not too late to sign up, but please let us know today. If you are thinking about it but are not sure if the course is for you, why not sign up for this Thursday and try the first session, then you can decide whether or not the course is for you.

It's not too late to invite others either so please be brave. Don't worry if they all say 'no', at least you have asked them. The more we ask the more 'yeses' we will get! It may need a little courage so pray about it. I am sure Bear Grylls (above) must have been nervous when telling the whole world about his faith. We can take strength from that.

We do need to know numbers (for catering) so please sign up (list in porch) or e-mail Fr Michael if you are coming and get others who might not come to Mass to 'RSVP'. If you are not coming, please remember to keep Alpha in your prayers.

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 or write down your contact details and hand them in immediately. If you have any questions then please get in touch.

Prayer Group meetings have changed to Tuesdays - 8.00 pm at Sacred Heart. This prayer includes silence, praise and singing and open prayer. All are welcome.



Come Home For Christmas: There is a course at Maryvale about welcoming people back into the faith. Does anyone want to attend? If so please, email parishevang@maryvale.ac.uk and let Fr Michael know. It would be good to have someone representing the parish there.



Peace, Pope Francis and the call to active nonviolence: You are warmly invited to the Birmingham Diocesan Justice and Peace Assembly on Sat 14th Oct 2017 10:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at St Peter's Catholic School, Whitefields Road, Solihull, B91 3NZ. Guest Speakers: Pat Gaffney - Pax Christi and the Catholic Nonviolence Initiative James Trewby - Columbans - J&P Education plus workshops. Cost: £8 (low income - £5) Please bring your own lunch. To book email: bham.jandp@gmail.com. To download a Registration Form go to www.birminghamjandp.org.uk

St Elizabeth's School Adult Quiz Night on Sat 7th Oct at 7.30pm in the school hall. Tickets are £8.00, incl a Fish/Chips (£3.00 without food). Teams of 4 - 6. Bring drinks & nibbles. Tickets are available from Jane McSweeney on 07849 439867 or Marie Kennedy on 07745 655994. Come and join the fun and help raise funds for the school. All welcome.

Fr Mario's Induction Mass at St Catherine of Siena, Bristol Road is on Wed Oct 4th at 7.00 pm. Please sign up if you want to go on a coach (cost £7.50 each) - which will leave Sacred Heart at 5.30 pm and return by 10.00pm. There are still places.

Community Activities

Starfish: Our Starfish 'breakfast club' runs from the Sacred Heart. It's held every Sat from **10 till 12.00 am**. Please invite people 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.

A.A. Groups meet at St John's every Mon and Fri 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 a place to meet & something to do. New members welcome.

Sacred Heart Flower Ladies would like to thank Bridie, Chris and Jan for organising the raffle for flowers for church, the great amount of £135 was raised. Also thank you to the tea and coffee team for the donation of £50. We are very grateful for all your support.



Money Matters	
Envelopes	221.20
Standing Order	800.00
Loose	327.69
Total:	£ 1348.89
Father Hudson's	341.04
<i>Thank-you.</i>	
Gift Aid: Please increase your giving by 25%; sign a Gift Aid form. Call the Parish Office or office@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk	

Kenelm Youth Trust Charity Ball 2017 – Sat 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. **If you want to be part of a parish group then contact Fr Michael. There are a number coming along.**

Father Michael is 'Chasing the Cake' this Sunday.

It is a bike ride aiming to raise funds for a new permanent emergency night shelter (the only one) in Birmingham. It is a shelter that Caritas Archdiocese of Birmingham is instrumental in establishing. It opened its doors last Thursday in Digbeth. It is called Tabor House and will help 16 rough sleepers off the street and support them in rebuilding their lives.

If you want to sponsor Fr Michael then go to www.justgiving.com and search for 'Chase the Cake' and the name Michael White or just hand in a donation. It's at Cannock Chase and there is a big slice of cake at the end of it (another reason why I am doing it!). Thank-you, Fr Michael

