



St John the Baptist Parish Newsletter

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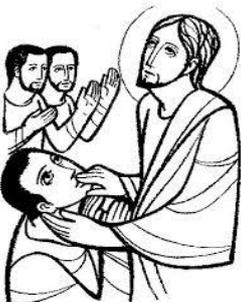
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St John's Church is on St John St, Tamworth, B79 7EX

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B) – 29th April 2018

Psalm Response: You Lord, are my praise in the great assembly

Saturday 28 th April	Easter feria	10.30am (S.H.)	Millie Bailey
	Fifth Sunday of Easter	6.00pm (S.H.)	John Michael Golden – John Gormley
Sunday 29 th April		9.00 am (S.H.)	Anne O'Neill – Paddy Burke
	Fifth Sunday of Easter	12.00 noon (S.H.)	Flor Masters – Ray Barber
Monday 30 th April	Easter feria	10.00 am (S.H.)	Funeral Mass for Jim Armstrong
Tuesday 1 st May	Easter feria	10.00 am (S.H.)	Holy Souls
Wednesday 2 nd May	Easter feria	10.00 am (S.H.)	Ambrose & Margaret Holland
Thursday 3 rd May	Ss Philip & James	10.00am (S.H.)	Mylo Bailey
Friday 4 th May	English Martyrs	9.15 (S.E.) 12.30pm (S.H.)	Paddy Joyce Mass for the sick and housebound
Saturday 5 th May	Easter feria	10.30am (S.H.)	Tess Maher
	Sixth Sunday of Easter	6.00pm (S.H.)	John Bradford – Joseph Fitzgerald
Sunday 6 th May		9.00 am (S.H.)	Rita Gregory – Betty Eddy
	Sixth Sunday of Easter	12.00 noon (S.H.)	Ann Bernes – Colm Duffy
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: *Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.*

How many times do we see the life and work of God in others - in ministry, in love, in commitment, courage, endurance, and ordinary daily kindness and compassion. We need to be reminded that each of us, too, is gifted in some unique way. We can bear fruit for God in a way nobody else can. Prayer helps us recognise the fruits, develop them and offer them in the service of God and God's people.

"Do I abide in Jesus? Am I united to the vine that gives me life or am I a dead branch, that is incapable of bearing fruit?" (Pope Francis).

Which of the vine branch mirrors me? Is it healthy or a bit withered and tired? Can I accept the attention of the vine-grower as he prunes this branch? Can I trust that my branch can then bear much fruit at harvest-time?

Teach me, Lord Jesus, what it is to live in you, and for you to live in me.



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: Laurence Lunn, John Doyle, Arthur Wood, Arthur Tricklebank, William Oughton, Ernest Osborne, Ann Lee, Neil McGough, Delia Gildea, Tom Cassidy, John Tinsley, Peter Jones, Elizabeth Sunter, Mary Kelly, William Brown, Fr. Joe Colbert, M.S.C., Joe Iremonger, Geoff Spooner, Ron Couchman, Mary Parker, Paddy Burke, Arthur Betteridge, Frances Howard, Agnes Leonard, John Ward, Margaret Hill, Tedeusz Markowski, Charlie Iies, John Fowley, Michael Hunt, Lawrence Spooner, Hubert John Cockeram, Brian David Albone, Patricia Mitchell, Lester Jones, John Heaslip, Barrymore Jones, Donald Petricca, Colleen Wilson, Martin Fitzpatrick, Vera Felton, Keith Brown, John Jordan, Theresa Weir, Raymond Barber, Anne Williams, Patrick McNicholas, Ignas Eidukas.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jim Armstrong** whose funeral will take place at Sacred Heart on Monday, 30th April at 10.00am. We also remember Sheila Mitchell's husband **Jim Mitchell** who died suddenly during the week and **Richard Rowles**, no funeral details at present. 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.thykingdomecome.globa

Friday 18th May we need welcomers for this TCC event at Sacred Heart and also a few people to help to serve refreshments. Can you help? Please contact the office or e-mail alex@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk

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. If you would like to be involved, please put your name on the sheet which is on the board at the back of church. If you would like more information contact Jayne Glynn by email: glynn.jayne@yahoo.com.

We welcome Fr David and the Oscott Students at the 9.00 am Mass this weekend.

Procession in Honour of Mary Mother of God will take place at Oscott College at 8pm on Saturday 12th May. Nick has asked that all parishioners from Tamworth be invited



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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.

The Building Work is progressing well. The painting is nearly complete and most of the scaffolding is down. While the steps have been completed, one piece of stone broke and needs replacing and both ambo and tabernacle plinth have not yet arrived. We have planned for parquet floor restoration to be done a week on Tuesday followed by carpeting soon afterwards. May 5th/6th is the weekend for restoring the benches. Can you help?

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/>



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"Why do you always obsess about the one negative response?"

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

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. Please pray for the success of this post.

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	133.80
Standing Order	800.00
Loose	459.92
Total:	£1393.72
Clergy Training Fund	297.26

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