



St John the Baptist Parish Newsletter

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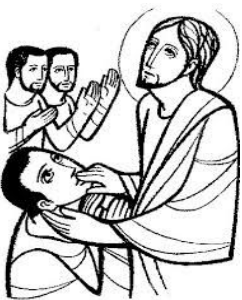
St John's Church is on St John St, Tamworth, B79 7EX

Twentieth Sunday of the year (A) – 20th August 2017

Psalm Response: Let the people praise you, O God; let all the people praise you

Saturday 19 th August	Feria	10.30am (S.J.)	Thanksgiving
	Twentieth Sunday of the Year	6.00pm (S.J.)	Ann Serridge – Jack Fitzgerald
Sunday 20 th August		9.00 am (S.H.)	Phillip Sullivan – Gwendoline Carney
	Twentieth Sunday of the Year	10.30 am (S.J.)	Norah Mason – Elizabeth Anderson
		12.00 noon (S.H.)	Adan Bailey – Betty Meehan
Monday 21 st August	St Pius X	10.00 am (S.J.)	Communion Service
Tue 22 nd Aug	Queenship of the Virgin Mary	10.00 am (S.H.)	Communion Service
Wed 23 rd August	St John Wall	10.00 am (S.J.)	Communion Service
Thursday 24 th August	St Bartholomew	10.00am (S.H.)	Communion Service
Friday 25 th August	Feria	12.30pm (S.J.)	Communion Service
Sat 26 th August	Blessed Dominic Barberi	10.30am (S.J.)	Mary Pirie
	Twenty first Sunday of the Year	6.00pm (S.J.)	Anne & Sidney Green – Peggy Byrne
Sunday 27 th August		9.00 am (S.H.)	Months Mind Mass
	Twenty first Sunday of the Year	10.30 am (S.J.)	Robert Joseph Ward – Rita Cushley
		12.00 noon (S.H.)	Saya Stanislaw – Ann Kelly

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, Peter Seekings, Pat Elsmore.

Reflection: The women in the gospel is like many women who are mothers today, they will fight for their children. Naturally mothers and fathers will go to the ends of the earth to get the best possible treatment for their chronically ill child. The woman took on Jesus, the best known religious figure around, and was not going to let him pass her by. She was foreign to the district, maybe an asylum seeker or a refugee, we're not told, but to Jesus it doesn't matter who she is or where she comes from, she was a woman of faith. Faith in a surprising God who in Jesus his Son, never says no to goodness. Faith that keeps us energetic and alive, not tired, in soul as well as body. *Lord, I believe, strengthen my faith.*



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Dan Joseph Eager**, funeral will take place at Sutton Coldfield Crematorium on Tuesday 22nd August at 12.30pm. May he rest in peace.

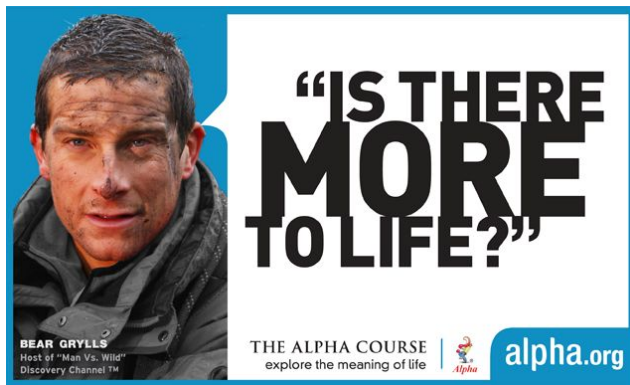
Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Arthur Ebery, Bridget Joyce, John Morley, John Titterton, Frederick Ward, Mrs. Worrell, Winifred Richard, John Wilkinson, William Holden, Mary Dale, Jack Fenlon, Jack Lee, John Gavin, Robert Marshall, Vincent Tomson, Patrick Gillen, Dora Jackson, John Kearney, Albert Tracey, Joseph Enright, Mary Fleming, Charles Rabin, Francis O'Reilly, Maureen Carney, Margaret Carter, Summer Rose Kelly, Brian Farrington, Marie Woodley, Christopher Hunt, Thomas Thompson, Dora Sadler, Terence Tonks, Mary Hincks, Elsie O'Grady, Bridget Booker, Idris Hunt, Raymond Joyce, Veronica Jordan, Ann McCauley, Stanley James, Herbert Lea.

Those being remembered in the July Month's Mind Mass next weekend are: Winifred Mary Haynes, Muriel Winifred Rean and Agnes Nolan.

Afternoon High Tea this year 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. Only 10 left! *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 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 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.



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?

Fr Mario is leaving for St Catherine's this Monday August 21st. The second collection on Sept 3rd will be

our gift to Fr Mario in thanks for his two years of service to our parish. Fr Mario will come back so we can say farewell on Sunday the 17th September. Envelopes will be available next weekend if you wish to donate towards a farewell gift for him.

Starfish Volunteers Required: The Starfish Project Tamworth is growing and needs new volunteers. Starfish has centres open every day, except Friday and Sunday. 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 **10 till 12.00 am**. 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.

The Peruvian fundraising Coffee Morning and raffle, to help the victims of the floods and mudslides in Peru, will take place 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

Money Matters	
Envelopes	129.50
Standing Order	800.00
Loose	369.26
Total:	£ 1298.76
Building Fund	212.26
<i>Thank-you.</i>	
Gift Aid: Please increase your giving by 25%; sign a Gift Aid form.	

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. **Lost Property-** A child's purse has been left containing gift card- please contact office giving details/description. Has anyone picked up i) an Adidas top after the beach trip or ii) the wrong sleeping bag at Alton Castle?

Wendy returns on Tues 22nd. Fr Michael is back on Saturday