

St John the Baptist Parish Newsletter

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Sixteenth Sunday of the Year (B) – 18th July 2021

Psalm Response: *The Lords is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want*

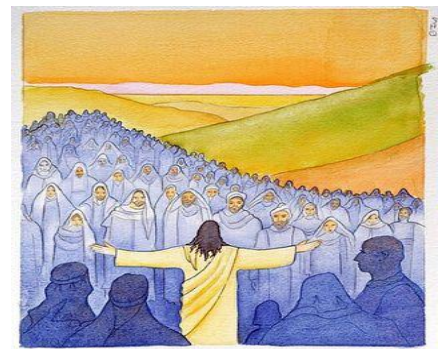
Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 22 St Paul to the Ephesians 2:13-18 Mark 6:30-34

Saturday 17 th July Sixteenth Sunday of the Year	12.00 noon (S.J.) 6.00pm (S.H.)	Terry Leader Christine Breedon – Dan Collins
Sunday 18 th July Sixteenth Sunday of the Year	9.00 am (S.H.) 10.30 am (S.J.) 12.00 noon (S.H.)	Maureen Carney Jean & Richard Wright Eileen Johnson – Sylvia Williams
Tuesday 20 th July Feria	10.00am (S.H.)	Daniel Bradford
Wednesday 21 st July Feria	12.30 am (S.J.)	Philippe Latin
Thursday 22 nd July St Mary Magdalene	10.00am (S.H.)	Jan Szkarupski
Friday 23 rd July St Bridget	9.00am (S.J.)	Robert Marshall
Saturday 24 th July Seventeenth Sunday of the Year	12.00 noon (S.J.) 6.00pm (S.H.)	James O'Reilly Phillip Cunningham
Sunday 25 th July Seventeenth Sunday of the Year	9.00 am (S.H.) 10.30 am (S.J.) 12.00 noon (S.H.)	Family Intentions Catherine Forde Special Intention

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 Hesse, 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 for people with Covid.

Reflection: Jesus cares about us and invites us to come away and rest a while. We all need a 'deserted place' occasionally to allow our hearts, minds and souls to catch up. Otherwise, as T. S. Eliot says, I have the experience of God's action in my life, but miss its meaning because I don't give time to reflection. We may be too busy or not have the means 'to get away from it all' and find that oasis of calm and refreshment. But we all have the means to reach out in prayer and restore our frayed nerves and re-orient ourselves to what really matters. Lord, there are times when we want to get away from the crowds, when we feel oppressed by company. There are other times when we just wish that somebody knew that we exist. May we allow ourselves to find that 'deserted place' so we too can feel at peace, as the apostles must have felt in today's Gospel.



Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Sydney Sharratt, Percy Cadwallender, Alexander Binnie, Joseph Cahill, Ellen Morrisroe, Harold Morgan, Frances Pickering, Lena Sylvester, John Flanagan, Wilfred Bickerstaff, Elizabeth Quibell, Bridget Brennan, Mary McClean, Sarah-Jayne Williams, Tom O'Dwyer, David Wedge, Michael Leonard, Jan Kwiatkowski, Dorothy Finlan, Daniel Falvey, Jean Garey, Marion Roy, Winifred Airdrie, Clara McAllister, George Mulvey, Michael Connor, Mary French, Agnes Adams, Paul Pattison, Mary & Johnny Fowley, Dennis Jones, Denis Dunbar, John Devenney, Gladys New, Joseph Gilman, Mary & Johnny Fowley, Denis Jones, Marie Parker, Caroline Saunders, Theresa Pegg, William McGregor, James Kivneen, Daniel Collins, Vincent Phillips, Ann Long, Therese Eckert, Martha Jordan, Winifred Kelly, Mary Reilly, Frank Hill.

Readers - New rotas for readers at Sacred Heart and St John's are up at both churches. Please try to swap or let Alex know if you are unable to attend your allocated week. Many thanks to those who have offered to give their time and gifts for this ministry.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Raymond Curley, who died during the week. Ray's funeral will take place on Friday 23rd July at Sutton Coldfield Crematorium at 10.00am and **Joyce Pettyfer** whose funeral will take place in St John's on Monday, 26th July at 11.15am. 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 are much loved: They have been reproduced to a very high standard and each card has a prayer on the back relating to each of the saint: Mary,

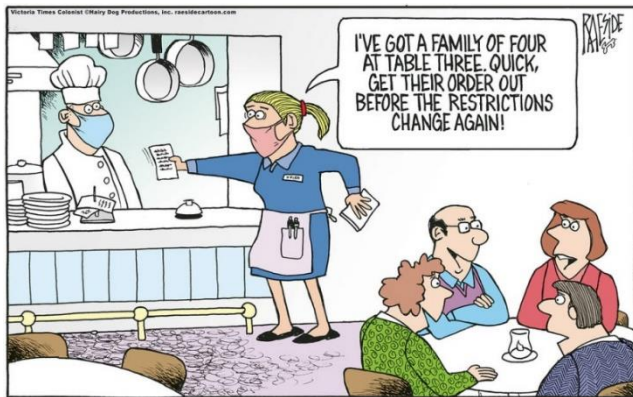
Mother of Jesus, St John the Baptist, St Elizabeth and St Editha. You can now buy a pack of 4 for £2.00 (50p p&p id then need posting).

The Summer-scheme is now full. We will contact everyone to say if you have a place or not. If you haven't heard please contact Alex: alex@tamworthrc.church or 01827 769403.

Volunteers: We need another 2 volunteers to help with the Beach trip. It requires higher ratios of adults to children (1:2) to ensure their safety. email alex@tamworthrc.church or Fr Michael.

Alzheimer's Society Forget me not Appeal: Wearing the Forget me not badge symbolises support for people affected by dementia. You can pop a donation into the collection tin or online by scanning the QR code (on the poster in the Café) or via JustGiving then pick up your badge and wear it with pride. Available this weekend and in the Café at Sacred Heart during the week. Thank you for your support.

Walking Group - The short walk group will meet on Wed 21st July at 10 am at Sacred but not on Wed 28th July due to holidays. About an hour around the local area, all welcome especially newcomers! The longer walk is on Mon 19th July is for about 2/3 hours, meeting at 10am at Sacred Heart - all welcome, please wear strong footwear and appropriate clothing for the weather - whatever it is.



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 continue to wear masks and 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.

If you are aged 18+ and haven't had your vaccine yet, book your jab asap. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/> OR call the service on 119

Hygiene Bank continues to welcome children's toothpaste and tooth brushes, deodorant, Baby wipes. Thank-you to all who continue to support this.

Memory Café every Tuesday morning 10.30am- 12.30pm but people must book: To join us, contact Karen 01827 431002, 01543 625002 or karen.wilkinson@homeinstead.co.uk.

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

Bereavement Help Point continues every Friday 10.00am – 12noon. For more info, contact Wendy or to volunteer, contact Wendy on 01827 769403 or office@tamworthrc.church. Training will be offered.

Fr Srinu's Induction is at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Leech Green Lane, Rednal, B45 9BQ on Wed 21st July 7:00 pm – outdoors followed by refreshments. If you want to go to this, please add your name to the list in the porch please.

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.

