

St John the Baptist Parish Newsletter

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Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year (B) – 10th October 2021

Psalm Response: *Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.*

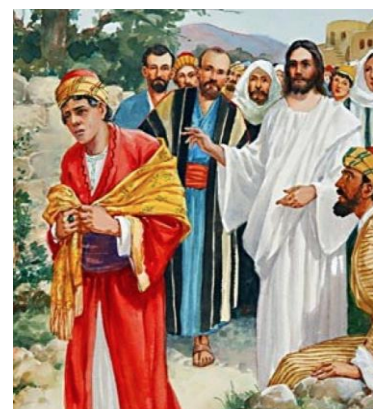
Readings:	Wisdom 7:7-11	Psalm 89	Hebrews 4:12-13	Mark 10:17-30
Saturday 9 th Oct Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year		12.00 noon (S.J.) 6.00pm (S.H.)	Kevin Gallagher – Tony Soden Sylvia & Kevin Williams	
Sunday 10 th October Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year		9.00 am (S.H.) 10.30 am (S.J.) 12.00 noon (S.H.)	Maldwyn Hearn People of the Parish Eileen D'arcy	
Tuesday 12 th October	Feria	10.00am (S.H.)	Veronica Hall	
Wednesday 13 th October	Feria	10.00 am (S.J.)	Holy Souls	
Thursday 14 th October	Feria	10.00am (S.H.)	Fr Jim McCormack	
Friday 15 th October	St Teresa of Jesus	12.30 noon (S.H.)	Funeral Mass for Bella Gillan	
Saturday 16 th October Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year		12.00 noon (S.J.) 6.00pm (S.H.)	Daphne Rayner People of the Parish	
Sunday 17 th October Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year		9.00 am (S.H.) 10.30 am (S.J.) 12.00 noon (S.H.)	David Taws – Patrick Doherty The Sick and Housebound Veronica Johnson	

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, Fay Bishop, Rose Limm, Raymond Walker, Maureen Walker, Julie Tranter, Anna Flynn, 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, Sini Thomas, Rita Fidoe, Pat Machin, Joan Hill, Connie de Guzman, Rafael Lorenzo, Joyce Greer, John Scarnell, Tolentino Fabian and Felix Gray Sutton Whittle, Maurice Murdanaigum.

Reflection: We hear today of a rich person attracted by the message of Jesus but something in him couldn't let go of his wealth. Pope Francis often speaks of wealth: 'Wealth ensures nothing. Indeed, once we think we are rich, we can become so self-satisfied that we leave no room for God's word, for the love of our brothers and sisters, or for the enjoyment of the most important things in life' (Gaudete Et Exsultate, 2018, par 68). Did the rich man know this, and that's why he went away 'sad'?

We have just experienced two unprecedented years, that in our wildest dreams we couldn't have imagined. For some of us, we have experienced the trappings of wealth or the lack of it, in our lives. Many families for whatever reasons, have felt and continue to feel that times are hard. Thankfully, during the pandemic we have witnessed the generosity of others, which has been remarkable. We have seen for ourselves the generosity of parishioners with the food donations and the hygiene bank. We can never become complacent, the question for us all today is – how generous are we with what we have, and how can we improve the lives of others with what we have.



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 Clancy, Marjorie Bishop, Bernadette Whitlock, Alec Cockeram, Emma Novakova, Justine Entwistle, Daphne Hall, Violet Seekings, Neil Lancaster.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bella Gillen whose funeral Mass will be at Sacred Heart on Fri Oct 15th at 12.30, **Eileen D'Arcy** whose funeral Mass will take place at St John's on Thursday 28th October at 10.00am, **James McMahon** whose funeral service will take place at St John's on Tuesday 26th October at 11.00am and **Robert Clark** who died recently. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Prisoners' Sunday: Today, the 10th October is marked as the National Day of Prayer and Action for prisoners and their families. Bishop Richard Moth, Liaison Bishop for Prisons encourages us to pray for those whose lives are entwined with the criminal justice system.



Learning About the Faith

Alpha: Re-fuel your faith! A choice of two Alpha courses. One on Thursday evenings at Sacred Heart 7.30-9.00pm or one online on Zoom also on Thursdays 6.00-7.15pm. It is not too late to join. Come this week and see! Watch an inspiring video and follow with discussion! Coffee and cake too (in person only!) Why not give it a try? Please book so that we know numbers or to receive a Zoom Link via email alex@tamworthrc.church or phone 01827 769403

Journey in faith: Are you, or do you know anyone else, interested in becoming a Catholic or finding out more about the Catholic Faith? Please get in touch with us soon as the course has just started. It is not too late to join. Please email alex@tamworthrc.church or phone 01827 769403 to speak with Fr Michael or Alex Parker to book a place and find out more.

Sacramental Preparation: Do you have a child at a non-Catholic school who needs to be prepared for any of the Sacraments -Confession, First Holy Communion (Year 3+) or Confirmation (Year 6 or above) in the coming year? Please get in touch soon so they can be booked onto one of our courses alex@tamworthrc.church phone 01827 769403 or speak to Fr Michael, Fr Subba or Alex after Mass.



Enrolment for First Holy Communion: For parents of children at St Gabriel's School in Year 3 who are Catholic, the Enrolment Meeting will be at Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday 12th October at 6.00pm.

Café Group: Home groups are moving in to the café for the time being! The next session is on October 18th 7.30-9.00pm. An opportunity to meet together, explore some Scripture and discuss and pray together. Plenty of time to chat and meet new people. We are currently looking at some of St. Paul's letters to the Ephesians. All are welcome. If you are interested, please contact alex@tamworthrc.church or tel. 769403



Children's Worship: A huge thank you to all our helpers and families who supported the Children's Worship last weekend There were 35 children who attended across the three Masses. Children's Worship is aimed at Primary school age normally up to Year 5. Those preparing for Confirmation normally would stay in Church for the Gospel and homily. Those who are pre-school or Reception age are welcome to come in with a parent. All Sunday Morning masses now offer Children's Worship (9.00am, 10.30am, 12.00 noon) Children will have the opportunity to go out at the start of Mass to worship and explore the Gospel together. DON'T MISS IT! Let the children come...

Children's Worship Leaders: If you are interested in helping with Children's Worship at any of the Sunday morning Masses please contact Lisa Fahy on 07976 553603 or lisafahy77@outlook.com We particularly need more volunteers for the 12.00 Noon Mass at Sacred Heart.

Youth Band has restarted on Friday evenings: 6.15-7.00pm at Sacred Heart Church in the Modwen Room. New members welcome. It is open to all Youth in Yr 6 and above. If you enjoy singing or can play an instrument, why not give it a try. Please contact alex@tamworthrc.church for more details and to register your interest, or just turn up! Parental Consent forms will need to be completed with contact details.

Walking Group: The shorter walk is on Wednesday 13th October we'll meet at Sacred Heart at 10am. The longer walk we will meet on Thursday 14th October at 9.30am for 10am start - local walk Destination TBC - Looking forward to seeing old, and hopefully some new walkers, John Taggart.



Maranatha Prayer Chain: If you know of someone in need of prayer, please contact parishioners Terry O'Brien - terryvobrien@icloud.com or Sylvia Geldard 01827 65264 with a simple prayer request which will be passed on to our chain of prayers.

Writing Club: Interested in joining the Sacred Heart Writing Club? Want to explore different aspects of writing, story writing, poetry, factual etc? [If you would like to develop your writing skills](#), then this group could be for you. For more information please contact Terry O'Brien on 07422 722540.
terryvobrien@heartoftamworth.org

Bonfire Night and Christmas Fayre: We will do a bonfire Night on Nov 5th. Tickets will be available next weekend. We need to do a Christmas Fayre and have pencilled in Sunday Dec 5th. Can anyone help please? Contact michael@tamworthrc.church if you can.

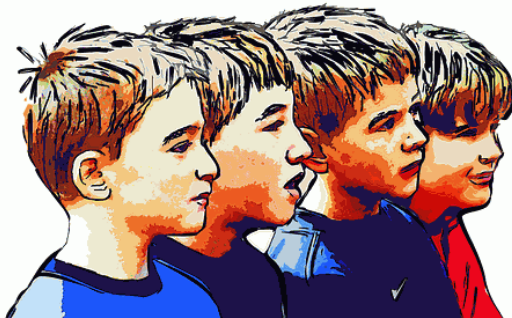
Wear It Pink is a charity event for breast cancer on Oct 22nd at Sacred Heart. We need raffle prizes and cakes for a cake sale. Can anyone help please? Breast cancer has affected countless families - maybe yours too? Please contact Annette on net72@live.co.uk

Saturday Masses were increased to two to fulfil Sunday obligation during Covid. We have had some consultation on this. There was no really clear mandate (a return to previous schedule was slightly more popular than other options). People gave good arguments for having lots of Masses but most recognise that Masses need to be celebrated reverently and joyfully. Even 4 masses makes this hard, never mind the 5 we currently have. For now, we will continue as we are as we see what happens with Covid and increasing numbers in Church and review it after Christmas.

Not Back Yet? If you are struggling to attend Mass and want communion at home, please let us know. Even if it's just while you are waiting to return to Mass. We'd love to visit you. Either phone the office or email subba@tamworthrc.church with address etc. Please don't be shy!



Youth Work



Groups Restarting: Phoenix youth club restarted recently (6.30 till 8.00pm). It's had a great start. It is open to any young person in years 6, 7 & 8.

The Teens Group also began well. New members welcome. Join now while we are still shaping our activities. Next meeting is on Friday 7th October at 7.00pm.

The Youth Band will start back soon on Fridays 6.15-7.00pm at Sacred Heart Church in the Modwen Room. It is open to all Youth in Year 6 and above. If you enjoy singing or can play an

instrument, why not give it a try? Please contact Alex alex@tamworthrc.church for more details and to register your interest.

St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary school and Pre-school – We are holding an open day on 4th Nov for anyone interested in their child joining our reception class or Pre-school. Our motto underpins our school ethos as we work together as a school community to "*listen, learn and grow with Jesus.*" Please call the school office to arrange an appointment to start your child's learning journey with us. Thank you.

Social Action

Food Collections take place every night from various food outlets and also during the day sometimes. This then supplies our HoT Community Shop. Simon Peuple co-ordinates this and does a lot of collecting himself but assisted by a few others.

People with special needs and learning disabilities can be invisible to the Church: For us to learn how to better welcome everyone, a meeting is planned for Saturday 16th Oct at 3pm at St Nicholas Church, 243 Jockey Road, Boldmere, B73 5US. For more info please email stnicholas.boldmere@rcaob.org.uk



Food Collection

For more info please email

Memory Café on Tues 10.30am-12.30pm Karen 01827 431002 karen.wilkinson@homeinstead.co.uk. We are looking for people who can offer a skill / craft that our visitors can do. Please speak to or contact Wendy office@tamworthrc.church

Bereavement Help Point every Friday 10.00am – 12noon. If you or anyone you know is struggling with bereavement, come along to have a chat with someone who understands.

Evening Bereavement Support – We are starting up an evening bereavement support group on a Thursday evening 6pm – 7pm at Sacred Heart. If you feel you are struggling with a recent, or not so recent loss and would like to talk to someone, just come along you will be made very welcome. No appointment is needed.



The Tamworth Stroke Patients and their Carers Group have reopened and meet on the first Friday of the month at St John’s community rooms at 1-30pm. All are welcome. We have speakers and visits to places of Interest. Contact Trevor Baker on 07934351144 or email: tgbdeltic@hotmail.co.uk



Food donations for the Community Shop: Donations of tins and non-perishables food are needed in the shop. It has been reported that there is a noticeable decline in food donation to all charities. We are so fortunate that our parishioners are so generous. Could you ask your employer if you can have a basket for people to donate non-perishables to be brought in to Sacred Heart or St John’s.

Tai-Chi -Tuesday morning at Sacred Heart 11.30 – 12.30, everyone welcome.

Hygiene Bank: In September our generous parishioners donated 56.55 KGS to Hygiene Bank Tamworth. We are hugely grateful, as are the recipients. Our current needs are: Toothbrushes and toothpaste, children and adults. Deodorant, Shampoo, Nappies size 5,6, 7 and Clothes wash tablets. Please help if you can.



A New Family Group, run by Homestart, has started on Thursday mornings at Sacred Heart. It runs from 9.30 till 11.00 – just £1.50 and all are welcome. For info ask Amanda homestart.tam@btconnect.com

Volunteers are needed in all sorts of areas: It is our generous volunteers who make sure all our activities and services can run. We depend on you for this. Can you do something? Rather than spread the requests for volunteers over the whole bulletin, we have grouped these opportunities together.

Volunteers Needed		
Role	Where	Contact
Helping with Children’s Worship	at both churches	lisafahy77@outlook.com
Helping on Wednesdays (yrs 5-8) or Fridays (yrs 9+)	Youth Groups at Sacred Heart	Libby Cox e.cox@cardinalgriffin.staffs.sch.uk
Helping with Alpha Refreshments on Thursday evenings 7.15-8.15pm	Sacred Heart Church	alex@tamworthrc.church
Helping set up tables for Alpha Thursday afternoon from 4.00pm- 30 mins.	Sacred Heart Church	alex@tamworthrc.church
Volunteers in café much needed. Welcoming, serving, till work etc	HoT Café Weekends	kelly@heartoftamworth.org
An evening a week collecting food from to support HoT food shop	Aldi, M&S, Sainsbury’s etc	sppeople@btinternet.com
Welcoming and supporting people who have lost someone	Bereavement Group	office@tamworthrc.church

Senior Office Administrator

Birmingham Diocesan Education Service, Coleshill

This and all current leadership vacancies can be found on our website:

<http://www.bdes.org.uk/vacancies.html>