



St John the Baptist Parish Newsletter

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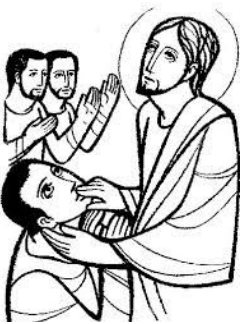
St John's Church is on St John St, Tamworth, B79 7EX

Nineteenth Sunday of the year (A) –13th August 2017

Psalm Response: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help

Saturday 12 th August Nineteenth Sunday of the Year	Feria	10.30am (S.J.) 6.00pm (S.J.)	Holy Souls June Sharratt – Patricia Fitzgerald
Sunday 13 th August Nineteenth Sunday of the Year		9.00 am (S.H.) 10.30 am (S.J.) 12.00 noon (S.H.)	Gwendoline Carney – Paddy & Family Kieran Hernon - Meg & Bill Burford Carl Richards – Margaret Beggan
Mon 14 th Aug	St Maximilian Kolbe	10.00 am (S.J.)	Communion Service
Tues 15 th Aug	Assumption of Mary	11.00 am (S.J.) 7.00 pm (S.H.)	Funeral Mass for Frank Hill note: time & church change Michael Bolger
Wednesday 16 th August	Feria	10.00 am (S.J.)	Eileen Bolger
Thursday 17 th August	Feria	10.00am (S.H.)	Brendan Moran
Friday 18 th August	Feria	12.30pm (S.J.)	Mass for the sick and housebound of the parish
Saturday 19 th August Twentieth Sunday of the Year	Feria	10.30am (S.J.) 6.00pm (S.J.)	Thanksgiving Ann Serridge – Jack Fitzgerald
Sunday 20 th August Twentieth Sunday of the Year		9.00 am (S.H.) 10.30 am (S.J.) 12.00 noon (S.H.)	Phillip Sullivan – Gwendoline Carney Norah Mason – Elizabeth Anderson Adan Bailey – Betty Meehan

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, Ann Bernes, Joan Trevis, Tony Soden, Pablo Claveria, Adam Coxhead, Eileen D'Arcy, Sarah Spencer, Gladys Cuffe, Kingsley Bayley, Beryl Smith, Sheila Mulligan, Mary Williams, Joyce Anderson, Agnes Buckley, David Foxall, Leslie Roe, Olive Ahern, Sadie Porter, Michelle McGrotty, Nancy Finn, Tony Borman, Yvonne Mattison, Stella Moseley, Christopher Wheeldon, Maureen Gallagher, Colin Pickup, Theo Castanheira, Iris Bishop, Michael Dwyer, Gemma Vine, Corinne Collins, Christine Breeden, Judith Timms, Nuella Enright, Christine Bayley, Baby L'Kye, Patrick McGinty (jnr), Margaret Gallagher, Maria Fe Alcuaz, Pat Elsmore, Peter Seekings.

Reflection: "Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid."

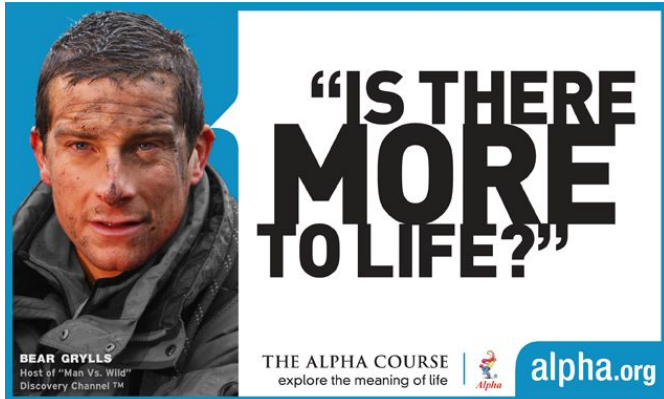
Today's gospel is asking us to trust. Illness, old age, uncertainties of what the future holds can create anxieties and fear. Jesus asks us not to take our eyes off him, to allow him to reach out his hand to us and for us to take it.

Throughout our lives we have to navigate our world and face whatever comes our way, both physical and human, but with faith and trust in God and in our ultimate salvation. In the midst of the wind, the quakes, and the flames, just keep listening for the small voice within as you keep the Holy Spirit in your heart.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Frank Hill**. Frank will be received into St John's Church on Monday 14th August at 6pm followed by the funeral Mass on Tuesday 15th August at 11am and **Dan Joseph Eager**, funeral will take place at Sutton Coldfield Crematorium on Tuesday 22nd August at 12.30pm. May they rest in peace.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Thomas Jarvis, Robert McCormick, Mary Page, James Keane, Agnes Spencer, Eva Jarvis, James Kyle, Priscilla Porter, Leslie Mulvey, Terence Hinds, Maud Keyte, Minnie Thompson, Dennis Phelps, Gertrude Davy, Felix Untulis, Stephen Baron, Beryl Hevingham, Chloe Franklin, Gladys Fullylove, George Young, Kathleen Boyle, Mona Pocock, Graham Franklin, Josephine Patterson, Stephen Rainsford, Alan Cotterill, Josephine Fitzgerald, Patrick Gilbert, Michael Casey, Lewis Eckert, Hannah Hollyoak, Ronald Riley, Mary Buckley, John Walsh, Michael Bolger, Grace Davis, Annie Philpott, Maureen Fitch.



Journey in Faith will be on a Thursday this year starting on Oct 5th. We are inviting two possible groups:

1. People who are not Catholic & want to know more
2. Catholics who want to renew their faith.

What we do need of everyone it to pray this will go well & bring blessings to many people & to the parish. We also need teams of people who can prepare a simple meal for, possibly, large numbers. Can you help do an evening or organise a team to do it?

Afternoon High Tea this year it will be on Sun 3rd

Sept from 2.00 till 4.00 pm at Sacred Heart. Tickets are £10 (children £7). All proceeds to our building fund. Tickets available today Due to demand we have extended it to make 20 more available! *Can anyone help us with some raffle prizes please?*

A Bereavement Support service operates at Sacred Heart on Fridays (10 – 12.00). If you know of anyone grieving, please invite them.

Memory Café –Heart of Tamworth in partnership with Home Instead are running a Memory Café in St. John’s Community Rooms every Tuesday, 10.30am – 12.30pm, offering a friendly place where people with memory loss and carers can come together in a safe and supportive environment - just pop in.

Fr Mario is leaving for St Catherine’s on August 21st. We expect Fr J.P. soon. Please keep them both in your prayers. Fr Mario will come back so we can say farewell on the 17th September.

Money Matters	
Envelopes	187.32
Standing Order	800.00
Loose	379.13
Total:	£ 1366.45
Building Fund	216.43
<i>Thank-you.</i>	
Gift Aid: Please increase your giving by 25%; sign a Gift Aid form. Contact the parish office.	



Starfish Volunteers Required: The Starfish Project Tamworth is growing and needs new volunteers. Starfish has centres open every day, except Friday and Sunday. Please contact John Larkin, on 07967928282. Come and see what we do on a Monday at St Editha's church 2.00 till 4.00 pm or 7.30 till 9.30 pm.

Starfish: Our Starfish 'breakfast club' runs from the Sacred Heart. It's held every Sat from **10am till 12.00 noon.** Please let anyone know who may wish to come along.

Foodbank: Summer holidays can be very difficult for parents in poverty who struggle when they have to buy food for children normally on free school meals. Thank-you to all who remember this each week.

A Fundraising Coffee Morning and raffle, to help the victims of the floods and mudslides in Peru, on Sunday the 3rd September after the 10.30am Mass at St John’s Church. Raffle prize; Meal Voucher for an Italian Restaurant to the value of £35. For more information ring Magdalena 07518576247

Our Thanks to All Those Who Ran and Organised the Summer scheme in this, its sixth year. Over 90 Children and young people were involved with 45 different people helping to lead it. It was also our first year in which we ran a special Teens Scheme and included a residential (Alton Castle) as well. Well done to all involved in any way.

Fr Michael is back on the 25th August. Wendy returns on Tues 22nd.

Fr J.P.: We hope to welcome Fr J.P. soon. Unfortunately, at the time of printing his arrival has been delayed.