



# St John the Baptist Parish Newsletter

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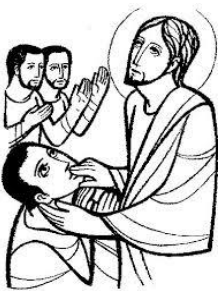
St John's Church is on St John St, Tamworth, B79 7EX

## Twenty first Sunday of the year (A) – 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Psalm Response: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God

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| Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> August        | Blessed Dominic Barberi<br>Twenty first Sunday of the Year | 10.30am (S.J.)<br>6.00pm (S.J.)                        | Mary Pirie<br>Anne & Sidney Green – Peggy Byrne   |
| Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> August     | Twenty first Sunday of the Year                            | 9.00 am (S.H.)<br>10.30am (S.J.)<br>12.00noon (S.H.)   | Months Mind Mass<br>Robert Joseph Ward – Rita Cushley<br>Saya Stanislaw – Ann Kelly                     |
| Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August     | St Augustine   | 10.00 am (S.J.)  | Communion Service   |
| Tue 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug           | Beheading of St John the Baptist                           | 10.00 am (S.H.)  | Maria Fe Alcuaz   |
| Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> August  | Feria  | 10.00 am (S.J.)  | Baby Phoebe O'Neill   |
| Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> August   | Feria  | 10.00am (S.H.)   | Lucy Bradford   |
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September   | Feria  | 12.30pm (S.J.)   | Mass for the sick and housebound of the parish  |
| Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September | Feria<br>Twenty Second Sunday of the Year                  | 10.30am (S.J.)<br>6.00pm (S.J.)                        | Rose Mockler<br>Brian & John Farrington – Nora Bolt   |
| Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September   | Twenty Second Sunday of the Year                           | 9.00 am (S.H.)<br>10.30 am (S.J.)<br>12.00 noon (S.H.) | Winifred Walker – Muriel Rean<br>Robert Joseph Ward – Ann Serridge<br>Ann McCauley – Jim & Sheila Brown |

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, Stella Moseley, Christopher Wheeldon, Maureen Gallagher, Colin Pickup, Theo Castanheira, Iris Bishop, Michael Dwyer, Gemma Vine, Corinne Collins, Christine Bredden, Judith Timms, Nuella Enright, Christine Bayley, Baby L'Kye, Margaret Gallagher, Maria Fe Alcuaz, Peter Seekings, Pat Elsmore, Tom Collins.

**Reflection:** "But you... who do you say I am?" How do we answer Jesus' question today? Because we all know this Gospel so well we could give Simon Peter's answer "You are the Christ" But this question is not about what is in our head but what is in our heart. It's about what lies at the core of our existence. We all have a centre from which we live, home, family, work, which tend to become our anchor point. But Christ is the core of our being from which our anchor is attached to. That does not mean there will not be difficulties, pain, or losses. It means that when they occur the core holds and becomes our resting place.



**Fr Mario.** The second collection on Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> September. Envelopes are available this weekend if you wish to donate towards a farewell gift for him in the second collection next w/e.

**Fr J.P.** has not arrived yet from India since he is still trying to get a visa. He is unlikely to come before October. Please keep him in your prayers. In the meantime, please help us keep everything running smoothly in any way you can

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:** John Ryan, Winifred Radford, Elizabeth Hewkin, Charles Bond, Thomas Sherridan, Jozef Iwanicki, Kozimiera Olearczyk, Mgr. Emery, Eric Osborn, Arpod Petrovics, May Hogan, John Gunn, Kazimir Ulass, Vera Lawley, Rosemary Flynn, Mary Hatwell, John Danagher, Doris Bethel, Barbara Kinsella, Victor Walsh, Tom Fitzgerald, Gerald Mulvey, Antanus Kizis, Lily Codd, James Brennan, Rita Duke, Baby Jessica Dyke, Alfred Hollyoak, Gerrard Byrne, Cheryl Reilly, Winifred Pywell, Doreen Whiston, Robert Cochrane, Bernard Bramwell, Garry Hoxtable, Josephine Child, Domenico Manfredi, Margaret Harnett, Patrick & Sarah Gillen, Ronald Shaw, Doreen Walker.

**Please pray** for the repose of the soul of **Kathleen Mytton**, the funeral Mass will take place on Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> August at St John's at 2.15pm and **Anne Clibbery**, Clare Davies's sister. May they rest in peace.

**Afternoon High Tea** this year will be next Sunday - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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?*



**The Apple Festival** is planned for October (15<sup>th</sup>) but we do need a few volunteers to help run it this year. Can you spare a few hours on the Thurs/Fri/Sat before? Days or evenings are fine. Jobs include checking and prepping apples, juicing apples, bottling, pasteurising and labelling. Please sign up in the porch. We are not ready for the apples yet!

**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 is 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. Since we are using the new Alpha Programme, we have invited Paul Northam to speak about it at all Masses on the weekend of September 10<sup>th</sup>. Can you help do an evening meal or organise a team to do it?

**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 next Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September after the 10.30am Mass at St John's Church. Raffle prize; Meal Voucher for an Italian Restaurant to the value of £35.

**Sacred Heart Flower Group** - A raffle will be held on Sunday 17th Sept after 9am Mass in aid of church flowers. Tickets will be on sale on Sunday 10th September after both masses, a list of prizes will be available.

**Car park facing St John's** –The car park at the top of Halford Street, is now being managed by a company. They fined 15 people last week. We would advise that you don't park there.

**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.

**Prayer Group meeting on Thursday at Sacred Heart – 8.00 pm.** All are welcome.



#### Money Matters

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| Envelopes      | 118.10          |
| Standing Order | 800.00          |
| Loose          | 427.13          |
| <b>Total:</b>  | <b>£1345.23</b> |
| Building Fund  | 262.43          |

*Thank-you.*

**Gift Aid:** Please increase your giving by 25%; sign a Gift Aid form. Contact the office for more information.