



St John the Baptist Parish Newsletter

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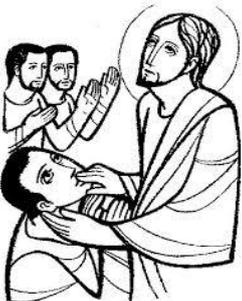
St John's Church is on St John St, Tamworth, B79 7EX

7th Sunday of Easter (B) – 2018

Psalm Response: The Lord has set his sway in heaven

Saturday 12th May Easter feria Seventh Sunday of Easter	10.30 am (S.H.) 4.00 pm (S.H.) 6.00 pm (S.H.)	St Elizabeth's First Holy Communion – Family Int. Polish Mass Christine Breeden – Pete & Sylvia Geldard
Sunday 13th May Seventh Sunday of Easter	9.00 am (S.H.) 10.30 am (S.H.) 12.00 noon (S.H.) 1.30 pm (S.H.)	John Ellis – Ann Taylor First Holy Communion – Sr. Dympna - Davina Montgomery Albert Halifax – Frances and Ken Dingley First Holy Communion Mass
Monday 14th May St Matthias	10.00 am (S.H.)	Communion Service
Tuesday 15th May Easter feria	10.00 am (S.H.) 1.00 pm (S.H.)	Kathy Steggles Funeral Service Raymond Hickey
Wed 16th May Easter feria	10.00 am (S.H.)	Bridie Vernon
Thursday 17th May Easter feria	10.00 am (S.H.)	Christine Breeden
Friday 18th May Easter feria	9.15 am (S.E.) 12.30 pm (S.H.)	Mary O'Connor Mass for the sick and housebound
Saturday 19th May Easter feria	10.00 am (S.H.) 12.00 am (S.H.) 6.00pm (S.H.)	St Gabriel's First Holy Communion St Gabriel's First Holy Communion Agnes Farrell – Pat Vernon
Sunday 20th May Pentecost Sunday	9.00 am (S.H.) 12.00 noon (S.H.)	Paddy Padmore – John Ellis Joan & Colin Pickup – Ann Bernes

Confessions: Saturday Morning 11 – 11.30 and evening from 5.15 to 5.45 at Sacred Heart



Please pray for the sick: Chad Williams, Teresa Woodcock, Gill Horsley, Mary Pullen, Julie Orme, Nikolas Atkins, Stephen Morley, Jaden Walker, Frank Ryan, Mary Miller, Winnie Claridge, Sarah Gillen, Anne-Marie Purslow, Joan Trevis, Tony Soden, Pablo Claveria, Adam Coxhead, Eileen D'Arcy, Sarah Spencer, Gladys Cuffe, Kingsley Bayley, Beryl Smith, Mary Williams, Joyce Anderson, Agnes Buckley, David Foxall, Leslie Roe, Sadie Porter, Michelle McGrotty, Nancy Finn, Tony Borman, Stella Moseley, Christopher Wheeldon, Maureen Gallagher, Theo Castanheira, Iris Bishop, Michael Dwyer, Gemma Vine, Corinne Collins, Christine Bayley, Baby L'Kye, Margaret Gallagher, Maria Fe Alcuaz, Tom Collins, Mary Collins, Odette Nunes, Terry Spears, Tilly Sweet, Vickie Pickup, Karen Taylor, Evelyn Reardon, Sean McAuley, Aoife, Rita Fidoe, Alan Bentley, Dennis Chipman, Joy Espanta.

Reflection: *That they may be one like us*

Jesus tells us that we too are 'sent' to continue his mission. Our mission as his followers is in the midst of and in the depths of the world. He wants his love and message inserted in the center of the world, the city, the neighborhood. Jesus prays that we be protected from the "evil one." Pope Francis points out that the Spirit "does not remove evil with a magic wand"; instead "he pours into us the vitality of life, which is not the absence of problems, but the certainty of being loved and always forgiven by Christ, who for us has conquered sin, death and fear." The reality of the risen Christ is that, from now on, nothing and no one will ever be able to separate us from his love.



Learning More About Jesus and the Faith: If you want to meet with others and find out about how amazing and life changing the Christian faith can be, then email alex@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk for a series of meetings starting in September this year.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: William Chapman, Patrick Tracey, Ellen Calaghan, Molly Smith, Annie Dormer, John Gallagher, Frank Tricklebank, Margaret McDaid, Ella Doherty, John O'Mahony, Henry Nevin, Bernard Hillgman, Leo Porter, Phyllis McGinty, Anthony Prendergast, Francesco Agatiello, Hemley Haiste, Theresa Shears, James Brightman, Olive Fogg, Stephen McLaughlin, Ellen Harte, Jessie Gee, Frances Creaney, Nora Coleman, Arthur Vaughan, John Byrne, David Ilsley, Frank Ensor, Kathleen Carrington, Harry Black, Christopher Courtney, John Forde, Robert Green, Barbara Treadwell, James Gerrard Ronayne, Joe Murphy, Kathleen Sweeney., Joseph Laffan, Thomas Larvin, Fredrick Sedgeley, Rosemary Barron, Finn William, Christopher McEvoy, Leonard Welch, Brendan Malone.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Raymond Hickey's** funeral service will take place on Tuesday, 15th May at 1pm, **Jim Mitchell's** funeral service will take place at Sutton Coldfield Crematorium on Friday, 18th May at 1.30pm. May they rest in peace.

St John's Re-opening: Bishop David McGough will bless St John's on the night of Wednesday May 23rd at 7.00 pm. There is a history of Catholic Church buildings that tells us more about the development of St John's (written by an architect historian). Copies in the porch for anyone interested
Musicians and Choir – Practice for the opening Mass will be held at Sacred Heart this Wednesday (16th May) at 7.30pm

Youth Worker Post: as promised, and after much consultation, we are looking to employ a youth worker in the parish starting in September for 20 hrs per week. At the same time we will employ a worker to support Catechesis and Liturgy (also 20 hrs p.w.) to serve our parish and help us spread the Good News.

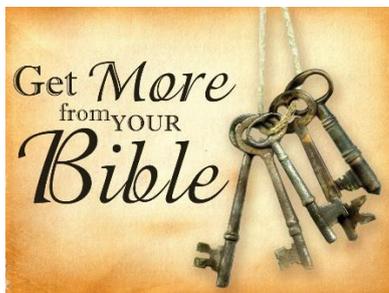
When we proposed that we invest in these ministries it was welcomed for two reasons - to arrest 30 years of decline and to fulfil the commission that we hear this weekend, to spread the Good News. Both are compelling reasons to do this.

But one clear question in the feedback was '*can we afford this?*' It's a good question that we should always ask of ourselves. As we have highlighted before, the parish budget shows that we can afford to pay for one of the two posts.

If we think this is important, can we find funds for the second one? So this is the question. Could we get 300 parishioners to give an extra £1 per week to fund the Youth Worker post? That £1 per week could make a big difference to the work of the parish, especially for our children and young people. Please think and pray about this. It is to help us pass on the faith to our children and grandchildren – a great investment surely, if we feel we can afford that extra £1.

We need to commit to this to make it work, so translating the support for the idea into funding is the next step. We need it so please let's pray for it and pay for it too.

If you are prepared to do this, please consider doing next week. We would put the money into a restricted fund solely for youth ministry work. We will tell you more next weekend when Erin Doughty will visit from Leamington parish where she has been leading youth ministry since Sept 2017.



New Testament - extending your knowledge – the next meeting will be held on **Monday, 21st May at 7.30pm at Sacred Heart.** The change of day is due to the re-opening of St John's. If you didn't make the first meeting, don't worry just come along to this meeting.

Home Groups: The format is to meet in someone's home and chat over a cup of tea/ coffee, then spend a short time reading and reflecting on short passages of the Bible and finishing with prayers for each other's needs and the needs of the community. Our first group meets fortnightly and are keen to keep going. We are hoping to start another Home Group as the

Alpha Course finishes in May/June. If you are interested (or are prepared to host it) please contact Alex Parker: alex@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk. It is a great way to make new friends and also a gentle way to approach Bible Study in an informal way.

Tamworth Bible Readathon St Editha's Church Wednesday 4th July – Saturday 7th July - an opportunity for you to be part of something unique and memorable. There's nothing quite like reading the Bible out loud, knowing that you are part of declaring all of God's Word. If you would like to be involved, please put your name on the sheet which is on the board at the back of church. If you would like more information contact Jayne Glynn by email: glynn.jayne@yahoo.com.



Fr Michael begins to consider seriously the suggestion that he needs someone else to lead the youth.

Flower Petals needed for next weeks May Procession after 9 am Mass. Can you help?

Grass Cutters (sit on mower) needed for Sacred Heart. Can you help? Please contact us if you can.

Thy Kingdom Come – Join the Wave of Prayer. The TCC prayer event has begun. The following dates are for half hour evening prayer meetings 7.00 – 7.30pm followed by refreshments. On Friday 18th

Monday 14 th	Glascote Methodist Church
Tuesday 15 th	Tamworth Baptist Church
Wednesday 16 th May	St Editha's Amington
Thursday 17 th May	St Leonards Wigginton
Friday 18th May	Sacred Heart Church

May we need welcomers for this TCC event at Sacred Heart and a few people to help to serve refreshments. Can you help? Please contact the office or e-mail alex@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk
Saturday 19th May – Pentecost Party in the Park at the Bandstand, Castle Grounds 1.00 – 4.00pm.

World Communication Day – 13th May Next weekend we will be remembering all who work in the media and also for work carried out by the Communication Office of the Bishops' Conference. The second collection this next weekend will be in aid of Catholic Communication

Women's Day of Recollection – Saturday 21st July 11am – 4pm St Chad's Cathedral. A day for women of all ages to be inspired, reflect and pray. Mass will be at 4.30pm with Archbishop Bernard, music by Jo Boyce. To book a place or for more information contact – threeparishespartnership@gmail.com

Choirs: Singing at Mass can be enhanced by good choirs, and these need to rehearse. The choir for the 9.00am Mass rehearse in the Modwen Room at Sacred Heart on Wednesday's from 7.00pm, there is also currently a rehearsal in church from 5.00pm on Saturdays for the 6.00pm Mass and 11.15am on Sunday for the 12.00noon Mass. If you would like to join one of the choirs please speak to Alex or email alex@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk



Pentecost 'Gifts of the Spirit' Concert: we are hosting this concert at Sacred Heart on Sat May 19th at 7.00 pm. Children from our schools will be singing along with Dan Callow and Emily Clark (professional Christian musicians). Tickets are £7 for adults and £5 for under 16's. It is a great way to celebrate Pentecost, encourage our children and listen to some new Christian music. So please come along.

We thought the Sat evening Mass would be back in St John's (May 19th). It now clashes with the concert rehearsals. We are looking to have our Sat evening Mass in the function room upstairs (there is a lift).

Pentecost Party in the Park – Join Tamworth churches together to celebrate the birthday of the church. Craft activities, prayer tent, games and much more. Drop in at any time. Saturday 19th May 1pm – 4pm at the Castle Grounds Bandstand. If it rains this will take place in St Editha's Church.

The Summer Fayre is on June 24th this year. Can you help?

- Can you provide any big prizes – any connections with hotels or holidays? We need these soon so we can do the raffle tickets.
- Can you get match funding (banks are good at offering this to employees)?
- Do you know someone who can?
- Can you help on the day? Please sign up if you can. Please think about it and phone or email the office if you can help.

Our Summer Scheme is coming up and will run from July 23rd for two weeks. We are also hoping to run a Teen Scheme. We need volunteers. If you would like to be involved this year and help in any way as a leader, helper, driver or to help with the planning, contact alex@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk or phone the parish office. DBS checks are vital so a prompt response would be appreciated.

Summer Camp - Alton Castle are running the UK's only LifeTeen Summer Camp! Bookings are now open. This year's camp will be running TWICE due to popular demand. Just pick the dates that best suit you and get booking! The week is full of high adrenaline activities, inspirational talks, moving times of prayer, making new friends in small groups, a full day at Alton Towers and fun on the Snowdome slopes, plus daily access to the



sacraments. If you are from the Birmingham Archdiocese, the cost is subsidised, we ask for a minimum donation of £195. Bursary forms available if needed. You can find the booking forms and bursary forms all on the website. www.bcys.co.uk An incredibly inspirational and adventurous week for any young person in Yrs 7-11. Week One: July 29th - Aug 2nd Week Two: Aug 5th - Aug 9th. For any more information please contact beccy.roseman@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

Funerals and Projector Screens: We could do with a few people to volunteer to manage the slides. Can you help please? It is easy.

H.O.T. Activities:

Memory Café – The Café offers a friendly place where people with memory loss and carers are able to come together in a safe and supportive environment. The Café takes place every Tues morning at Sacred Heart from 10am – 12 noon. If you know anyone that the Café can benefit, please pass on the details.

Dementia Action Week – Tamworth Events Monday 21st to Sunday 27th May. There will be a number of events going on around the town highlighting Dementia Action Week. Please check the notice board or pick up a leaflet from the back of church.



Bereavement Support service operates at Sacred Heart on Fridays (10 – 12.00 noon). If you know of anyone grieving, please invite them to join us. We work in partnership with St Giles Hospice and are supported by M.G. Evan's and the Cooperative Funeral Directors.

Evening Bereavement Support. Not everyone can come along to the Friday morning Bereavement Support. We now have enough volunteers to be able to offer an evening support at St John's Community Rooms. This starts on Thursday 10th May 5.30 – 7.30pm. It may be that you just need to drop in for a chat and a tea/coffee or somewhere to call in

before going home. If you know of anyone that you feel will benefit from this service, please give them a leaflet that are at the back of church, or bring them along yourselves.

Our Starfish Saturday Morning Breakfast Club continues to meet for those who feel marginalised in any way (through poverty, mental health issues, addictions, debt etc) receiving friendship signposting and food.

Singing for the Mind: The next session is at The Hub on Thurs 17th May 10.30 -11.30. If you love to sing come and join us. Some of those attending have already spoken of the benefits for them. If you haven't tried Singing for the Mind yet and you like singing and music, you are in for a treat!

Although well-loved classics are part of the mix, we also sing more modern songs and even tackle the odd harmonies, rounds. Come along and see!

SPIN's Thursday afternoon café continues for people with learning disabilities. Please contact Sylvia and Pete through the office for more information.

Tamworth Carnival 2018: In order to raise the profile of Heart of Tamworth and raise funds for our projects from a wider audience, we are entering a Glascote float and have a stall in the Tamworth Carnival 2018. We have already had the very generous support of Guinan Girls in providing a lorry. Can you help on the day, **2nd June**, or with the preparations? The stall will raise funds so ideas and contributions are very welcome. Please email me with your interest at sppeople@btinternet.com.

Gamblers Anonymous now meet each Monday evening at St John's at 7pm.
A.A. continue to meet on Monday and Friday evenings at St John's at 7.00 pm

Yoga – a new Yoga class is now being held at Sacred Heart on a Tuesday morning 10.30am – 12.00noon.

Planning Permission for the work at Sacred Heart has now been granted – that is good news. Please pray that funding will come next.

Money Matters

Envelopes	157.30
Standing Order	800.00
Loose	478.73
Total:	£1436.03
Training Fund	283.00

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