

St John the Baptist Parish Newsletter

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Christ the King (B) – 21st November 2021

Psalm Response: The Lord is King; he is robed in majesty.

Readings: Daniel 7:13-14 Psalm 92 Book of the Apocalypse 1:5-8 John 18:33-37

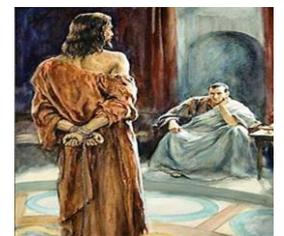
Saturday 20 th November		12.00 noon (S.J.) 6.00pm (S.H.)	Tony Soden November Holy Souls
	Christ the King		
Sunday 21 st November		9.00 am (S.H.) 10.30 am (S.J.) 12.00 noon (S.H.)	Elizabeth Taylor Maureen Craddock Margaret Standen & Family
	Christ the King World Youth Sunday		
Tuesday 23 rd November	Feria	10.00am (S.H.)	Bella Gillen & Pdraig Gillen
Wed 24 th November	St Andrew Dung-Lac	10.00am (S.J.)	Sick and Housebound
Thursday 25 th November	Feria	10.00am (S.H.)	Eileen Darcy
Friday 26 th November	Feria	10.00am (S.J.)	Barry Hiccox
Saturday 27 th November		12.00 noon (S.J.) 6.00pm (S.H.)	Maureen Craddock Holy Souls
	First Sunday of Advent (C)		
Sunday 28 th November		9.00 am (S.H.) 10.30 am (S.J.) 12.00 noon (S.H.)	Ruth Faulds – Derek Richardson Anne Marie Purslow Foxall & Barber Family
	First Sunday of Advent (C)		

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, John Carty, Joanne Foster, David Walker.

Reflection: There are always many voices competing for our attention. Can we recognise which of these voices speak the truth? Which of these voices are false?

In these times of fake news and alternatives facts, it is so refreshing to hear Jesus solemnly proclaim that he was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. The basic truth is that God is love and loves the world he created so much that he sent his own Son to save it. Let us ask ourselves how important truth is for us, and to what extent are we committed to find it and live by it. As Advent approaches let us ask for the grace to seek and listen to his voice.



Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: John Forde, Helen Howells, Michael Cunningham, Albert Green, Catherine Titterton, Thomas Clifford, Michael Kelly, George Pizzuto, Bill Jarvis, John McAuley, Maria Levesley, John Malone, Kath Johnston, Velda Kizis, Owen McDermott, Thomas Heffernan, Victor & Frances Carroll, Ann Chapman, Peter Adams, William Welland, William Hughes, Roy Downes, Margaret Wallis, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, John Davy, Thomas Byrne, Denis Hinton, Ronald Court, Antoni Bielinski, Chris Morris, Bridget Overy, Michael Tooley, Kathleen Grazier, Mary Coogan, Jeff Higgins, Mildred Hall, Kevin Leonard, John Butler, Bertie Wakelin, Ernest Walker, Joyce Thompson.

World Youth Day – Is a unique opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church in England and Wales along with the global Church.

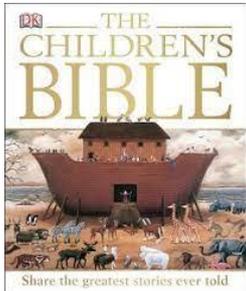
The second collection this weekend will be in aid of World Youth Day.

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Rosely Mayores** (Rosa's Mum); **Connie O'Mara** (Jill Bentley's Mum), whose funeral will be at St Wilfrid of York, Church Coalville - reception 23rd Nov 5.30, funeral Wed 24 Nov Mass 11.00am. We also pray for **Gerard Walker** and **Anne-Marie Jenkins** (nee Eccles) who died during the week. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



November is the month of the Holy Souls: You may like to include your relatives and friends who have died in our Mass offerings for Holy Souls- Please list them on the sheets provided. Any donation can be placed in the envelope provided alongside the list of names and placed in the basket in front of the altar.



Children's Bibles: We are keen to support parents passing on the faith so we have bought over 100 books of Bible stories that parents can read to their children. It is a great way to introduce the stories of the Bible to families. There is a huge variety. The bible stories are told in a simple and colourful style, aimed at different ages. You can sign up to join the Bible club this weekend.

There will be a simple signing in system. You will write your name in a card in each book and the date you borrowed it. Then you will leave the card in a box in church. Once it is returned people can borrow a different Bible story book.

If you think you might want to borrow them, please give in your name and email address today.

Christmas Fayre Sunday Dec 5th



Raffle tickets are printed and ready. Please do your best to support this by taking raffle tickets.

Christmas jumpers: we often have good quality jumpers that our children & adult have outgrown or we won't wear again. Rather than people paying out lots of money for new ones, why not bring yours in (washed please) and people can then buy a cheap one from us for this Christmas – good for the environment too!

Christmas Baubles / Tree Decorations – have you got any baubles or tree decorations that you no longer use? Bring them in so we can recycle them.

What else do we need?

Bottles of wine or spirits and can you bring your bottle in an old bottle bag too? Any old bottle bags welcome please.

Those gifts you've never used for our gift tombola.

Chocolate

New Toys

Cakes (on the day)

Can you help on the day?

Or setting up the day before?



Hygiene Bank: Latest update - 54.95KGS donated in October. We are hugely grateful as demand is growing. We need roll-on deodorants (50p from ALDI), Tampons and Sanitary towels.

After His Grace's Letter about Synodality, does anyone want to help lead this work in our parish? It's about finding ways to listen to God's spirit in each of us to discern what God wants in his Church. It is also an opportunity to look at how we might become a church in which this discernment of God's Spirit becomes an integral part of how we operate in the future. Please contact Fr Michael if you are interested in helping.

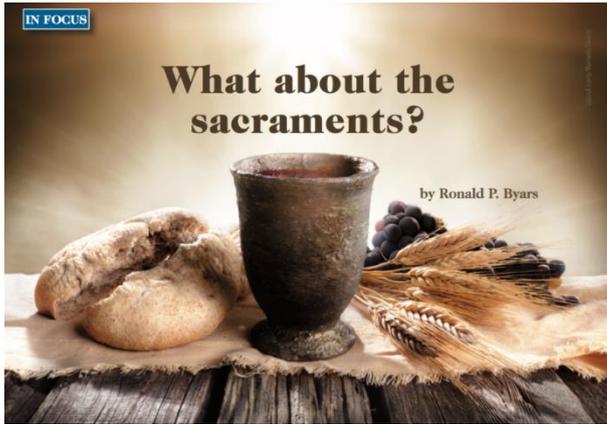
The Diocesan Plan Zoom Meeting Wednesday 24th November 7pm. Archbishop Bernard introduced us to the Diocesan Plan last summer and now we are also hearing about "synodality". You are invited to attend an online meeting at which you can hear from the Chief Operating Officer of the Archdiocese about the Diocesan

Learning About the Faith

Deacon Bob is thinking of running an Alpha Course within a prison environment. Would you be interested in helping? If we find that we are able to do this we could start a course on Friday 14th January for 13 weeks. For more details, please speak to Bob.

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

Children's Worship at all Sunday Masses for all children up to Y5. Under 5's need an adult please.



First Holy Communion preparation for children in non-Catholic school for those in Year 3 or above 6.00pm-7.00pm at Sacred Heart Church on Mondays.

Confirmation Preparation continues with Youth Alpha on Monday 22nd Nov 5.45-7.00pm at Sacred Heart Church

Parents Session on Zoom: For the parents of children in non-Catholic Schools who are preparing for First Holy Communion there is a meeting on Zoom on Tuesday 23rd November 6.30-7.30pm. Please have your envelope of resources at hand. Any queries contact alex@tamworthrc.church. You will be sent a link soon. This is for parents only.

Home groups are taking place **in the café** for the time being. The next session is on Mon 29th Nov 7.30-9.00pm. An opportunity to meet together, explore some Scripture and discuss and pray together. All are welcome. If you are interested, please contact alex@tamworthrc.church or phone 01827 769403.

Advent Walk With Me booklets are available this weekend. Donations welcome.

No choir practice this week

Youth Work

It is World Youth Sunday and Pope Francis invites us to pray for young people all over the world this weekend.

Youth Groups have Restarted: It has been a great start to the Phoenix youth club each Wednesday 6.30 till 8.00pm). It is open to any young person in years 6, 7 & 8.

The Youth Band's next rehearsal will be on Friday 26th November 6.15-7.00pm. It is open to all in Year 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.



Congratulations to Steve Pursglove who has been given a certificate as a leader in Catholic Youth Ministry after attending a recent Bethsaida Course.

Social Action



Christmas Day lunch: we need volunteers to help cook, serve and clear up afterwards. Most importantly, to welcome and chat to the guests. Volunteers can help any time from 12.00 to 3.30. We have had some amazing volunteers in the past who can't do it this year. Previous volunteers have said it is a great experience and a wonderful atmosphere. Please email kelly@heartoftamworth.org if you can help please.

Food Collections take place every night from various food outlets and also during the day sometimes. This then supplies our HoT Community Shop. Simon Peale leads this but help always needed.

Food donations for the Community Shop of tins and non-perishables food are needed. Could you ask your employer if you can have a basket for people

to donate and bring them to Sacred Heart or St John's?

Wonky Walkers Group: Wednesday 24th Nov, Dosthill & Middleton RSPB - meet at Sacred Heart at 9.30am or Dosthill at 10am. Thursday 25th Nov- Atherstone Walk - meet at Sacred Heart at 10am (car share?)



Writing Club: Interested in joining the Sacred Heart Writing Club? Want to explore different aspects of writing, story writing, poetry, factual etc? Go to Terry: 07422722540. terryobrien@heartoftamworth.org

Sacred Heart Craft Club raised £53 towards the Christmas Fair by raffling a homemade Advent calendar. It was won by Dennis Fox. Do you enjoy arts or crafts? Can you knit, sew, crochet, write, paint, glue, cut out, sculpt etc. Anything goes! We meet at SH in the Modwen room every fortnight on a Tues afternoon from 1 -3.30. Our next meetings are on Tues 23rd Nov, 7th Dec and 21st Dec. Come along and join us. We are really looking forward to meeting you.



Memory Café on Tues 10.30am-12.30pm Karen 01827 431002 karen.wilkinson@homeinstead.co.uk. Can you offer a skill/craft that others can do? Please speak to or contact Wendy office@tamworthrc.church

Bereavement Help Point meets every Friday from 10.00am till 12noon.

Evening Bereavement Support has started on a Thursday evening 6 – 7pm at Sacred Heart. If 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 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:

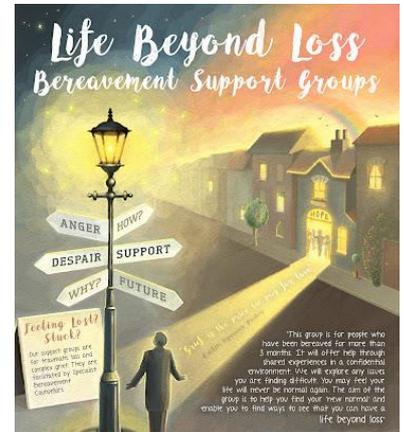
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Gift Aid: Signing a Gift Aid form will increase your gift by 25% at no cost to you. For info call the office or office@tamworthrc.church	

tgbdeltic@hotmail.co.uk

Tai-Chi: Tues mornings at Sacred Heart 11.30 – 12.30, everyone welcome.

Brownies for girls aged 7 – 10 yrs. To register go to www.girlguiding.org.uk

A New Family Group, run by Homestart, is on Thursday mornings at Sacred Heart. It runs from 9.30 till 11.00 – just £1.50; all welcome. Contact 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
Choir Practice on Wednesdays at 7.00pm	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
Christmas Fayre Fundraising	Sacred Heart	michael@tamworthrc.church

Race Night: 27th November 6.00pm-10.15pm Holy Cross Lichfield Parish Hall. Tickets £10 Adults and £5 children to include a Fish and Chip Supper. Organised by Friends of the Holy Land. Gates open 6.00pm. Phone Vic DeCosta 07711 744830 for more information and to book tickets



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