

St John the Baptist Parish Newsletter

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Nineteenth Sunday of the Year (C) – 7th August 2022

Psalm Response: Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own

Readings: Wisdom 18:6-9 Psalm 32 Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 Luke 12:32-48

Saturday 6 th August		10.30 am (S.J.)	McGeever Family
Nineteenth Sunday of the Year		6.00 pm (S.J.)	Jane McSweeney
Sunday 7 th August		9.00 am (S.H.)	Maria Rychlak
Nineteenth Sunday of the Year		10.30 am (S.J.)	Rita Fido's Friends
		12.00 noon (S.H.)	Frank O'Reilly – Ann Gillen
Tuesday 9 th August	St Teresa Benedicta	10.00 am (S.H.)	Billy Newell
Wednesday 10 th August	St Lawrence	10.00am (S.J.)	Joe Hackett
Thursday 11 th August	St Clare	10.00am (S.H.)	Dec O'Dwyer Family (<i>Stourbridge</i>)
Friday 12 th August	Feria	10.00am (S.J.)	Mr M E Connelly
Saturday 13 th August	Feria	10.30 am (S.J.)	The sick and housebound of the parish
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary		6.00 pm (S.J.)	Carl Richards – Meg & Bill Burford
Sunday 14 th August		9.00 am (S.H.)	Noel O'Shea
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary		10.30 am (S.J.)	Josie Kavanagh – Irene Goring
		12.00 noon (S.H.)	Lucy Jones – Sylvia & Kevin Williams

Confession Saturday St John's Church 11.15am – 11.45 am and 5.15 – 5.45 pm

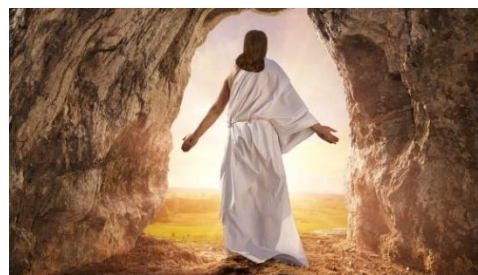
Please pray for the following who are sick: Mary Collins, Maria Leedham, Beryl Smith, Joy Espanta, Maria Alcuaz, Mandy Williamson, Anthony Hayes, Gillian Horsley, Aoife Sage, Margaret Wainwright, Jemma Vine, Corrie Walker, Fay Bishop, Rose Limm, Raymond Walker, Maureen Walker, Julie Tranter, Augusto Mayores, Edwin Catli, Sheila Bonser, Fr Jim McCormack, Mary Coady, Patricia Burton, Muriel Lawley, Joan Barber, Dominic Hesper, George Williams, Ray Newbold, Nicole Thomson, Mandy Sheridan, Gary Ealing, Dennis Reardon, Marie Purslow, Emma Downes, Sini Thomas, Pat Machin, Joan Hill, Connie de Guzman, Joyce Greer, Tolentino Fabian, Felix Gray Sutton Whittle, Maurice Murdanaigum, David Walker, Marie Trevelyan, Paul Connell, Mary van Roy, Bob Walker, Marie Cole, Clara Counsell, Jo Hawker, Monica Gallagher, Josie Williams, Joan Dauncey, Imogen Sylvester, Elsie Newbold, Olive Arrowsmith, John Scarnell.

Reflection: Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival - A good way of praying is to look back on a day and see where the Lord was near. It can be in moments of prayer, times of love, a call to help others, or in the beauty that surrounds us. We can find the feelings of gratitude and allow ourselves to believe that all the gifts in our lives come from him. The Lord knocks on the door of our heart to be welcomed into our lives and through each of us, bring his love to the world. This is the mystery of God – God is within, and God is all round.
Lord, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, here and in eternity.



Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Felix Connelly, Robert Walker, James Creighton, Margaret Mortimer, John Robinson, Hugh McDaid, Cissie Moss, Peter McNulty, Patrick McGinty, Winifred Haddrick, John Duffy, James Carney, Harold Rogers, Philip Martin, Stephan Admonowski, Maurice Weir, Michael Brennan, Phyllis Sedgley, Mary Edwards, Frances Garrett, Clarice Doherty, Marea Griffiths, Derek Hassall, Richard Harte, Gertrude Roots, Betty Burke, David Fleming, Rudolph Feix, John Francis Law, Roderick Tudor Wilson, June Sharratt, Mary Higgs, Norman Richardson, Jesse Box, Thomas Serridge, Philomena Wardell, William Lawley, John McGeough, Ronald Nicks, Alice Leedham, Joe Hackett, Elizabeth Kelly, Jean Bridges, Wendy Hughes, Kathleen Mytton, Margaret Crane, Cecilia Mary Peck.

Deaths: please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jackie Owen** who was the housekeeper at St John's, funeral will take place at Sutton Coldfield Crematorium on Thursday 11th August at 12.15pm; **Theresa Barrel, Edward Martin Whelan** and **Paul Thomas**. May they rest in peace. Amen.



Journey in Faith: If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or wish to find out about the Catholic Faith, please get in touch with us. Contact alex@tamworthrc.church or Fr Michael. Phone 01827 769403.

First Holy Communions: If your child is in Year 2 in a non-Catholic school, they are able to make their first holy Communion next year. Please contact Alex to sign up. alex@tamworthrc.church

52 Solar panels have now been installed at Sacred Heart. It was always as a way to reduce our use of fossil fuels and carbon. It has the added benefit of reducing our electric bills. They are not visible. Has anyone got a drone with camera to take some photos of this installation so we can show people.

Social Action



Friendship Fridays: Every Friday in July at Sacred Heart church from 1pm-3pm. No need to book just turn up. No charge to attend either. It's had a great start. If you fancy helping a bit, we could do with it.

Senior Gentlemen's Club: Meet on Tuesday morning 10.00 – 12noon at St John's Community rooms (at the side of St John's Church). Other activities: put the world to rights, dominos & chess, crown green bowling, trips, annual Christmas meal. £2 per week for the kitty for the trips and events. Contact Bill Field on 07985581794 – billfield123@btinternet.com

Community Shop: We are looking for volunteers to help with the food pick up supermarkets **Mon** – 8.30 pm Ventura / **Tues** – 10am Aldi Gl 10am co-op 8.30 pm Ventura / **Wed** - 1-2pm Sainsbury 9.30pm M&S / **Thurs** 1-2pm Sainsburys 8pm Aldi Ventura **Fri** - 1-2pm Sainsbury / **Sat** 10am Aldi Glascote. Please contact Kelly on kelly@heartoftamworth.org or Fr Michael

Friday Morning Help Point is closing till Sept 2nd due to shortage of volunteers.

HoT Lunch Club - Are you, or is someone you know, aged 60 or over, feeling isolated and looking for somewhere to meet people? The HoT Lunch Club might be the answer.

Starting on Wednesday 14th September, the HoT Lunch Club (12-2pm) will offer a home cooked, healthy two-course lunch, plus the opportunity to meet others and join in fun activities. If transport to and from the venue (Sacred Heart) is a problem we may be able to help. Thanks to funding HoT has received, there is no charge, and this project will run for two years.

If you're interested in joining us each week (we are looking for people who will attend regularly) please contact: Kelly Denton: 07422 721835 or kelly@heartoftamworth.org or Terry O'Brien: 07716 303636 or terryobrien@heartoftamworth.org

We need some volunteers to help run this project and to offer people lifts to/from Sacred Heart. If you can help, please contact Kelly or Terry.



The Tamworth Stroke Patients and their Carers Group meet on the first Friday of the month at St John's at 1-3pm. All welcome. Contact Trevor Baker on 07934351144 or tgbdeltic@hotmail.co.uk

Free School Uniform Event: After a great response to the donations of good condition school uniform, sports uniform for our 'Free School Uniform' event will take place at Sacred Heart Church before Fri 19th Aug 11am – 2pm.

Family Group, run by Homestart, is on Thurs 9.30 till 11.00am – just £1.50; all welcome. Contact Amanda - homestart.tam@btconnect.com

Memory Café every Tues 10.30am-12.30pm; email Karen karen.wilkinson@homeinstead.co.uk 01827 431002

The Hygiene Bank: This week we need shampoo, conditioner and laundry tablets.

The Walking Group – No planned walk next week. **Wed 17th August:** Sutton park - meet at Sacred Heart at 9.30am **Thurs 18th August:** Grendon Miners Walk-meet at S.H at 9.30am phil1205call@googlemail.com or Jaynecall@googlemail.com

Money Matters	
Envelopes	47.92
Standing Orders	925.00
Loose:	621.71
Total:	£1594.63
<p><i>Thank-you</i> <i>Would 'loose givers' consider giving by direct debit to help the parish? Speak to Fr Michael or Wendy for info</i></p>	



APF – Mill Hill Mission Appeal (Red Boxes) Next weekend Fr Kevin Hughes will be visiting us and telling us about their mission work. There will be a retiring collection for the APF

Brainstorming For Food: we buy food to supplement the HoT shop. Has anyone any ideas or connections to enable us to get basic foodstuffs (tinned, dried etc) more cheaply? Or do you know anyone from a supplier or distributor or manufacturer. Or are you based at Aldi Head office, or Ocado or Brakes or elsewhere. Ideas would be welcome please. Demand will increase this autumn. We want to be ready to help people meet their basic needs.