

# St John the Baptist Parish Newsletter

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## Eighteenth Sunday of the Year (B) – 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021

Psalm Response: *The Lord gave them bread from heaven*

Readings: Exodus 16:2-4,12-15 Psalm 77 Ephesians 4:17,20-24 John 6:24-35

Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> July <b>Eighteenth Sunday of the Year</b>	12.00 noon (S.J.) 6.00pm (S.H.)	Annie O'Reilly June Betty O'Brien
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> August <b>Eighteenth Sunday of the Year</b>	9.00 am (S.H.) 10.30 am (S.J.) 12.00 noon (S.H.)	People of the parish Noreen Henry Simon Doherty
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August Feria		<i>No public mass due today</i>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> August St John Vianney	8.00 am (S.H.)	Barry Gardener
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> August Feria	8.00am (S.H.)	The Murray family
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> August Transfiguration of the Lord	8.00am (S.H.)	Kory
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> August <b>Nineteenth Sunday of the Year</b>	12.00 noon (S.J.) 6.00pm (S.H.)	Josef Olearczyk Madeleine Titterton
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> August <b>Nineteenth Sunday of the Year</b>	9.00 am (S.H.) 10.30 am (S.J.) 12.00 noon (S.H.)	Jim O'Connor People of the parish Leonard & Gloria Carbado - Prudencia Cortez

Confession Saturday St John's Church 11.15am – 11.45 am

**Please pray for the following who are sick:** Mary Collins, Maria Leedham, Beryl Smith, Joy Espanta, Maria Alcuaz, Mandy Williamson, Anthony Hayes, Gillian Horsley, Aoife Sage, Catherine McGinty, Margaret Wainwright, Jemma Vine, Marie Cole, Corrie Walker, Susan Myers, Fay Bishop, Rose Limm, Raymond Walker, Maureen Walker, Julie Tranter, Anna Flynn, Eileen Darcy, Eleanor Tucker, Dorothy Reardon, Augusto Mayores, Edwin Catli, Sheila Bonser, Fr Jim McCormack, Mary Coady, Patricia Burton, Muriel Lawley, Joan Barber, Dominic Hespe, George Williams, Ray Newbold, Nicole Thomson, Mandy Sheridan, Gary Ealing, Dennis Reardon, Marie Purslow, Emma Downes, Bella Gillen, Sini Thomas, Rita Fioe, Pat Machin, Celia Joyce, Joan Hill, Connie de Guzman, Rafael Lorenzo and Joy Greer.

**Reflection:** Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.

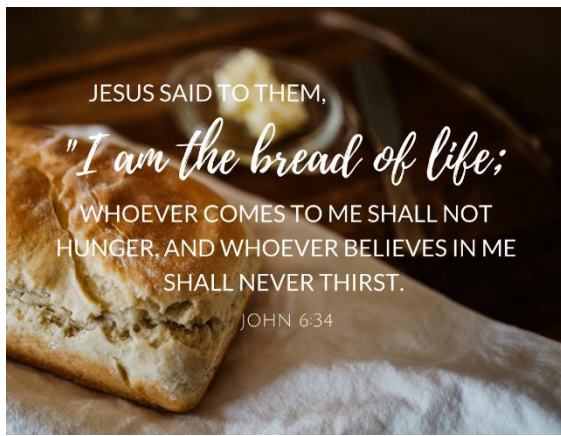
This is a tough call nowadays, not to work for what perishes but for what endures. Our world, so competitive and materialistic, is moving in the opposite direction, pushing us to fulfil our passing needs and desires, and forget all about what lasts. Let us ask for wisdom, for knowing how to choose between what lasts and what passes, and for the courage to do what we know is more important.



**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:** William Reardon, Bessie O'Regan, Edward Sullivan, Myra Williams, Hannah Dunkerton, Florence Harding, Barbara Brown, Patricia Finnegan, Winifred Avery, Fenton Quaddelli, Marjorie Gavin, Mary C. Murphy, Eamon Byrne, James Crampin, Hope Samantha Edwards, Patrick Kiernan, Rose Tomson, Margaret Neak, Arthur Compton, Geoffrey Hassall, Lily Vaughan, Mary Titterton, Kathleen Bates, Barbara Tarpey, Elizabeth Upton, John Cole, Anthony Parsons, Ernest Wilson, Margaret Hepple, Patricia Peart, Brendan Sterling, Patricia Sutherland, Bridget Page, Sarah Keating, Margaret Smith.

Please note that during the summer-scheme, **all masses will be at 8.00 am at Sacred Heart.**

**This weekend we welcome Toby Duckworth** who was ordained a deacon last month and will, please God, be ordained a priest next year. Congratulations to Toby on his ordination to the diaconate. He will be preaching at Masses this weekend.



**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pam Cartwright** whose body will be received into St John's on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August at 4.00pm, followed by a funeral Mass on the 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 am and **Josef Olearczyk** and **Maldwyn Hearne** (Kay's son) who died recently. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**St John's Icon's:** some cards have been reproduced; each card has a prayer on the back relating the saint: You can now buy a pack of 4 for £2.00 (50p p&p if they need posting).

**The Café Volunteers** have been fantastic. Some have moved on to permanent work and some are on holidays so we need a few more. Can you help? It is a real blessing to the wider community and helps people see a different side of the Church. If you can help, please contact [kelly@heartoftamworth.org](mailto:kelly@heartoftamworth.org)

## Summer-Scheme

**It started last Monday.** It has had a good first week, thank God. It is the biggest scheme in Tamworth by a long way and a great opportunity to show families that they matter to the Church. But we also want everyone to stay safe and happy!

**Can all parents with children on the summer-scheme** please make sure that their children take a lateral flow test each Sunday and Wednesday? Please let us know on [michael@tamworthrc.church](mailto:michael@tamworthrc.church) if they test positive. Lateral flow kits are available at Sacred Heart.



**The Summer-scheme is now full.** We are sorry if you have not been able to get a place this year; there has been unprecedented demand. Any queries please, contact Alex: [alex@tamworthrc.church](mailto:alex@tamworthrc.church) or 769403.



**Thanks to All Our Volunteers on the Summer-scheme this week.** They are awesome.

**Volunteers:** given the NHS 'ping rate' we may still need volunteers. If you can help, please email [alex@tamworthrc.church](mailto:alex@tamworthrc.church) or Fr Michael.

**Covid Restrictions** are changing. At the same time, we know that Tamworth figures are high. Many are nervous. For that reason, people will feel more confident in Church if we continue to book to attend, wear masks, sanitise and maintain a 1m plus distance. It is being advised in most churches. We can sing but, for now, let's keep

our masks on. If the figures are 600+ per 100,000, being cautious is another way of showing love and protection for each other.

But we can sing!

**Hygiene Bank** continues to welcome children's toothpaste and tooth brushes, deodorant, Baby wipes.

**Tai-Chi** has now resumed on a Tuesday morning at Sacred Heart 11.30 – 12.30, everyone welcome.

**Memory Café on Tues 10.30am-12.30pm** Karen 01827 431002 [karen.wilkinson@homeinstead.co.uk](mailto:karen.wilkinson@homeinstead.co.uk).

**Maranatha Prayer Chain:** If you know of someone in need of prayer, contact [terryvobrien@icloud.com](mailto:terryvobrien@icloud.com).

**Bereavement Help Point** every Friday 10.00am – 12noon.

**Welcome to Visitors** on holiday or seeing family in Tamworth. We are pleased to have you in our parish and wish you a good break.

**Having a Break?** We hope most of you are able to take a break. If so, whether that is at home or going away we trust you soon feel refreshed. It's been a tough year or so and all will welcome some time for recreation. May God be with you.



“Leave the car keys just in case something grabs you out there.”