



St John the Baptist Parish Newsletter

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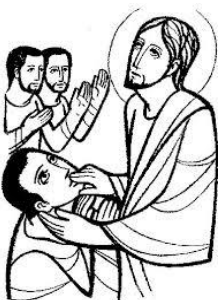
St John's Church is on St John St, Tamworth, B79 7EX

Twenty Seventh Sunday of the year (A) – 8th October 2017

Psalm Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel

Saturday 7 th October	Our Lady of the Rosary Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year	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
Mon 9 th Oct	Blessed John Henry Newman	10.00am (S.H.)	Funeral Mass for Anne Bernes
Tuesday 10 th October	Feria	10.00 am (S.H.)	Communion Service
Wednesday 11 th October	Feria	10.00 am (S.J.)	Bridie O'Connor
Thursday 12 th October	Feria	11.45am (S.J.)	Funeral Mass for Daniel Wyatt
Friday 13 th October	Feria	9.15 (S. G.) 12.30pm (S.J.)	Betty Ghent Mass for the sick and housebound of the parish
Saturday 14 th October	Feria Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year	10.30am (S.J.) 6.00pm (S.J.)	Communion Service – please note John Gobsil – Phil McGuigan
Sunday 15 th October	Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year	9.00 am (S.H.) 10.30 am (S.J.) 12.00 noon (S.H.)	Jean Padmore – Sarah & Paddy Gillen Special Intentions – Mary Lynch Veronica Johnson – Winnie Walker

Confessions: **No Confessions Saturday morning** and 5.15 – 5.45 pm on Saturday 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, Judith Timms, Christine Bayley, Baby L'Kye, Margaret Gallagher, Maria Fe Alcuaz, Tom Collins, Dylan Smith, John Hackett and Mary Collins, Eva Howard, Violet Seekings, Odette Nunes.

Reflection - He will lease the vineyard to other tenants:

We are the tenants of the vineyard which is provided by God. It has everything we need to make it prosper. God gives us the freedom to run the vineyard as we choose. We need to be sensitive to what He desires of us. To know what fruits we produce, we need to look at the values of our society, love, respect, inclusiveness..... We also need to recognize the weeds in our vineyard: greed, hate, division..... The cornerstone of the Christian way of life is love. God sent his only son not because life is perfect, but because love is. Because of love the Lord will never abandon his vineyard.



Thank-you to St Gabriel's and St Elizabeth's schools for leading 9.00 am and 10.30 am Masses this weekend. Please remember the children in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in the next 12 months. We welcome them today.

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

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Patrick Dunlop, Florence Archer, Daisie Reed, Peter Smith, Sarah Gillan, Annie Garry, James Cavin, Christine Goodfellow, Agnes Hughes, Laurence Haiste, Catherine Whelan, Dot Fairfield, Thomas Sunter, Kevin Hirons, Annie Smith, Veronica Hall, Kathleen Oxenbold, Dr. Philip Vaughan, Ellen Brotherhood, Dennis Stokes, Michael Dunleavy, George New, James Watts, John Dola, Tony Reading, Leonard Reading, Veronica (Ronnie) Johnson, Raymond Coleman, Aidrie Hewitt, Olive Clancey, Marjorie Bishop, Bernadette Whitlock, Alec Cockeram, Emma Novakova, Justine Entwistle.

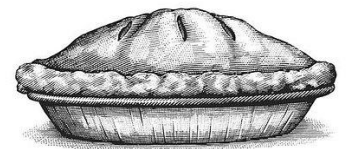
Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Daniel Wyatt** whose funeral Mass will take place in St John's on Thursday, 12th October at 11.45 and **Anne Bernes**, whose funeral Mass will take place in Sacred Heart on Monday, 9th October at 10.00am (Ann will be received back to her home on Sunday 8th October the family have advised if anyone would like to go to the house they are welcome at 39 Ferrers Road Bolehall); for **Nicole Austin** whose funeral will be at Sutton Crematorium on Tues October 10th at 9.30 am. **Christine Breeden** (Rob's wife) passed away on Thursday morning (Funeral arrangements tbc) and, **Pat Elsmore** (Kath Tibbins sister) and **Jill Calderbank**. May they rest in peace and please pray for their loved ones grieving at this time.



Apple Festival Next Sunday 15th October

Can you please?

1. Can you make something with apples? Pies, crumbles, toffee apples, chutneys ...? Please take some apples today, some flour and foil containers and bring them back next Saturday or early Sunday morning for a sale.



2. Apple Juicing: We will be juicing and pasteurising apple juice from 1.00pm on Friday 13th October and from 10.00 am on Saturday 14th – all day. Many hands make light work, so if you can spare some time-even an hour would be greatly appreciated-to come and help prepare apples – cut out bruises etc., juice, bottle and label produce. It would make such a difference and you would be contributing and supporting our building projects and helping us to live simply.

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: Thank you to those who have shown an interest in this. The first rehearsal will be on 20th October at 6.30pm in the Sacred Heart Church. It is for those in Year 7 and above. If you would like to come along or find out more please speak to Alex Parker or e-mail michael@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk. There are some great young people who are already on board. Please come along and get involved.



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 this 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 find 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.

Deacon Nick Williams will be here most weekends. Could parishioners invite him to lunch on Sundays (Fr Michael usually goes to see his Dad) and it would be nice for him to get to meet some more people.

Alpha Course

Alpha started this week with over 80 present. Thank-you to all who came, Barry and helpers for cooking and leaders and organisers too.

It is not too late to sign up, but please let us know today.

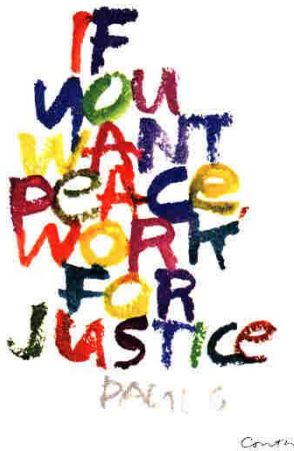
We do need to know numbers (for catering) so please phone the office or e-mail Fr Michael if you are coming and get others who might not come to Mass to 'RSVP'. If you are not coming, please remember to keep Alpha in your prayers.

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. Fr Michael is involved in this event which is why we have no Mass next Saturday morning.

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 went very well during the week. 44 members of the parish were present and we enjoyed a moving Mass and friendly reception. Fr Mario was delighted to see us there.

The Parish Council will be meeting This Wednesday (Oct 11th) at 8.00 pm at Sacred Heart.

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.

Bonfire Night – We need some volunteers to help organise and run it – to help with food, the fire and fireworks etc. It will be on Friday 3rd November at Sacred Heart Tickets only £3 adults £1 children which will include a Hot Dog, fireworks and games for the children. Tickets will go on sale next weekend.



November – Remembering Our Loved Ones: This is something the Church does every year in November. There are envelopes available if you want your loved ones remembered at Masses in November. Please write their names on the sheet and put it in the envelopes with any offerings. The blessing of graves will be organised when we have a second priest.



Young Couples – Welcoming and Belonging: It is always lovely to see young couples in our parish. Some mention that it is sometimes hard to meet other young couples who are committed to their faith and then others might be new to the Tamworth and even the U.K. With this in mind we are organising a social evening for young couples who are British and those from other cultures – to meet and relax over food and a drink. Would you like to come? Tickets (no charge) will be available soon but tell Fr Michael if you are interested.

Marathon Woman: On Sunday 15th Oct, I will be taking part in my very first marathon in Birmingham almost exactly 7 years from being diagnosed with breast cancer. I took up running less than 2 years ago after reaching 40 and getting the all clear. I am raising money for the Tamworth Wellbeing and Cancer Support Centre, a local charity which I have been involved in throughout my journey. Every pound really does help people in our community, some of whom are part of our parish and schools. I have a justgiving page www.justgiving.com/Louise1000k please take a look and support me if you can. I also do have paper sponsorship forms if you prefer. Many thanks Louise Vernon.

Money Matters	
Envelopes	
Standing Order	800.00
Loose	
Total:	£
Building Fund	
<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	

Fr Jerry Daley will celebrate 60 Years since being ordained a priest on 13th October. Please pray for him as he celebrates this wonderful anniversary.

St Editha's Shop: This month there will be lots of new items appearing on the shelves of St Editha's shop. The new Traidcraft autumn catalogue is now out and we will be stocking many items from it. New to the range this year are – a gift set including bath bomb, soap and body butter, a rose terracotta incense diffuser, new items using recycled bicycle chains and keys including a clock and wine rack and adorable children's hat and mittens sets. There are also new styles of bags, scarves, jewellery, and socks and much more besides! There are many lovely items that will make great gifts. As ever we are happy to order anything that we haven't got in stock.

