

St John the Baptist Parish Newsletter

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Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year 6th October 2024

Readings:	<i>Book of Genesis 2:18-24</i>	<i>Psalms 127</i>	<i>Hebrews 2:9-11</i>	<i>Mark 10:2-16</i>
Sat 5 th October Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year	10.30am (S.J.) 6.00pm (S.J.)		Paddy Joe McGuigan Anne & Sidney Green – Christine Breeden	
Sunday 6 th October Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year	9.00am (S.H.) 10.30am (S.J.) 12.00noon (S.H.)		Mary & Tony Ryan - Derek Brotherhood Doris Jarvis Ayasamy family - Sean O'Connor	
Tues 8 th October Feria	10.00am (S.H.)		Phyllis Dillon	
Wed 9 th October St John Henry Newman	10.00am (S.J.) 7.00pm (S.J.)		Paul Nagle Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thurs 10 th October Feria	10.00am (S.H.)		Tony Burton	
Friday 11 th October Feria	9.15 am (S.E.) 12.00am (S.J.)		Michael White The sick and housebound of the Parish	
Sat 12 th October Feria Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year	10.30am (S.J.) 6.00pm (S.J.)		Ann Prosser Tom, June and Peter Sharratt	
Sunday 13 th October Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year	9.00am (S.H.) 10.30am (S.J.) 12.00noon (S.H.)		Ken Tansey Rosie McKenny Veronica Ann Johnson – Natalie Page	
Confession Saturday 11.00- 11.30 am St John's Church 5.15 – 5.45 pm				

Please pray for the following who are sick: Mary Collins, Joy Espanta, Maria Alcuaz, Mandy Williamson, Anthony Hayes, Gillian Sage, Jemma Vine, Fay Bishop, Raymond Walker, Julie Tranter, Augusto Mayores, Edwin Catli, Sheila Bonser, Fr Jim McCormack, Mary Coady, Patricia Burton, Joan Barber, Dominic Hespe, George Williams, Ray Newbold, Nicole Thomson, Maurice Murdanaigum, Paul Connell, Bob Walker, Clara Counsell, Marie Purslow, Jo Hawker, Olive Arrowsmith, Stan Merryweather, Olive Stewart, Kathy Warren, Ruth Faulds, Michelle Padmore, Sheila Fullbrook, Brian McCourt, Michael Boulstridge, Alan Hopper, Peter Scott, Jane Harper, John Doherty, Janet Tansey, John McDermottroe, Vincenzo Gizzi, Lisa Smith, Bro Donie Hallissey, Kathleen Donoghue, James Doherty, Paul Heseltine, David Jarrett, Mark Whitehouse, Rachel Scarnell, Joan Hill, Mandy Duffy-Godfry, Eugene Reilly, David Smith, Michael McMahon, Patrick Keogh, Brenda Shaw, Joe Kelly, Margaret O'Donovan, Henry Smith, Paul Vincent Argamosa, Judith Cunningham, Geraldine Lee, Matthew Downes, Nelly Jones, Drew Taylor-Hunt, Gillian Satchel, Bert Branagan, Joe Gallagher, Pete McNaughton, Eileen Facer, Flor Masters, Ryan O'Doherty, Patricia Devlin, Phyllis Dillon, Chris Davis, David Purslow, Irene Whelan, Lee Atkinson, David Rens.

Reflection: There are two 'cares' in the gospel today - care for marriage and care for children. Maybe in our prayer today we can think of people we know who are experiencing struggles in their marriage. Let us pray that they will find a way through the pain. Also, we pray for the innocence of children, for us to capture childlike innocence for ourselves. Jesus tells us that we need to accept the kingdom of God. He does not say that we must work hard to earn it but accept it like a child. Lord, teach us to commit ourselves to Your mission of acceptance, love and faithfulness.



Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Patrick Dunlop, Florence Archer, Daisie Reed, Peter Smith, Sarah Gillan, Annie Garry, James Cavin, Christine Goodfellow, Agnes Hughes, Laurence Haiste, Catherine Whelan, Dot Fairfield, Thomas Sunter, Kevin Hirons, Annie Smith, Veronica Hall, Kathleen Oxenbold, Dr. Philip Vaughan, Ellen Brotherhood, Dennis Stokes, Michael Dunleavey, George New, James Watts, John Dola, Tony Reading, Leonard Reading, Veronica (Ronnie) Johnson, Raymond Coleman, Aidrie Hewitt, Olive Clancey, Marjorie Bishop, Bernadette Whitlock, Alec Cockeram, Emma Novakova, Justine Entwistle, Dephne Hall, Violet Seekings, Eileen D'Arcy, Alan Tonks.

Teas and Toys after 9.00am Mass at Sacred Heart in the Upstairs Kenelm Room. This is a lovely way to meet other parents and have a chat while the young children enjoy some play together. Teas and coffees also downstairs at Sacred Heart after the 9.00am -all proceeds towards the flowers. Teas and coffees after the 10.30am Mass at St. John's in the Community Rooms.



Deaths: Please pray for all those who have died recently, especially **Mary O’Gorman, Joe Gallagher, Ethan Walsh**, Marie Purslow’s nephew, who died recently, **Paul Preston, Stuart & Jackie Bell** (nee Buckley) and **Jean Padmore** who died during the week. May they be welcomed into paradise. Pray also that their families will be consoled by their faith.

First Holy Communion: For Children in Non-Catholic schools in Yr 3 or above sessions will start on Monday evenings on the 14th October 2024 from 6.00-7.00pm at Sacred Heart. To sign up please contact alex@tamworthrc.church

Alpha: Dinner or Breakfast? We are offering dinner or breakfast over two Alpha Courses. A meal followed by a video and discussion for anyone who wishes to explore their faith or take the first steps to explore

becoming a Catholic.

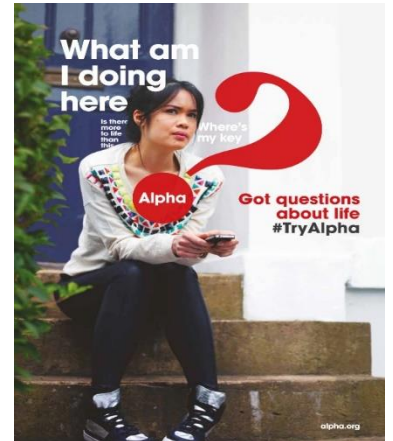
Thursday evenings 7.30-9.00pm at Sacred Heart in the Kenelm Room.or Saturday morning for breakfast for those who can’t make Thursday, at 8.30-9.00am also at Sacred Heart. Please contact alex@tamworthrc.church to book a place. It is an 11 week course. It is not too late to join.

Youth Alpha: For all those in non-Catholic schools who wish to receive Confirmation next year, please join us for this, the first part of the course, on Monday evenings 5.45-7.00pm on Mondays at Sacred Heart. If you are interested, please contact alex@tamworthrc.church

This is also open to any youth in Y6 or above who would like to support their own faith journey especially those preparing for Confirmation at our two Catholic Schools.

Sacramental Enrolment Evening for parents: If you were not able to attend the Enrolment Meeting during the week, please contact alex@tamworthrc.church to arrange a time to go through the information missed, if you wish your child to be enrolled on the Sacramental Programme.

Celebration Choir: We are getting ready for Christmas and the Jubilee. Lots of lovely songs to learn. If you enjoy singing why not come along? The next practice will be on Wednesday 9th October 7.00pm at Sacred Heart. New members always welcome.



Phoenix Youth Group: The next session will be **Wed 9th October** from **6. 00-7.30pm**. **Please note the new time.** We look forward to welcoming new members. It is for those young people in Y6 and Y7. New members welcome. A voluntary contribution of £1 per session would be appreciated each session to help towards drinks and biscuits. A chance to catch up with friends, make new ones and enjoy fun activities and games. If you have any questions, please email Becky or Liz phoenix@tamworthrc.church

On Saturday 12th October 2024, The Kenelm Youth Trust will be hosting a **Youth Ministry Conference** at Alton Castle, from 10am-6pm and will be filled with practical and engaging workshops; exhibitions and resources; a coffee corner and an opportunity to hear from young people engaged in Youth Ministry. *Our guest speaker, Dr Julia Sadusky, will be speaking on the topic of Trends in Youth Culture & Questions of Faith. This is a session I'm sure you won't want to miss!*

St Elizabeth’s School will be holding their open day on Thursday 7th November for parents of children who will be starting school in September 2025. Please call the school office to book an appointment on 01827 214000. Everyone welcome.



St Gabriel's Primary School are having an Open Morning on Wednesday 9th October 2024 (9.30 - 11.30am) for parents of children who will be starting school in September 2025. If you have a child who will be starting school next September, please do come along. For more information about please visit <https://www.st-gabriels.staffs.sch.uk/>

We are planning to do some consultation soon and also update our census information. Forms nearly ready and we hope to have an online version.

In Simple Faith: The next session of this new course on Monday 14th October at 7.30-9.00pm in the HoT café, to be led in the style of Home Group i.e. a drink and biscuit to chat and catch up for 10 minutes or so, then Scripture and catechesis, followed by a time of prayer. It will be led by experienced Catechist from Lichfield, Igna Evans and Tony Appleby. A dip into Bible study and backed up by extracts from the catechism, a great way to develop your faith if you are new to the church or explore your faith with others if your faith is more established. This will run mainly fortnightly in term time. For more information please contact alex@tamworthrc.church



Maranatha Prayer Chain: Please contact - terryvobrien@icloud.com or Sylvia Geldard 01827 65264 with a prayer request which will be passed on to our (prayer) chain of people.

If you are looking for volunteering opportunities, please email Fr Michael, Alex or Jen to discuss.



Christmas Day? Do you want to do something different? We need a team of cooks to do Christmas day dinner for people who are isolated or needy. Can you help? Venue will be Sacred Heart for about 30-40 guests. For info email jen@heartoftamworth.org

Safe Haven is a Crisis Café for people aged 18+ with mental health problems: 5pm to 11pm Wed to Fri and 9am to 5pm on Sat and Sun. For info, email: Claire.Griffiths@burtonmind.co.uk

Bereavement Help Points: Thurs evening 5.30pm – 7.00pm, in the café.

The Memory Café meets Tues 10.30am 12.30pm email

sally.clough@Tamworth.homeinstead.co.uk

Senior Gentlemen's Club: Meet on Tues 10.00 – 12 at St John's. Activities: dominoes, chess, bowling, trips. £2 subs. Contact Bill Field on 07985581794.

East Staffs Diabetes UK Patient Network supports groups for people living with diabetes. Contact John 07590379892 Email: bridgesjohn763@gmail.com

The next craft club meeting will be on Tues 8th October. New members welcome.

Can you help with collections from local retailers please? If you can help please contact kelly@heartoftamworth.org

Hygiene Bank Appeal thank you to everyone who supports the hygiene bank. we desperately need the following items: period pads, tampons, roll-on deodorant (men's and women's), disposable razors ,baby wipes.



World Osteoporosis Day 2024 – Community Outreach Bone Health Education and Exercise Session will be held at Sacred Heart on Saturday 19th October 9.30am – 12pm. The event is open to everyone interested in improving their bone health, with presentations from experts in osteoporosis and a simple but fun exercise session. There will also be resources from the Royal Osteoporosis Society and an opportunity to speak to the experts. To add the link to register <https://forms.office.com/e/ntYTARRG3H>

St John's Former Presbytery now houses 6 mums and 6 babies. It's a great project and a real help to pregnant girls not knowing which way to turn. It looks like the whole roof of that building now needs replacing. Marie Sharratt-Freeman left £5,000 to the parish recently. She loved St John's so that money will go towards the work which will cost in excess of £15,000.

Fr Karunakar will be on his way soon. Fr Charles will follow once he has his visa.

Congratulation to Mary & Tony Ryan on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. We hope you have a lovely day. God Bless you both.

The Annual Memorial Mass will be on Saturday Nov 2nd, 6pm at St John's. If you have lost a loved on in the last 12 months (since Nov last year) please write their names on the board in the porch if you want them remembered at that Mass.

The Big Dig Gig on Saturday Oct 19th, 10am start: Well, there will be no digging – more weeding and trimming around Sacred Heart for **2 hours**. Can you please help? It means that the grounds will look good for the winter and ready for next Spring. Email bob@tamworthrc.church if you can help.



Money Matters

Envelopes:	72.50
Standing Orders:	1100.00
Loose:	597.21
Card:	295.00
Total:	£2064.71

Thank-you

This week's second collection is in aid of Cafod Family Fast Day Appeal 6th October Please give what you can afford. Thank you.

If you are new to the Parish, then please let us know and get yourself registered as soon as you can michael@tamworthrc.church as well as introducing yourself before or after Mass.

Christmas Fayre: Firstly, can you, or a friend or your company provide any prizes? Fayre coming up in a few weeks. Raffle tickets available next week.



Secondly, does the company you work for match-fund employees fundraising efforts? Many will give up to £500 to match what an employee does. Someone on a stall that raises that amount gets a further £500! 4 people doing that could make a big difference.

Companies that do it include **nearly all the big banks**, Tesco, Andersen, Argos, Astra Zeneca, Ernst & Young, Pfizer, GlaxoSmithKline, Sky Broadcasting, KPMG, National Grid Transco, Shell, Sigma, Texaco, Vodafone, Centrica and others. Do you work for any of these or know someone who does? Can you ask your company if they do it? And spare 2 hours at a fayre to boost our fundraising by a massive amount?

In two hours, you could, if you work for such a company, raise £500 for our charity.

Next year is a Holy Year or a Jubilee Year 2025 has been designated by the church as a jubilee year. As a parish, the tours we are looking at are Santiago de Compostela 7 to 8 days with 5 to 6 days walking around 10 to 18 miles per day, during March or April. Rome in October or November, 3 nights half board with an escorted tour. The cost is likely to be around £1000 per person. For either of these we will need to know who is interested within the next few weeks. We are also looking at 3 possible more local places, Harvington Hall, Walsingham and Mount St. Bernard, during the year. These will be one day visits. Please contact the parish office a.s.a.p

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For Rome and Santiago put your names on the list in the porch as an expression of interest. We hope to make Lourdes available too with the Diocese.



Bonfire Night is in four weeks on Tuesday 5th November. It's a community event that normally sells out really quickly. Tickets will be available at all Masses. Adults £3 and children £1 and it does include some food. Numbers are limited so get your tickets now if you want to come. If you can help with fire, food or fireworks please let us know.

St Elizabeth require a Site Technician for October 2024 start NOR: 201 Grade 3 (£11.98 per hour currently) For mor information please contact St Elizabeth's School 01827 214000.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Anne Goodeve, who can be contacted at: sg.sjtb.tamworth@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.