



St John the Baptist Parish Newsletter

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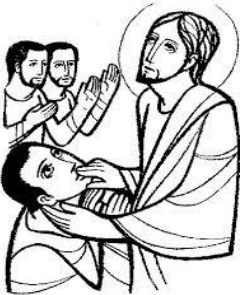
St John's Church is on St John St, Tamworth, B79 7EX

Twenty ninth Sunday of the year (A) –2017

Psalm Response: Give the Lord glory and power

Saturday 21st October Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year	Feria	10.30am (S.J.) 6.00pm (S.J.)	Nora Mason Win & Albert Evans – Heather Crook
Sunday 22nd October Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year		9.00 am (S.H.) 10.30 am (S.J.) 12.00 noon (S.H.)	Simon Steggle – Joan Pickup Nuella Enright – James McGrory Nell Mattison – Richard & Joanna Maher
Monday 23rd October	Feria	10.00 am (S.J.)	Communion Service
Tuesday 24th October	Feria	10.00 am (S.H.)	Funeral Mass for Christine Breeden
Wednesday 25th October	Feria	12.00 noon (S.J.)	Funeral Mass for Violet Seekings (Note time change)
Thursday 26th October	Feria	10.00am (S.H.)	Martin Morris
Friday 27th October	Feria	12.30pm (S.J.)	Mass for the sick and housebound of the parish
Saturday 28th October Thirtieth Sunday of the Year	Ss Simon & Jude	10.30am (S.J.) 6.00pm (S.J.)	Elizabeth & Kerry Siddons Months Mind Mass
Sunday 29th October Thirtieth Sunday of the Year		9.00 am (S.H.) 10.30 am (S.J.) 12.00 noon (S.H.)	Frances Padmore – Special Intentions Karina Kennet – Mary Cahalan Amelia Wayne – Karen Davidson

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, 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, Mary Collins, Eva Howard, Odette Nunes, Janine Nolan, Terry Spears, Slaw.

Reflection: Anything that is claimed to belong to someone can be controlled, so often money/power, in our world brings control. But belonging to God means to belong to love, God doesn't want to control us but to love us, it has nothing to do with power and control. Belonging to God also means belonging to each other. We have rights and duties of love. Give to others what belongs to others, give to the poor what belongs to the poor. Our work for hunger, education etc is not a charity for people, it is justice. It's not charity when people are given food, education, a home, freedom of religion, freedom of speech – it is justice. To give to God what belongs to God is to share the goods of the earth!



Months Mind Mass Saturday, 28th October – We pray for all who died during the month of September especially Josie Pullen, Pat Elsmore, Patrick McEvoy, Peter Seekings, Sheila Mulligan, Anne Bernes, Daniel Wyatt, Betty White and Cissie Dyer. May they rest in peace

If you wish for a loved one to be remembered in next week's Months Mind please add their names to the sheet on the notice board.

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

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Hilda Cockeram, Winifred Geldard, Annie Garry, Patrick Clifford, H. Barrs, Barrie Davies, Sarah Davis, Monica Williscroft, James Clack, Angela Taylor, Frances Yates, Kathleen Winnall, Sandra Wardall, Beatrice Painter, Harry Johnston, Ernest Gore, John Sykes, Robert Corry, Frances Beardsley, John Battersby, George Adcock, John Fisher, Edmund Wieloch, Richard Hearn, Annie Hunter, Fredrick Gordon Jr, Mary Stansfield, Ester Walsh, Gladys Beckett, Alice Cant, Mary Ensor, Francis McCormack, John O'Dwyer, Berly McGough, Peter Owen, Shelley-Louise Jacka, Walter Breakell, Jeffrey Horne, Milos Ostojic, Albert Parkes, Winifred Saunders, Andrew O'Driscoll, Francis Padmore, Jean Walker.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Christine Breeden** (Robert's wife) whose funeral will be on Tuesday 24th October at 10.00 am at Sacred Heart with burial at Amington, **Violet Seekings** (Peter's wife) whose funeral reception will be on Tuesday 24th October at 7.00 pm at St Johns followed by Requiem Mass on Wednesday at 12 noon, **Ada Potter**, Denise Foxall's aunt who died on the 13th October in the Wirral and **Trevor Warrillow**, Martins' father, who died near his home in Spain on 11th October aged 81, after a short illness. His ashes will be flown back to the UK at a later date for interment. May they rest in peace and please pray for their loved ones grieving at this time.

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. Please place the envelopes in the basket on the altar.

Our Annual Memorial Mass will be on Saturday Nov 4th at 6.00 pm. If you have lost anyone between November 2016 and Nov 2017, please write their names on the list in the porch so that they can be remembered in that Mass. Each name will be read out within the month they passed away. A candle will be lit for that month and there will be an opportunity for everyone to light their own candle to commemorate their loved one(s).



Poppy Appeal: Chris and Bridie will be at the back of the Church after 9am Mass on Sunday with Volunteer Forms as the Poppy Appeal starts this weekend. Can you please help? Please ring Bridie on 01827 283746 / 07532171784

SASRA - Soldier's and Airmen's Scripture Readers Association - are keen to encourage people in Tamworth to pray for their work in the armed services and, particularly, to try and identify someone to coordinate prayer and support locally.

Their focus locally is on Whittington Barracks (now Defence Medical Services (Whittington)). Mike Wajdner, SASRA area rep, will be leading an "information sharing and prayer" session at the Baptist Church in Belgrave (B77 2LD) from 7:30pm on Thursday 2nd November. Please come along and support if possible.

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.

Youth Band: Thank you to those who have shown an interest in this. Rehearsal on Friday at 6.30 pm 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 e-mail michael@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk or speak to Alex Parker. 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.

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 parishioners.



Alpha Course

The Alpha Course continues to go well. Great food again this week from Helen, Sue, Diane and a team of people prepping and cleaning up. Thank-you to them. Please keep Sunday November 19th free for a retreat day at Maryvale – an important part of the Alpha experience.



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. So far about 22 have signed up for this. This week is the last chance for anyone to join them.

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.

Our first meeting for all parents and children is on Monday October 30th at 6.15 pm at Sacred Heart. Please bring with you your child's baptism certificate.

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.

Deacon Nick is away for a couple of weekends. Well done to him on his homily last weekend and thank-you to all who offered some constructive criticism.

Community Activities



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 are now available and going fast!

Winter Night Shelter: The winter night shelter will run from December to the end of February next year. We are covering Sunday nights. Thank-you to all who volunteered. There are more slips at the back if you want to find out more. Just fill it in and leave it so that Simon can get in touch.

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.





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? **Invitations are available this weekend but we need to know if you are coming, please so do respond.**

The Apple Festival was a great success. People commented on the lovely atmosphere (including our visiting priests and students). It was a huge amount of work by over 30 people plus all those who collected apples and made them into something – whether toffee apples, pies, cakes etc. On the day it raised £900 and, with match-funding from Santander and HSBC, that should rise to £1800.00.

Thank-you and well done to everyone who was involved.

A Living Nativity – a short ten minute drama during the celebrations of the switching on of the Christmas lights will be on Sunday Nov 26th. A director of drama is needed for this 'Living Nativity'. Any volunteers for that role or other parts should contact Alex in the parish office.



TCC are also looking for new 'street angels' who are available late at night on weekends to be there to keep people safe on their way home.

They offer a guiding hand, or a drink or listening ear to anyone who needs it. Please contact Rev Vic Van den Bergh if you want to know more - minister_Stf@btinternet.com.

Money Matters	
Envelopes	154.27
Standing Order	800.00
Loose	511.79
Total:	£1466.06
Fr Gerold Mwangi	464.02
<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	

Apple Festival Raffle Draw 2017

	Prize	Ticket	Name	
1 st	VIP Spa Day Snowdome	Green 11	Gill Bentley	07932793837
2 nd	Sky Trail Voucher £20	Orange 236	Theresa M	
3 rd	Ripples £15 Voucher	Orange 246	Gee Bernstein	899790
4 th	Dolled and Dapper Hair Cut	Orange 166	Denise Foxall	
5 th	£10 Gift Voucher- Gayton	White 61		59197
6 th	Pickerings Prosecco Gift Set -	Orange 11	Ian Haywood	55886
7 th	Bottle of Wine	Green 36	Laysee Carless	07460637978
8 th	Chocolates	White 46	Bob Charles	

Our Christmas Raffle is soon coming up.

Forthcoming Events: We have our memorial Mass on **Saturday Nov 4th** at the 6.00 pm Mass. Other notable weekends in November include a new **World Day of the Poor on the weekend of Nov 19th**. As we pray for the poor we also bless people engaged in helping those in need – so there will be a blessing at all Masses for people who visit the sick, help with the night shelter, visiting the lonely, bereaved and others.

The next weekend is **national Youth Sunday** on the feast of Christ the King (Nov 26th). It is a weekend in which we listen to and try to focus on the needs of young people within the Church. Ideas for the liturgy this weekend are welcome. It is also the weekend in which we have the social event for young couples.

Then Advent starts. We will be asking for people to help with boosting choirs at Christmas, reading at Christmas Masses, helping pack and deliver hampers and the Christmas dinner.

