



St John the Baptist Parish Newsletter

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First Sunday Advent (B) – 3rd December 2017

Psalm Response: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved

Saturday 2 nd December	Feria First Sunday of Advent	10.30am (S.J.) 6.00pm (S.J.)	William (Bill) Yeadon Nell Mattison – Pat Lane
Sunday 3 rd December	First Sunday of Advent	9.00 am (S.H.) 10.30 am (S.J.) 12.00 noon (S.H.)	Paddy & Jean Padmore – Olive & Dennis O'Connor Eileen Bolger – Kinahan Family Dan Collins – Christine Breeden
Monday 4 th December	Advent feria	10.00 am (S.J.)	Communion Service
Tuesday 5 th December	St Birinus	10.00 am (S.H.)	Holy Souls
Wednesday 6 th December	Advent feria	7.00 am (S.H.) 10.00 am (S.J.)	Peter Seekings – Please note this Advent Mass Ray and Martin Morris
Thursday 7 th December	St Ambrose	10.00am (S.H.)	Funeral Mass for Margaret Royds
Friday 8 th Dec	Immaculate Conception	9.15 (S.E.) 12.30pm (S.J.)	Grainne McKeefry Mass for the sick and housebound of the parish
Saturday 9 th December	Advent feria Second Sunday of Advent	10.30am (S.J.) 6.00pm (S.J.)	Nuella Enright Sean Bolger – Michael & Pauline Devlin
Sunday 10 th December	Second Sunday of Advent	9.00 am (S.H.) 10.30 am (S.J.) 12.00 noon (S.H.)	Bernadette Whitlock – Ayasamy Family Hughie McKenny – David Jeffries Ann McCauley – Jim & Sheila Brown

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, Christine Bayley, Baby L'Kye, Margaret Gallagher, Maria Fe Alcuaz, Tom Collins, John Hackett, Mary Collins, Eva Howard, Odette Nunes, Janine Nolan, Terry Spears, Tom Sharratt, Tilly Sweet.

Reflection: For most of us, Advent gives the feeling of joyous anticipation, with the sure knowledge that something wonderful awaits. The Gospel today says 'Stay awake!' As we begin the season of Advent let us stay awake and take the opportunity to deepen and grow in our faith — do something good for others with your time or finance. Notice God in the events of the next few weeks, pray each day, make time to be awakened to the world around us, to the places where God lives, to the poor, the hungry, the needy and the vulnerable.

Lord, send me, use me, create me in your work in the world.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Margaret Royds** whose funeral will take place in Sacred Heart church on Thursday, 7th December at 10.00am, **Ernest Walker**, who will be received into St John's on Wednesday 13th December at 5pm followed by a funeral Mass on Thursday 14th December at 10.00am and **Nora Kinsella** whose funeral will take place in Sacred Heart on Friday 15th December at 10.00am. May they rest in peace.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Rose McKenny, Winifred Holyoake, Emma Glenn, Sara Fear, Marie Titterton, George Pizzuto, Bernard McDonnell, Elsie Hampton, Vincent Tyrell, Mary Brightman, Evelyn Kelly, Marjorie Pulcella, Barbara Cowman, John Hyland, Alan Sargeant, Freddie Eckert, Mary Walton, Mary Dicken, Edward Patrick, Barry Spencer, Gertrude Rogers, Julia Hoey, Joseph Ryan, Vytautas Tarabilda, Basil Baldwin, John James McGee, Bridget Hickey, Annie McNamara, Ethal Bell, Eva Selvester, Thomas Weir, Carmel Edwards, Marinna Scot, David Jordan, Tony Moran, Rose Bridgewater, Catherine Brown, Marian Frymus, Grainne McKeefry, Laurence Sullivan.



Walk With Me Booklets are now in Church. **Advent starts today** and these booklets can help guide us through a season of spiritual preparation for this great Christian celebration. If you can spare a £1 put one in but otherwise just take one.

Early Morning Masses will be on Wednesdays at Sacred Heart. Join us for Advent at 7.00 am.

The Christmas Dinner this year is being hosted by us at Sacred Heart. It is for anyone who might be alone or struggling in some other way. We have some great cooks but still need some help with service, socialising and lifts to and from the meal. We plan to eat at 1.00 pm on Christmas Day and lifts home at 2.30 pm. If you can help please sign up in the porch.

Alpha is on again this Thursday at 7.30.

TCC Carols on Saturday 16th December 2pm - 3pm outside the Town Hall. We need seven other readers with strong voices plus stewards. If you are interested please contact Jessica Harrison jessicaharrison2502@gmail.com

Monday 18th December Carol Singing outside Asda 6pm - 7pm

Wednesday 20th December Carol Singing outside the Snowdome 6pm - 7pm (free Hot Chocolate).

Can anyone help develop a community charity website? speak to Fr Michael if you can.

Carols at Christmas St Editha's Church, Tamworth 7th Dec at 7pm. All proceeds are for the Alzheimer's Society. Tickets are available from alzheimer.org.uk/carolstamworth or 0330 3330804.



Children's Christmas Party - There will be a meeting for anyone who wishes to help with the party on Wednesday 6th December at 7.30pm at Sacred Heart

Tickets available today - £2.00 each.

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

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.

Thank you Sacred Heart Tea group for their kind donation of £300 which will go towards the refurbishment of the downstairs kitchen at Sacred Heart. Heart of Tamworth have raised further

funds and plan to start this work after Christmas.

Heart of Tamworth needs a website to be developed. Can anyone help us to do that please? Please contact Fr Michael if you can help.

UCM - Reminder that the UCM meal is on Wednesday 6th December. Meet at the Old Crown, Wiggington 7pm for 7.30 start.

Our Christmas Fundraiser - we have had a few demanding events recently so there will be no Bazaar this year but there will be a draw.

Please bring back Raffle Ticket stubs & money asap please.

Winter Night Shelter has launched this weekend. Please keep all involved in your prayers.

Parish Christmas Cards will be available next weekend.

Money Matters

Envelopes	112.00
Standing Order	800.00
Loose	448.71
Total:	£1360.71
Youth Service	652.91

Thank-you.

Gift Aid: Please increase your giving by 25%; sign a Gift Aid form. Call the Parish Office or office@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk