

St John the Baptist Parish Newsletter

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The Most Holy Trinity – 26th May 2024

Readings: Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40: Psalm: 32 Romans: 8:14-17 Matthew: 28:16-20

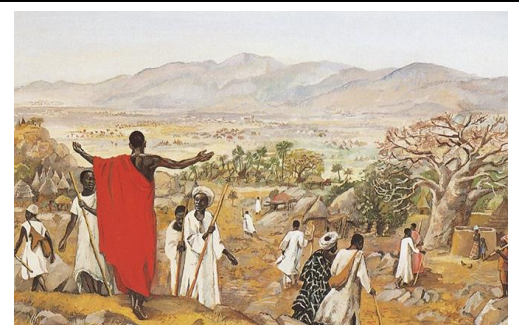
Saturday 25 th May	St Bede The Most Holy Trinity	10.30am (S.J.) 6.00pm (S.J.)	Tony Soden Tom, June and Peter Sharratt
Sunday 26 th May	The Most Holy Trinity	9.00am (S.H.) 10.30am (S.J.) 12.00noon (S.H.)	Nigel Brindley – Phillis Dillon The Fitzgerald Family – Rosie McKenny Margaret, Brian & June, and Mary Beggan
Tuesday 28 th May	Feria	10.00am (S.H.)	Donald
Wed 29 th May	Feria	10.00am (S.J.)	Michael (Micky) Mulligan
Thurs 30 th May	Feria	10.00am (S.H.)	Clio Oliveira
Friday 31 st May	Feria	12 noon (S.J.)	The sick and housebound of the parish
Saturday 1 st June	St Justin Corpus Christi	10.30am (S.J.) 6.00pm (S.J.)	Holy Souls The Kinahan Family – Dave Titterton
Sunday 2 nd June	Corpus Christi	9.00am (S.H.) 10.30am (S.J.) 12.00noon (S.H.)	Ayasamy Family – Terry & Mary Brew Jim Kavanagh (Jr) Patrick Keogh – 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, Kobe Lennox Coverson, David Jarrett, Mark Whitehouse, Rachel Scarnell, Joan Hill, Jean Padmore, Mandy Duffy-Godfrey, 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, Kay Hearn, Drew Taylor-Hunt, Gillian Satchel, Bert Branagan, Dave Titterton.

Reflection: A man went out on a starry night and shook his fist at the heavens yelling, "Oh, God, what a lousy, rotten world you've made. I could have done much better." Then a voice boomed from the clouds saying, "That's why I put you there. Get busy."

We are all called to be missionaries, to step out of our comfort zones and connect with our communities. 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'. Each one of us, in whatever we do in life are called to baptise people with the love of God in health care, education, social welfare. Missionary work is not only direct faith work it is work for a just society and a decent way of life simply because everyone is a child of God.



Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mary Larkin, James Ellard, Bernard Yates, John Serrage, Emily Duffy, Bernard Pickford, Caroline McIlroy, Bernard Lavin, Jim O'Brien, Joe Iremonger, John Armstrong, Mary Cavey, Maurice O'Regan, Sue Sharratt, Roma Evans, Charles Jacob, Sidney Cutler, John Dagnall, George Cherrington, Stephan Burda, John Moulton, Samuel Lauchlan, Mary Holland, Patrick Smith, Flo & Jack Sharman, Matilda Radford, Stanislaw Maszak, Pat Buckley, Veronica Thomas, Laurence Little, Phyllis Angeledis, Mary Turner, Louise O'Neill, Margaret Boonham, James Kavanagh, Eileen Baron, Patsy Kelly, Roy Moore, Kathleen Tricklebank, John Giles Williams, Evelyn Bartin, Paul Thriavithul, Norah Brown, Alan Gaffney, John O'Malley, Jane Wilson, Gwendoline Northall, Alan Arris, Edna Mundin, Margaret Beggan, John Solanky

Parents, there is a Children's Library in church. Take a book and swap it next week.

Deaths: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Michael Costello** whose funeral will take place at the Sacred Heart on Monday, 10th June at 12noon; **Joseph Thomas Hollingsworth**, funeral service will take place at Sacred Heart on Tuesday 18th June at 11.30am. We also remember **Mary Beggan**, sister of Michael, **Sister Anne-Marie Eden**, a Sister of St Joseph who worked in Haunton Parish and **Sandra Jones**. May they rest in peace. Amen.



May Procession: Sunday 26th May following the 9.00am Mass we will have our May Procession and we welcome the First Holy Communion children to come wearing their special Communion outfits to lead us in the procession.

Confirmation Parents' Catechesis: For parents of children at St Gabriel's preparing for Confirmation there is a session on Monday 3rd June at 7.30-8.45pm at Sacred Heart Church in the Kenelm room.

For Parents of children at St Elizabeth's and non- Catholic schools there is a session at St John's Church on Tuesday 4th June at 6.15-7.30pm.

If you have completed **the Journey in Faith course** and would like to explore your faith more, sessions exploring the Faith with the support of the Catechism are continuing on Thursdays at 7.30pm with Tony.

Celebration Choir: The next Wednesday evening Choir Practice will be on 29th May at 7.00pm. New members always welcome. For more details, please contact alex@tamworthrc.church

Café Liturgy Group: Please note the next meeting has been moved to Monday 3rd June due to the Bank Holiday. It is at 7.30-9.00pm at Sacred Heart in the HoT Cafe. We will explore the scripture for the next Sunday's Mass. Anyone is welcome to come along. Please email alex@tamworthrc.church for more details.

The Summer Fayre will be on June 9th.

- ❖ Last weekend was Bring a Bottle weekend but please keep them coming.
- ❖ Can you start searching for gifts and prizes for stalls?
- ❖ New toys, unwanted Christmas Gifts.
- ❖ Potted plants.
- ❖ Last minute cakes will make a difference too.

Does anyone work for a company /Bank who offers match funding? That could double what we raise.

All funds will go to the work of the parish.

If you can spare some time leading up to the event and on the day then please contact Julie - juliecharles26@hotmail.com

If everyone does a little, it will be a big success so please chip in with some time and/or gifts.



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.



Young Readers: We have a weekend of Youth Masses coming up soon on 1st and 2nd June. Contact alex@tamworthrc.church if you can help. We will have a workshop/ practice on the Saturday morning of 1st July at 10.00am-11.00am at Sacred Heart.

Young Servers wanted for all Masses. Any child who has made their first holy communion can become an altar server. If you are interested, please email ramesh@tamworthrc.church

Encounter Day – An encounter with God, self and others. A time of reflection and fellowship led by Curillo. Saturday 8th June 9.30am – 1pm at St Michael & St James Catholic Church Haunton. For

more information visit: www.cursillouk.org. To book your place, email paul.northam@rcaob.org.uk

Young Livestreamers: are there any young people interested in helping us operate livestreaming cameras at either Church on Sundays? If you want to know more then, contact Fr Michael.

Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th June at 1.30pm in St John's meeting room.



British Society is
Stronger
When both lives matter

Act Now! MPs Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have both tabled amendments to the Government's Criminal Justice Bill that would decriminalise abortion. In different ways, they would essentially legalise DIY abortion up to birth, for any reason. Please contact your MP urgently, asking them to oppose these extreme proposals. Just use SPUC's easy to use webtool, at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments>. The amendments will be debated on 4 June.

Is anyone a qualified PAT tester and would have some time to test and record our portable electrical appliances. We have our own equipment to complete the task. If you can help, please give Deacon Bob a call on 07767841351 or e mail him at

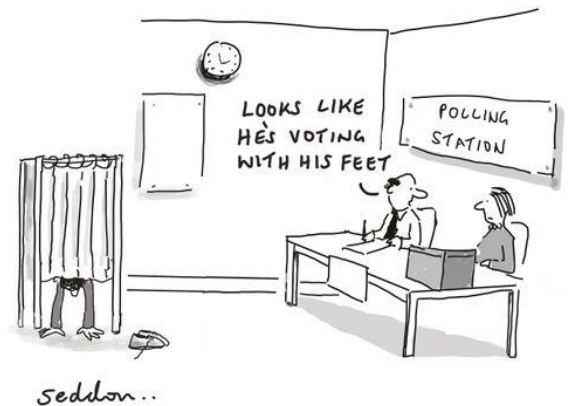
bob@tamworthrc.church.

A 'New Parishioners Evening' is being planned. If you consider yourself a new parishioner, please let us know. We will soon be handing out invitations for this evening on Friday June 21st. If you can help organise this, we would welcome that too. This is open to people who have just become Catholics, those who have moved into Tamworth or anyone who has returned to the Church.

Mary Prayer Bags: are available in May. Please take one home for your family to use during May. Please return any Lent Prayer Bags as soon as possible.

Phoenix Youth Group: The next session is on **Wednesday 5th June** from **6.30-8.00pm**. 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 the cost of pizza and squash. 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

Youth Leaders: There are currently 4 amazing volunteer Youth Leaders at the Wednesday Group but occasionally some can't make the session. We could do with a backup person to help occasionally. Please contact alex@tamworthrc.church if you would like to be considered. The necessary checks would be made.



The Friday Youth Group too need more leaders as there are currently 25-30 teenagers coming with the expert help of Rhiannon and one other volunteer. If you could give time regularly here that would be fantastic. Please get in touch with rhiannon@tamworthrc.church



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

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

Bereavement Help Points: Thurs evening 5.30pm – 7.00pm, in the café and on Friday, 10.00am till 12 noon, at Sacred Heart. If you are struggling with loss & wish to talk, just come along.

The Memory Café meets Tues 10.30am 12.30pm - email sally.clough@Tamworth.homeinstead.co.uk

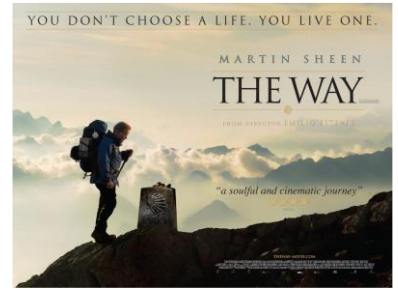
East Staffs Diabetes UK Patient Network is a support group for people living with diabetes and families. Contact John 07590379892 Email: bridgesjohn763@gmail.com

Friendship Friday: Chats, quizzes, games - each week is different. Sacred Heart Friday 1pm – 3pm. For any information about the above check our website www.heartoftamworth.org or contact the HoT office on 01827 259955 or email jen@heartoftamworth.org

The Craft Group meet every fortnight 1pm-3pm doing lots of different crafts such as paper folding, sewing, macrame, collage etc. You don't have to be an expert! Next meeting on Tues 4th June. Please join us.

Games Afternoon: Thursday at the Sacred Heart, 1pm – 3pm. Chance to meet new people and play favourite games with tea/coffee.

New Saturday Film Night Social event: Saturday 1st June - 7pm Sacred Heart- The Way . Upstairs in the Kenelm Room we will be showing the beautiful and uplifting Emilio Estevez movie in which a bereaved father walks the Camino de Santiago in memory of his son and finds joy and friendship along the way. This is a relaxed social event so feel free to bring drinks and snacks and enjoy the film together.



Summer Scheme: We hold our Summer Schemes for young people in the first two weeks of the school holidays. This year it is July 22nd- August 2nd (weekdays). We are recruiting volunteers to help. Can you spare a day or more? If you would like to get involved, please contact alex@tamworthrc.church as soon as possible so that we can arrange for DBS checks etc. or speak with Fr Michael or Fr Ramesh. We are looking for minibus drivers with a clean driving licence who are experienced drivers who could assist with the Scheme perhaps give a day to help with transport.



"OK, I'll run through it one more time..."

The Firewalk we did last year will be remembered by many, especially the 80 people who took part. It was a great event that really helped our charity project with the shop and food distribution. We are doing it again this year on Sun June 9th.

So, will you think about doing it? We would welcome those who did it last year but hope that others might feel inspired by the help we provide to people in need and the challenge and do it this year.

We welcome people from outside the Church, maybe someone who values our community work and wants to support that. All funds raised through the Fire Walk will go to Heart of Tamworth. Maybe you know someone who would accept the challenge? The entry fee is £10. To register your interest, contact Margaret at Margaret@heartoftamworth.org

Land's End to John O'Groats Bike Ride 2024: Michael Henry, guitarist at the 9.00am Mass, is nearing the end of his 1000-mile challenge. Please keep him in your prayers. He is raising money for Heart of Tamworth Charity. Please support him: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/michael-henry-lejogbikeride>

Situation Vacant - Caritas Development Lead: Base - Coleshill, Warwickshire, Home Based and travel across the region, 30 Hours per week. Working days to be discussed with the successful candidate. Salary, SCP 33-35 £28,841. -£30,268 per annum

Chris Bain, the local Councillor for Glascote has his Surgery on 2nd & 4th Mondays 6.00pm at Sacred Heart.

Money Matters	
Envelopes:	68.00
Standing Orders:	1100.00
Loose:	610.99
Card:	21.00
FHC Collections:	637.22
Total:	£2,437.21
<i>Thank-you</i>	

NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Urgent Healthcare Services in our local area. We all want the quickest route to urgent healthcare – but we're not always sure where to turn. NHS 111 is often the best starting point, as you'll be directed to the best service for your needs. Did you know they can book you urgent appointments with a GP outside normal opening hours? Go online, phone 111, or use the NHS App. For more information : <https://staffsstokeics.org.uk/urgent-and-emergency-healthcare/>



This QR code will take you to a site where you can donate online.

Urgent Appeal - The Hygiene Bank continues to supply many local schools, families and individuals with essential hygiene products. In the last 12months we have seen an increase demand for help and a decrease in donations. So many are struggling with the cost of living. We urgently need the following: Period pads and Tampons, Baby Wipes, Loo Rolls, Nappies – Sizes 4, 5, 6, Children's Toothpaste. Any donation is greatly appreciated. Place donation in the **Yellow Bin Donation Bin** at Sacred Heart or basket at St Johns.

2023 Annual Report and Accounts will be distributed soon. We want to tie our annual meeting in with some consultation. The plan is to have a parish picnic and family event on a Sunday and use it as a chance to share ideas and ask questions. We have pencilled in Sunday June 23rd, 12 noon Mass followed by picnic, children's games and sharing ideas on improving our parish. Can you pencil it in too?