



St John the Baptist Parish Newsletter

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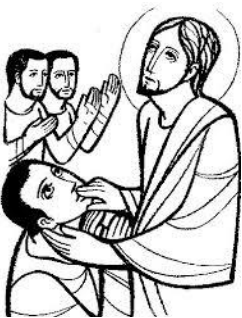
St John's Church is on St John St, Tamworth, B79 7EX

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the year (A) – 17th September 2017

Psalm Response: The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy

Saturday 16th September	Ss Cornelius	10.30am (S.J.)	Communion Service
Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year		6.00pm (S.J.)	Brian & John Farrington – Anne & Sydney Green
Sunday 17th September		9.00 am (S.H.)	Kory & Katie Wright – Colin & Joan Pickup
Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year		10.30 am (S.J.)	Nell Mattison – Norah Mason
		12.00 noon (S.H.)	Paul Doherty – Jackie Cook
Monday 18th September	Feria	10.00 am (S.J.)	Communion Service
Tuesday 19th September	Feria	10.00am (S.H.)	Simon & Matilda, Family & Grandchildren
Wednesday 20th September	Feria	10.00am (S.J.)	Communion Service
		11.00 am (S.H.)	Funeral Service Anne-Marie Naylor
Thursday 21st September	St Matthew	10.00am (S.H.)	John Heap & Family
		12.45pm (S.J.)	Funeral Service Patrick McEvoy
Friday 22nd September	Feria	12.30pm (S.J.)	Communion Service
Saturday 23rd September	St Pio	10.30am (S.J.)	Communion Service
Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year		6.00pm (S.J.)	Nell Mattison – Paddy Larvin
Sunday 24th September		9.00 am (S.H.)	Dajan Padmore – Betty Meehan
Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year		10.30 am (S.J.)	Bridget & Michael Hegarty – Rachel Ault
		12.00 noon (S.H.)	Months Mind Mass

Confessions: No confessions on Saturday 23rd September



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, Stella Moseley, Christopher Wheeldon, Maureen Gallagher, Colin Pickup, Theo Castanheira, Iris Bishop, Michael Dwyer, Gemma Vine, Corinne Collins, Christine Breeden, Judith Timms, Christine Bayley, Baby L'Kye, Margaret Gallagher, Maria Fe Alcuaz, Pat Elsmore, Tom Collins, Dylan Smith, John Hackett and Mary Collins.

Reflection: Today we are told that God forgives us over and over again. However, He also tells us that if we are to be his followers, we must act on the same basis with other people. Every time we say the Lord's Prayer we commit ourselves to this: "Forgive us our sins JUST AS we forgive those who sin against us." It is indeed a courageous prayer to make. Do we really mean what we say? How often do we even think about it when we pray it? Forgiveness is only complete when there is reconciliation between the two parties. It is difficult fully to forgive when the other party remains totally unrepentant. Our task is to work on bringing about a healing of the wound of division. Only then is the forgiveness complete.



Months Mind Mass Sunday, 24th September – We pray for all who died during the month of August Kathleen Mytton, Anne Clibbery, Nuella Enright and Anne-Marie Naylor.

If you wish to have a loved one remembered in the Mass please add their names to the list at the back of church.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Henry Hassall, Winifred Tomkin, Evelyn Pasley, Richard Maher, Patrick Foster, Philip Cocrain, Amelia Wainwright, Ignatius O'Rourke, David Fitzgerald, John Lambert, William Walsh, Cecilia McGrath, Daniel Hately, Frederick Foden, Jan Salaminski, Fred Swift, Terence Clayton, Bernadette McBreaty, Aidan Barron, Helen Rabin, Mary Margaret Courtney, Leslie Wilson, Josephine Osborne, Ronald Fredrick Griffiths, Margaret Burke, Leah Sweeney, Edith Rock., Hanna Ramsden, Charles McHugh, Margaret Sheldon, Teresa Byrne, Catherine Harper.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ann Naylor**: funeral service will take place on Wednesday, 20th September at 11am in Sacred Heart Church, **Patrick McEvoy**: funeral Mass will take place at St John's on Thursday 21st September at 12.45pm, **Peter Seekings**, will be received into St John's on Sunday 1st October at 7pm followed by the funeral Mass on Monday, 2nd October at 12.00noon and **Daniel Wyatt** who tragically lost his life last weekend, we have no funeral details as yet. May they rest in peace.

Apple Festival Sunday 15th October: Thank-you to those who have offered to help with making apple juice on the 13th/14th October. If you can help, the list is still in the porch. We also need people to:

1. **Provide apples.** Can you get some from your garden or someone else's (with permission, of course)? We need to start collecting now. Please make life easier for us by:

- discarding any that are rotten or bruised
- tell us whether they are cooking or eating apples
- storing them in a box layered with newspaper until we need them – in a cool, dark room is best

2. **Making and Baking:** then we need lots of people to make things like pies, tarts, sauces, chutneys, toffee apples, crumbles, Tarte Tatin, apple sponge. We will supply apples and flour.



Why do it? It can be fun. We can use our talents and enjoy the fruit of our labour. It raises funds for our work and it saves thousands of apples being wasted. It helps us to live simply. Why not?

Youth Band/Choir: We are looking to form a new music group who will take an active part in our Masses, across the parish, once a month.

We are hoping to rehearse weekly on Friday evenings at Sacred Heart from 6.30pm for about an hour. If you are in Year 7 or above, play a musical instrument or sing and are interested in getting involved please speak to Alex or email Father Michael. If you are an adult who would like to help too then please get in touch.



Home Mission Sunday – 17th September. When we hear the word 'Mission' we often think that this is helping people in other countries. Home Mission Sunday gives us the opportunity to look closer to home and share our faith with those we love, know and meet in our daily lives. This all ties in with our Alpha course starting up soon. The second collection this weekend will be in aid of Home Mission Sunday



Father Hudson's Care - On 23-24 September the second collection will be for Father Hudson's Care. Father Hudson's mission is to provide Catholic social care in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, reaching out to support vulnerable people young and old. Please give generously to this worthy cause. As well as giving through the Church,

parishioners can support Father Hudson's by donating online at www.fatherhudsons.org.uk. Donation Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of church.

Fr Mario. Welcome back to Fr Mario who is with us this Sunday as we thank him for all that he did in the past two years.

Thank-you and welcome to Fr Long from Burton parish for covering Mass this Saturday evening. Fr Michael is back from Poland later the same night.

For the Christmas Raffle, we need to plan ahead. Can anyone help with prizes please? Any ideas to make it a little different or help with distribution of tickets would also be welcome. We have some major works coming up and a fundraising boost would help.

Catechesis

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

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

Please pray that 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 meal or be part of a team to do it?



LIFE IS WORTH EXPLORING

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If you can help as a leader, please

come forward. There will be training on Thurs Sept 21st and 28th. We just want good, normal people who can listen and encourage others to speak.

Finally, how many people could you invite? Please think about how many people you could invite (by giving them an invitation card). Take whatever number of cards you need. Don't worry if they all say 'no', at least you have asked them. The more we ask the more 'yesses' we will get!

We do need to know numbers (for catering) so please sign up (list in porch) if you are coming and get others who might not come to Mass to 'RSVP'.



Do you want your child to make their First Holy Communion next Summer? If the answer is yes, and your child is not in a Catholic school, then you need to register them for classes as soon as possible. They need to attend a class one evening a week starting next month.

If you know someone in this situation, then please let them know. So please email Fr Michael (michael@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk) or write down your contact details and hand them in immediately. If you have any questions then please get in touch.

Prayer Group meetings are **changing to Tuesdays** starting on Sept 19th 8.00 pm at Sacred Heart. This prayer includes silence, adoration, praise and singing and open prayer. All are welcome.

Staffordshire Council of Voluntary Youth Service (SCVYS) are holding another Young Leader residential weekend for Young People aged 13-19. This will take place 17th - 19th November at Laches Wood Outdoor Education Centre near Coven. There is some further information and application forms Cheryl Rice cheryl@staffscvys.org.uk.



**Staffordshire Council of
Voluntary Youth Services**

Old Hanging Baskets: when you decide your hanging basket has run its course, you might want rid of it. If so, then bring it to us so we can replant it next year for our summer fayre.

Community Activities

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

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

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

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

Senior Citizens at Sacred Heart – Meet every Tuesday for social gatherings at 1.30 pm.

A.A. Groups meet at St John's every Monday and Friday starting at 8.00 pm.

The SPIN Café also runs from St John's every Monday. It is for people with learning disabilities looking for somewhere to meet and something to do. New members are welcome.

Money Matters

Envelopes	274.57
Standing Order	800.00
Loose	361.23
Total:	£1435.80
Buliding Fund	257.03
Donation	1100.00

Thank-you.

Gift Aid: Please increase your giving by 25%; sign a Gift Aid form.



Kenelm Youth Trust Charity Ball 2017 – Saturday 14th October 2017, 7.30pm at the Belfry Hotel and Spa, Sutton Coldfield. Accommodation is available with a discount rate. Tickets £45 which includes Champagne Reception, Four Course Meal, Grand prize Auction, Casino, Raffle and live music from the Squares. All tickets can be purchased through the main Kenelm Youth Trust Office on 01538 703224 or email events@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

These tickets are pricey (due to venue and band) but it is to support the Diocese's work with young people including Alton Castle and Soli House. Would anyone be interested in helping get a Tamworth table together?

Chase the Cake - The Diocese has taken a lead in responding to the needs of people sleeping rough by opening Tabor House in Birmingham later this month. We have a one day bike ride (or walk) on October 1st at Cannock Chase to help us raise some funds for this important work. Please join us. There is a poster in the porch with information or email michael@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk



Tea Dance with Vintage Afternoon Tea in aid of the Memory Café – Wednesday 27th September 2.30pm – 4.30pm at the Mosonic Room, Lichfield St B79 7QE. Tickets £7.50 in advance or £8.50 on the door contact Sue or Karen 01827 431002

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment.

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