

# St John the Baptist Parish Newsletter

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We welcome you all to our Easter Mass.

A special welcome to visitors who are staying in Tamworth this weekend. It is wonderful to share the joy of Easter as disciples of Jesus.

## Easter Sunday (B) – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018

**Psalm Response: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.**

<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>		11.00 am (S.H.)	<b>Święconka</b> - Polish Blessing of Food
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>East Vigil</b>	8.00 pm (S.H.)	Easter Vigil followed by refreshments
<b>EASTERSUNDAY</b>		9.00 am (S.H.)	John Ellis and Fr Tom Hewitt
		10.30 am (S.H.)	The People of the Parish
		12 noon (S.H.)	Brian Fitzgerald and Maria Cortez
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Monday</b>	10.00 am (S.H.)	Communion Service
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Tuesday</b>	10.00am (S.H.)	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Wednesday</b>	10.00am (S.H.)	Communion Service
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Thursday</b>	10.00am (S.H.)	Eric Richards
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Friday</b>	12.30pm (S.H.)	Mass for the sick and housebound
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Saturday</b>	10.30 am (S.H.)	Nathan Brown

## Second Sunday of Easter (B) – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**Psalm Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end**

<b>Sat 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>	6.00 pm (S.H.)	Dr Thomas Barry – Fitzgerald & Bolger family
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	9.00 am (S.H.)	Dariusz (Derek) Slotwinski – Chris Henderson
	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>	12.00 noon (S.H.)	Doreen Mooney – Celia Gillen
<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Annunciation of the Lord</b>	10.00 am (S.H.)	Communion Service
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter feria</b>	10.00 am (S.H.)	Patsy Joyce
<b>Wednesday 11 April</b>	<b>St Stanislaus</b>	10.00 am (S.H.)	Christine Breen
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter feria</b>	10.00 am (S.H.)	David Burford
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter feria</b>	11.30 pm (S.H.)	<b>Funeral Mass</b> for Mary Louise Peart
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter feria</b>	10.30 am (S.H.)	Communion Service
	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	6.00 pm (S.H.)	Nell Mattison _ Stephanie & Geoff Franklin
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>		9.00 am (S.H.)	Michael Fox – Robert Joseph Ward
	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	12.00 noon (S.H.)	Michael Gillen – Phillip Charlesworth

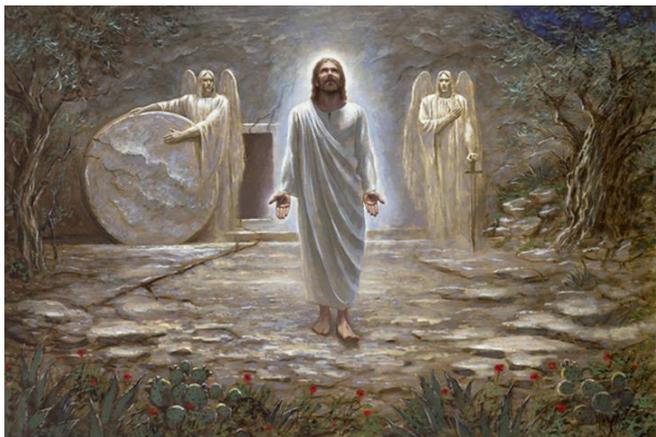


**Please pray for the sick:** Chad Williams, Teresa Woodcock, Julie Orme, Stephen Morley, Jaden Walker, Frank Ryan, Mary Miller, Winnie Claridge, Sarah Gillen, Anne-Marie Purslow, Joan Trevis, Tony Soden, Adam Coxhead, Eileen D'Arcy, Sarah Spencer, Gladys Cuffe, Kingsley Bayley, Beryl Smith, Mary Williams, Joyce Anderson, Agnes Buckley, David Foxall, Leslie Roe, Sadie Porter, Michelle McGrotty, Nancy Finn, Tony Borman, Stella Moseley, Maureen Gallagher, Theo Castanheira, Iris Bishop, Michael Dwyer, Gemma Vine, Corinne Collins, Christine Bayley, Baby L'Kye, Margaret Gallagher, Maria Fe Alcuaz, Tom Collins, Mary Collins, Odette Nunes, Terry Spears, Tilly Sweet, Peggy Bashford, Vickie Pickup, Karen Taylor, Evelyn Reardon, Sean McAuley, Aoife, Rita Fidoe, Alan Bentley.

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:** Harold Levesley, Ernest Bonham, William Jackson, Annie Doggerell, Catherine Collins, Michael Davey, Harry Glevey, Arthur Wood, Walter Davis, George Radford, Eli Roots, Nora Clover, James O'Rourke, John Fowley, Rose Robinson, Julia Worgan, Eileen McGovern, Emma Riley. Ken Guildler, Eleanor Luton, Elizabeth Lynch, George Cash, Horace Spooner, Margaret McLaeen, Ferdynand Dent, Olive Catherine O'Conner, Alexander Connelly, George Waterhouse, Patrick Healey, David Willis, Irene Moore, Margaret Dowd, Eileen Connolly, Carol Hill, Barbara Coggins, Christina McGregor, Elizabeth Morrall, Beatrice Hughes, Ann Futrill, Barbara Czernuszka.

Martin & Florence Tansey, Joseph Mostyn, Arthur Williams, Laurence McCormack, Anne Cunningham, Nellie Cuffe, Kathleen Vaughan, Mary Nolan, George Wale, William Proudman, Patrick Fleming, Stanislaw Malewski, Mary Evans, Patrick Garrity, Margaret Stans, Violet Riley, Monica Appleby-Austin, Elizabeth Long, Elizabeth Watkins, Mary McMahan, Maura Egan, Fr. James McKenny, Patricia Davis, Michael Gillen, John Fowley, George Jordan, Brian Griffiths, Alice Watton, Thomas Parker, Laureen Annette May Hill, Ivan Cockeram, Sarah Davy, Gertrude Maguire, Iris Baldwin, Donna Hirons, Pauline Skirmer, Ida O'Rourke, Fred Longworth, Michael Durber, Pauline Wieloch, Ann Chipman, Patrick Larvin, David Herbert, Roy Colbeck, Michael Fox, Keith Craddock, Charlotte Fitzsimmons



**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of **Maureen Mole** whose funeral service will take place at Sutton Coldfield Crematorium on Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm; **David Greene** will be received into Sacred Heart on Wed 18<sup>th</sup> April at 5pm followed by the funeral Mass on Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00am; **Mary Peart** whose funeral will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April at Sacred Heart at 11.30am: **Matilde Sarno** whose funeral will take place at Sacred Heart on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> April at 12.30pm; **Jim Armstrong** who died during the week, funeral details will be published after Easter. May they rest in peace.

**Eucharist and the Family** –a day at Maryvale on discovering the heart of the faith in the family. These days are run in preparation for the World Meeting of Families (21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August and the Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress on the 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The day is for Eucharistic Ministers, Parish/family workers, teachers, catechist and parishioners. For more information or to reserve a place contact Paul Northam or Sr Gillian Murphy – [fieldevang@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:fieldevang@maryvale.ac.uk) or ring Maryvale on 0121 360 8118.

**New Testament** – do you want to extend your knowledge? It has been suggested that it would be interesting to build upon the other faith enriching groups by starting a bible study group which would probably meet once a month initially. The intention is to learn more about the social and historical context of the stories recounted in the gospels and the context in which each gospel was written. If you would like to join in the group, please let us know by contacting Wendy in the office.



**Youth Band** – Calling young people in Year 6 or above: Do you enjoy singing or playing a musical instrument? Would you like to join our Youth Band? We would like to expand! We rehearse each Friday during term time from 6.30 – 7.20 pm at the Sacred Heart Church and lead the Music at various Masses on a rota basis – we aim for once a month. For more information, e-mail [alex@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk](mailto:alex@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk) or come along to practise this Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 6.30pm, Sacred Heart Church in the Modwen Room.



**Knitting dolls:** On the subject of knitting, we are looking for a volunteer or two to knit some dolls please (to a certain design) to be used by our own children. Is anyone curious enough to volunteer? We have some images we can show you.

**Growing Geraniums and Other Flowering basket Plants:** Can you grow 50 or 100 plants from seeds? This summer we want to use people's skills in this area to help us make up hanging baskets as a fundraiser. If a few people could do a bit each, it would make it easier and more fruitful for the parish. Can you help?

Please note –**we are updating our records** so we can let parishioners know about Church openings and closures (with building work) or Mass times at Christmas and Easter. If you have not completed a slip, please do on today.

**Any Old Gold?** It's a strange question but someone suggested this. The refurbishment does include some gold leaf work. To help with the cost they offered to donate some gold ear rings they no longer use. Has anyone else got an item of gold they could donate (chains, rings, broaches etc)? Please put them in the gold box in the porch. Thank-you.

**St Elizabeth's School** are looking to appoint a full time Class Teacher for one year from September 2018 until August 2019. Please look at the notice board for more details.

Money Matters	
Envelopes	212.31
Standing Order	800.00
Loose	501.38
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£1513.69</b>
Building Fund	391.89

*Thank-you.*

**Gift Aid: Gift Aid:** Signing a Gift Aid form will increase your gift by 25% at no cost to you. For more info call the parish office or email [office@stiohnrctamworth.org.uk](mailto:office@stiohnrctamworth.org.uk)

**The Summer Fayre is on June 24<sup>th</sup> this year.** Can you help? Can you provide any big prizes – any connections with hotels or holidays? Can you get match funding (banks are very good at offering this to employees)? Do you know someone who can? Please have a little think about it. Please phone or email the office if you can help.

**St Joseph's Home, Coleshill**, offers residential care to older people and those living with dementia in a Catholic setting. Respite bedrooms are also available for those who could benefit from short stay. If you or someone you know might benefit from the care offered at St Joseph's, please call 01675 434500 for an informal chat or to arrange a visit.

**Support Staffordshire** will be recruiting and training a team of volunteers to become community buddies to offer a friendly ear to local residents, signposting and supporting accessibility to voluntary, community and health services. The purpose is to connect community members with community buddies to enable them to attend local groups and to encourage and assist people facing barriers to access support within their local community. The support will be time limited to a maximum of 6 sessions so that eventually the community member can attend on their own. For more information please contact Clare Jolly on [clare.jolly@supportstaffordshire.org.uk](mailto:clare.jolly@supportstaffordshire.org.uk)



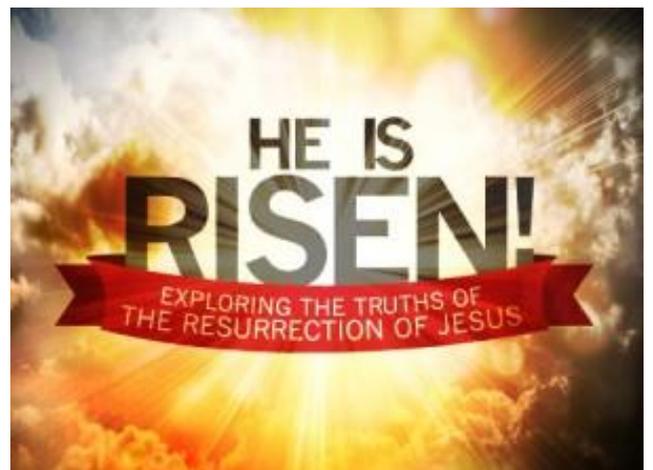
**Fruit Pie Sale** – will be held at Sacred Heart on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Proceeds will be shared between the parish and ward 17 at Good Hope Hospital.

**Afternoon Tea** - Carolyn Fleurat will be holding an Afternoon Tea on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2 – 5pm at Sacred Heart in aid of the Birmingham Archdiocese pilgrimage to Lourdes. Carolyn who is a registered nurse, will be caring for the sick during the pilgrimage and is raising funds for the trip. Cost of the tea is £5 for adults £4 for children. For tickets please ring 07889040535.

**APF Mission** – The total amount collected last year from the Red Boxes was £1861.93. Thank you to all Red Box holders at both churches

**Skittle Alley Games:** Do any young people fancy some skittle alley games on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April from 2.00 till 4.00pm. Great games and chocolate prizes. Just sign up in the porch. Limited to Yr 5–7 free.

**Learning More About Jesus and the Faith:** If you want to meet with others and find out about how amazing and life changing the Christian faith can be, then email [alex@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk](mailto:alex@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk) for a series of meetings starting in September this year.



## H.O.T. Activities:

**Easter Sunday Lunch** – Thank you to those who have come forward to volunteer and to those who have made donations. We have had a very generous contribution of money but also of chocolates, tea and coffee from the staff at the Glascote Road Co-Op; further such donations of chocolate and sweets would be welcome. Would anyone like to join us to eat Easter dinner? Please contact the office if you do.



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

**Singing for the Mind:** The next session is at Sacred Heart on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 10.30-11.30am. If you love to sing why not come along and join us. Proven benefits of singing are: It's good for the mind, helps with confidence, relieves anxiety and reduces stress.

*Singing connects the mind with the heart and the heart with the soul. So sing, I dare you! Neil Diamond*

**A Bereavement Support** service operates at Sacred Heart on Fridays (10 – 12.00 noon). If you know of anyone grieving, please invite them to join us. We work in partnership with St Giles Hospice and are supported by M.G. Evan's and the Cooperative Funeral Directors.



**Saturday – Starfish:** It has been great to welcome new volunteers to assist with the work in recent weeks. We receive regular donations from Tesco Express in Amington and Tesco Express in Fazeley of bread and other items, through the Food Share scheme that channels food that is going out of date to local charities. Some of these are shared with other Starfish centres due to the shortness of the date and to ensure best use is made of what we receive. We are currently unable to be given meat, for hygiene reasons, so we would welcome contributions of bacon or sausages, or cash to buy them, as these are very popular. Please contact me, [sppeople@btinternet.com](mailto:sppeople@btinternet.com) or speak to me at 12 O'Clock mass or let Nora have any donations.

**Tamworth Carnival 2018:** In order to raise the profile of Heart of Tamworth and raise funds for our projects from a wider audience, we are entering a Glascote float and have a stall in the Tamworth Carnival 2018. We have already had the very generous support of Guinan Girls in providing a lorry. Can you help on the day, **2<sup>nd</sup> June**, or with the preparations? The stall will raise funds so ideas and contributions to raise money are very welcome. An initial get together to work out ideas and what is required will be held on 14 March at 7.30pm at Sacred Heart. If you cannot make it please email me with your interest at [sppeople@btinternet.com](mailto:sppeople@btinternet.com).

**Gambling Problems:** With internet gambling, it seems to be a growing issue with many people and some have asked for help. We have worked with Gamblers Anonymous and asked them to start a group here.

This group will start at St John's on Monday April 16<sup>th</sup>. If you know someone for whom gambling is a real problem, then let them know.

Please pray that this new group will help the lives of individuals and families as people seek to deal honestly with their gambling issues.



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CAUSE YOU TO HAVE  
DIFFICULTY IN SLEEPING?

**THERE IS HOPE.**

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