



St John the Baptist Parish Newsletter

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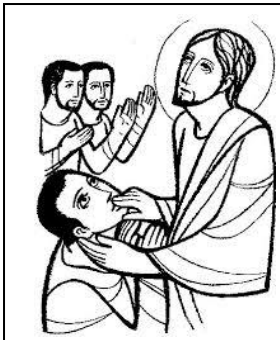
St John's Church is on St John St, Tamworth, B79 7EX

Fourth Sunday of the Year (B) – 22nd April 2018

Psalm Response: The Stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone

Saturday 21st April	Easter feria	10.30am (S.H.)	Liam Ryan
	Fourth Sunday of Easter	6.00pm (S.H.)	Tom Sharrett – Arron Johnson
Sunday 22 April		9.00 am (S.H.)	Philip Lynch – Fr Tom Hewitt
	Fourth Sunday of Easter	12.00 noon (S.H.)	Steve and Damian Brindley – Allan Wathen
Monday 23rd April	St George	10.00 am (S.H.)	Communion Service
Tuesday 24th April	Easter feria	10.00 am (S.H.)	Communion Service
Wednesday 25th April	St Mark	10.00 am (S.H.)	Communion Service
Thursday 26th April	Easter feria	10.00am (S.H.)	Communion Service
Friday 27th April	Easter feria	9.15 (S.G.)	John Hever
		12.30pm (S.H.)	Funeral Mass Matilde Sarno
Saturday 28th April	Easter feria	10.30am (S.H.)	Millie Bailey
	Fifth Sunday of Easter	6.00pm (S.H.)	John Michael Golden – John Gormley
Sunday 29th April		9.00 am (S.H.)	Anne O'Neill – Paddy Burke
	Fifth Sunday of Easter	12.00 noon (S.H.)	Flor Masters – Ray Barber

Confessions: Saturday Morning Only 11 – 11.30 at Sacred Heart



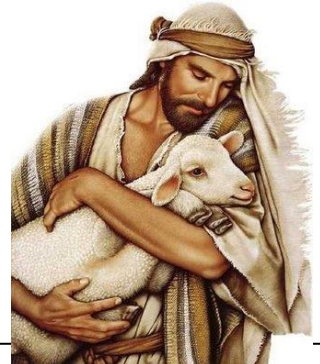
Please pray for the sick: Chad Williams, Teresa Woodcock, Gill Horsley, Mary Pullen, Julie Orme, Nikolas Atkins, Stephen Morley, Jaden Walker, Frank Ryan, Mary Miller, Winnie Claridge, Sarah Gillen, Anne-Marie Purslow, Joan Trevis, Tony Soden, Pablo Claveria, Adam Coxhead, Eileen D'Arcy, Sarah Spencer, Gladys Cuffe, Kingsley Bayley, Beryl Smith, Mary Williams, Joyce Anderson, Agnes Buckley, David Foxall, Leslie Roe, 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, Mary Collins, Odette Nunes, Terry Spears, Tilly Sweet, Vickie Pickup, Karen Taylor, Evelyn Reardon, Sean McAuley, Aoife, Rita Fidoe, Alan Bentley, Dennis Chipman, Joy Espanta.

Reflection: *The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep*

We all have our vocation or calling in life. A vocation is a response from within to needs outside ourselves, using our gifts, talents and education to meet the needs of others.

Today Jesus identifies himself as the "good shepherd," a vocation of love and care. A good shepherd does everything within their power to protect the sheep. If needed, the good shepherd will even lay down their lives for the sheep they care for.

Through our Christian faith we are called to be 'people for others' a call to love God and to love our neighbour. Jesus, as we well know, loved us so intensely that he was willing to give up his life for us, his sheep! Jesus died so that we might live!



Clergy Training Fund – This weekend we pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The Second Collection at all Masses is in aid of the Clergy Training Fund

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

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: John Egan, Louise Walker, Bernard Flanagan, Joshua Evans, Joan Johnson, Winifred Lee, Henry Morris, Henry Carr, William Yates, Frank McKenny, Peggy Hunt, Annie Brittle, Kathleen Jennett, Jimmie O'Mahony, Winifred Flavin, Peter Day, Nancy Walker, Albert Morris, Ashley Lonergon, Raul Chacon, Gerald Roberts, Jim Poulton, Veronica Welch, George Jones, Jennie Moss, Mary Little, Hilda Larvin, Patrick Iredale, William Tysall, Alexander McCaffrey, Terence Paul, Franciszek Olearczyk, Paul Jordan, Mary Foley, Marie Gassy, George Renshaw, Michael Walsh, Ruth Harris, Julie Carey, Elizabeth Eddy, Roger Barker, Marguerite Heap.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Matilde Sarno** whose funeral will take place at Sacred Heart on Friday the 27th April at 12.30pm; **Jim Armstrong** whose funeral will take place at Sacred Heart on Monday, 30th April at 10.00am. 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 (21st – 26th August and the Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress on the 7th – 9th Sept 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 or ring Maryvale on 0121 360 8118.

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 for a series of meetings starting in September this year.

New Testament – do you want to extend your knowledge? The first meeting will be on **Wed 9th May at 7pm at Sacred Heart**. If you would like to come, please contact Wendy in the office.

Alpha Celebration: Following our two successful Alpha Courses – the current one will finish on May 14th – we would like to invite all alpha guests, leaders, cooks and washer-ups to a Celebration of Alpha where we can meet up again to share food, a drink and a few testimonies. For those just completing courses we could also look towards our future faith development and involvement in the church. This will be held on May 21st at Sacred Heart in the upstairs Kenelm Room at 7.30pm. Please come along and join us, but in order to facilitate catering could you email alex@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk if you are planning on coming.



Home Groups: The format is to meet in someone's home and chat over a cup of tea/ coffee, then spend a short time reading and reflecting on short passages of the Bible and finishing with prayers for each other's needs and the needs of the community. Our first group meets fortnightly and are keen to keep going. We are hoping to start another Home Group as the Alpha Course finishes in May/June, If you are interested please contact Alex Parker: alex@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk. It is a great way to make new friends and also a gentle way to approach Bible Study in an informal way. If you would be able to offer your home as a venue, please contact Alex or phone the Parish Office.

Thy Kingdom Come – Join the Wave of Prayer. The TCC prayer event begins on Thursday 10th May Ascension Day service at St Georges, Bamford Street 7.30pm. The following dates are for half hour evening prayer meetings 7.00 – 7.30pm followed by refreshments.

Friday 11 th May	St Editha's Church Tamworth	Wednesday 16 th May	St Editha's Amington
Monday 14 th	Glascote Methodist Church	Thursday 17 th May	St Leonards Wigginton
Tuesday 15 th	Tamworth Baptist Church	Friday 18 th May	Sacred Heart Church

Saturday 19th May – Pentecost Party in the Park at the Bandstand, Castle Grounds 1.00 – 4.00pm. More details at www.thykingdomcome.globa

Friday 18th May at Sacred Heart - Could you be a welcomer for the TCC event? We will need a few people to help to serve refreshments. Please contact the office or e-mail alex@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk

HCPT Discovery Hour – Have you ever wondered how you could get involved with pilgrimage work? Now is your chance on Thursday 26th April, 7pm at Sacred Heart there will be an opportunity to listen to the experiences of Rachel, other helpers and young adults who attend HCPT pilgrimages. It will be an hour informing you all about HCPT and how you can be involved with their pilgrimage work. For more information, check the notice board.

Tamworth Bible Readathon St Editha's Church Wednesday 4th July – Saturday 7th July - an opportunity for you to be part of something unique and memorable. There's nothing quite like reading the Bible out loud, knowing that you are part of declaring all of God's Word. For more information contact Jayne Glynn by email: glynn.jayne@yahoo.com.

Choirs: Singing at Mass can be enhanced by good choirs, and these need to rehearse. The choir for the 9.00am Mass rehearse in the Modwen Room at Sacred Heart on Wednesday's from 7.00pm, there is also currently a rehearsal in church from 5.00pm on Saturdays for the 6.00pm Mass and 11.15am on Sunday for the 12.00noon Mass. If you would like to join one of the choirs please speak to Alex or email alex@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk

Pentecost 'Gifts of the Spirit' Concert: we are hosting this concert at Sacred Heart on Sat May 19th at 7.00 pm. Children from our schools will be singing along with Dan Callow and Emily Clark (professional Christian musicians). Tickets are £7 for adults and £5 for under 16's. It is a great way to celebrate Pentecost, encourage our children and listen to some new Christian music. So please come along. We thought the Sat evening Mass would be back in St John's (May 19th). It now clashes with the concert rehearsals. We are looking to have our Sat evening Mass in the function room upstairs (there is a lift).

The Summer Fayre is on June 24th this year. Can you help?

- *Can you provide any big prizes – any connections with hotels or holidays? We need these soon so we can do the raffle tickets.*
- *Can you get match funding (banks are good at offering this to employees)?*
- *Do you know someone who can?*
- *Can you help on the day? Please sign up if you can. Please think about it and phone or email the office if you can help.*

Our Summer Scheme is coming up and will run from July 23rd for two weeks. We are also hoping to run a Teen Scheme. For both of these to take place we need volunteers. If you would like to be involved this year and help in any way as a leader, helper, minibus driver or to help with the planning of activities, please contact alex@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk or phone the parish office. We do need to make the necessary DBS checks so a prompt response would be appreciated.



We took the Gold in to the Jewellery Quarter recently. They separated out the gold from what looked like gold and there was a small pot. Once it was weighed they gave us £2,300! We were a little surprised so thank-you to all who brought in bracelets, ear rings etc. It all made a difference. One dear parishioner even brought in her husband's wedding ring; he had passed away recently and she thought he would be pleased to have it used in such a lovely way!



It's not too late if anyone wants to bring some bits in.

St John's Re-opening: Bishop David McGough will bless St John's on the night of Wednesday May 23rd at 7.00 pm. It will remain closed till then and Masses will continue at Sacred Heart.

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.

St Gabriel's are currently advertising for a full time **class teacher/s** for Sept 18. Please follow the link to our website for full details <http://www.st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk/job-vacancies/>

St Elizabeth's School quiz night (adults) on Saturday 28th April 2018 at 7.30pm in the school hall. Tickets cost £8.00 p.p. (incl Fish & Chip supper) and £3.00 without food. Teams of 4 - 6. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets available from Jane McSweeney on 07849439867 or Marie Kennedy on 07745655994. Join the fun to help raise funds for school.

The next UCM meeting will be at Boots (Ventura Park) on Wednesday 2nd May at 7pm, not 9th as previously stated. New members welcome.

Fr Michael is away until Thursday (in Cumbria). So we welcome Fr David Marsden from Oscott this weekend. Thank-you Fr David for celebrating our Masses.

Sanders and Varnishers of Benches at St Johns: We had a great response last weekend for volunteers. We have settled on the weekend of May 6th. Any one of 4 sessions on the Sat or Sunday. Please sign up if you can help. Sessions are 9 till 12 and 1 till 4. List is in the porch.

St Francis of Assisi School have agreed to work with us in employing a person to lead youth ministry. We will share the hours and costs of this new post which, we hope will start in September. This is great news since, even when our new youth worker is not with us he/she will be working with many of our young people in school. The advert will go out in May and we hope the person will start in September.

H.O.T. Activities:

Singing for the Mind: The next session is at Sacred Heart Thursday 3rd May 10.30 -11.30. If you love to sing why not come and join us. Some of those attending have already spoken of the benefits for them. One person attending regularly, who is recovering from a stroke, has commented that the muscles around his mouth have improved since singing and thus so has his speech, diction and ability to scan the words on a page.



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.

Evening Bereavement Support. Not everyone can come along to the Friday morning Bereavement Support due to work or other commitments. We now have enough volunteers to be able to offer an evening support at St John's Community Rooms. This starts on Thursday 10th May 5.30 – 7.30pm. It

may be that you just need to drop in for a chat and a tea/coffee or somewhere to call in before going home. If you know of anyone that you feel will benefit from this service, please give them a leaflet that are at the back of church, or bring them along yourselves.

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, **2nd June**, or with the preparations? The stall will raise funds so ideas and contributions are very welcome. Please email me with your interest at sppeople@btinternet.com.

Gambling Problems seem 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 meets every week in St John's on Monday evening at 7.00 pm. If you know someone with a gambling problem, please 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.

Knitters: A few people have volunteered to help with knitting biblical figures. Thank-you for that. It does need some co-ordination otherwise we could end up with 12 Virgin Mary's! Can we organise a short meeting please? We could also share some tips/ideas and patterns. This will be at 10.00 am on Sunday 29th April at Sacred Heart. Hoping you can all make it.

Weston Super Mare Trip – Wednesday 11th July price £15 per person. For more details see Patricia in the Piety Stall after the 9am or before the 12 noon Mass.

There is a Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool on 7th/8th Sept this year. Some parishioners have booked tickets. Is anyone else interested?

Money Matters

Envelopes	216.10
Standing Order	800.00
Loose	468.59
Total:	£1484.69
Building Fund	251.55

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