



St John the Baptist Parish Newsletter

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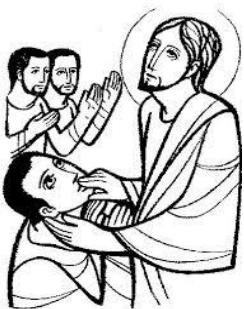
St John's Church is on St John St, Tamworth, B79 7EX

Fourteenth Sunday of the year (A) – 9th July 2017

Psalm Response: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King

Saturday 8 th July Fourteenth Sunday of the Year	Feria	10.30am (S.J.) 6.00pm (S.J.)	Patrick Ballinger Clare L'Amie – Nellie Mattison
Sunday 9 th July Fourteenth Sunday of the Year		9.00 am (S.H.) 10.30 am (S.J.) 12.00 noon (S.H.)	Brenda Kennedy – Pat Taws Margaret Reardon – Kieran Hernan Theo Castanheira – Irena Staszewska
Monday 10 th July	Feria	10.00 am (S.J.)	Communion Service
Tuesday 11 th July	St Benedict	10.00 am (S.H.)	May McConnille
Wednesday 12 th July	Feria	10.00 am (S.J.)	Nuella Enright
Thursday 13 th July	Feria	10.00am (S.H.)	Funeral Mass for Karen Davidson
Friday 14 th July	Feria	9.15am (S. G.) 12.30pm (S.J.)	Ann McNamara Mass for the sick and housebound of the parish
Saturday 15 th July Fifteenth Sunday of the year	St Bonaventure	10.30am (S.J.) 6.00pm (S.J.)	Moira Davidson Pat Lane – Nora Bolt
Sunday 16 th July Fifteenth Sunday of the year		9.00 am (S.H.) 10.30 am (S.J.) 12.00 noon (S.H.)	Leon Spicer – Winnie Walker Patsy Joyce – David Jefferies Dan Collins – Nancy Danagher

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 & John Solanky, Mary Miller, Winnie Claridge, Sarah Gillen, Anne-Marie Purslow, Ann Bernes, Joan Trevis, Tony Soden, Pablo Claveria, Adam Coxhead, Tom Clibbery, 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, Teresa Kearney, Tony Borman, Yvonne Mattison, Monica Gallagher, Stella Moseley, Christopher Wheeldon, Maureen Gallagher, Colin & Joan Pickup, Frank Hill, Theo Castanheira, Iris Bishop, John White, Michael Dwyer, Gemma Vine, Corinne Collins, Christine Breeden, Judith Timms, Nuella Enright.

Reflection: I am gentle and humble in heart

To encounter God requires only one thing. Not intellectual prowess, worldly excellence, or sophisticated achievements, but *simplicity*. God gives himself to those who are 'mere children' – to those who are childlike. The mark of a child is *trust*. Children readily put their trust in those given charge over them. Jesus teaches us that intimacy with God requires trust above all else. *Faith* is trusting that what God reveals is true; *hope* is trusting that what he promises will come about; *love* is trusting that what he asks us to do is what we should do. If we put our trust in God, and not in ourselves, we will find God.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Karen Davidson**: Reception will be at Sacred Heart on Wednesday 12th July at 5pm followed by the funeral Mass on Thursday, 13th July at 11.00am. May Karen rest in peace.

Please Return Both Consultation Sheets as soon as possible.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Anne Serrage, Matthew McGowan, Elizabeth Clifford, Dorothy Spooner, Alma Detheridge, John Moore, Irene Ward, Frances Walsh, Laura Sharratt, Manus McIlroy, John Aherne, Kerry Bell, Robert Baldwin, Mary Couch, Doreen O'Loughlin, Eric Viegaj, Gordan Fairfield, Matilda Betteridge, Bernard Titterton, Mary Walsh, Terence Croft, Michael Ralph, Winnie Spooner, Winifred Crumpton, Margaret Bligh, Marian Leigh, George Bentley Margaret Ackrill, Caroline Battey, Mary Arnold, Matthew McKenna, Zenon Franczisk Domanski, Leon Spicer, Michael Cooper, Anthony (Tony) Serrage, Helen Taggart, Joe Murphy, William Cook, Grace Lydon, Patrick (Patsie) Joyce.

Poland Pilgrimage: Balance now due please. It is £300 or £355 with single supplement. There will be a meeting for all pilgrims on Monday August 7th at 7pm at Sacred Heart.



HCPT Invitation from Ann-Marie Hopper: "I am going out to Hosanna House with one of our "adult" groups 20th - 27th October. We have space in the group both for helpers and assisted adults at present, but could also do with a nurse. Is there anyone in the parish who could benefit from it or might be interested in being a helper?" Please email: anniehops@yahoo.com

A Prayer Group at Sacred Heart Thursdays at 8pm. Some singing and praising, shared prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament - aimed at deepening our relationship with God in prayer - in silence, hymns of praise, open prayer and psalms, adoration and will last up to 1 hour. Open to all. For anyone interested in being involved in evangelisation team we are meeting at 7.30 (Thurs) this week.

Reboot and The Mercy Tour - St Catherine of Siena Church on Monday 17th July 6.30pm to 9pm. Chris Stefanick is a highly acclaimed Catholic (evangelical speaker). Please see noticeboard for more info. We do have some tickets here since a group are going from the parish.

Friendship Group: are you fed up of being alone day after day? We are meeting again this Wednesday at 10.30 (after the 10.00 Mass). Future meetings would be at a time of the group's choosing. Please join us.

Bereavement Support: We provide a bereavement support service at Sacred Heart on Fridays (10 - 12.00).

Memory Café - in St John's Community Rooms every Tuesday, 10.30am - 12.30pm. There is no need to book, just pop in.

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.

Money Matters	
Envelopes	161.17
Standing Order	800.00
Loose	408.15
Total:	£1369.32
Building Fund	271.75



Afternoon High Tea was very popular last year with:

- beautifully made & presented food
- classy music (Professional violinist and classical pianist) and
- excellent service - a real treat for someone you love.

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.

Journey in Faith and Catechesis: Every year we run the journey in faith to help people who are not Catholics to learn more about the faith, to experience it and discern whether they want to play a fuller part in the life of the Church. Do you want to be part of this or do you know someone else who might want to be. This will get under way in late September. If you want to know more then please speak to Frances, Kath or one of the clergy or email the office asap.

Summer-scheme - is anyone qualified to drive a minibus and can you help occasionally with driving - even just for one day from July 26th to August 4th? Please phone Fr Michael or Alex Parker if you can help.

Chandeliers: Quite a few people have commented on the chandeliers at St John's. They arouse strong feelings but most, at least, agree that they are too low. We raised them by 800mm (32 inches) on Wednesday. Those who have noticed have been pleased that the crucifix can now be seen when entering the Church and the screen is more visible (although there are still some blind spots) and they look like they are at the right height now. What do you think? We might move them a touch higher when scaffolding for painters is in place.



Summer Fayre - T-Shirts: Could Summer Fayre volunteers please return T-shirts as soon as possible so that they can be put away for the next function. Thank you.