

# St John the Baptist Parish Newsletter

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## Thirtieth Sunday of the Year (B) – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**Psalm Response:** *What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad*

Readings:	Jeremiah 31:7-9	Psalm 125	Hebrews 5:1-6	Mark 10:46-52
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October		12.00 noon (S.J.)	Mary Barnwell – Maureen Craddock	
<b>Thirtieth Sunday of the Year</b>		6.00pm (S.H.)	Simon Steggles – Martin Doyle	
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> October		9.00 am (S.H.)	Mary Cullen	
<b>Thirtieth Sunday of the Year</b>		10.30 am (S.J.)	Martin Doyle	
		12.00 noon (S.H.)	Sarah White	
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Feria	10.00am (S.H.)	The Doherty Family	
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Feria	10.00 am (S.J.)	Norman Paton	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Ss Simon & Jude	10.00am (S.J.)	<b>Funeral Eileen D'Arcy</b>	
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Feria	10.00am (S.J.)	Alan Tonks	
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> October		12.00 noon (S.J.)	Anna Wood	
	<b>All Saints</b>	6.00pm (S.H.)	<b>Parish Memorial Mass</b>	
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> October		9.00 am (S.H.)	The People of the Parish	
	<b>All Saints</b>	10.30 am (S.J.)	Maureen Craddock	
		12.00 noon (S.H.)	John Edward Lynch	

**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.

**Reflection:** It can be hard to stand up and be counted in society. We are conditioned not to make spectacles of ourselves. But unless we stand up for truth and justice, we fail others and condemn ourselves to mediocrity.

Theologian Michel de Verteuil has a wonderful prayer in connection with today's Gospel: "Lord, there are many people sitting at the side of the road, shouting to us to have pity on them, but they often shout in strange ways: by behaving badly in the classroom; by taking drugs and alcohol; by sulking, remaining silent or locked up in their rooms; sometimes by insisting that they are happy to be at the side of the road while others pass by. Like Jesus, we need to stop all that we are doing so that we can hear them express their deep longing to have their sight restored to them."

How hard would it be for us to say "What do you want me to do for you?"



**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:** Hilda Cockeram, Winifred Geldard, Annie Garry, Patrick Clifford, H. Barrs, Barrie Davies, Sarah Davis, Monica Williscroft, James Clack, Angela Taylor, Frances Yates, Kathleen Winnall, Sandra Wardall, Beatrice Painter, Harry Johnston, Ernest Gore, John Sykes, Robert Corry, Frances Beardsley, John Battersby, George Adcock, John Fisher, Edmund Wieloch, Richard Hearn, Annie Hunter, Fredrick Gordon Jr, Mary Stansfield, Ester Walsh, Gladys Beckett, Alice Cant, Mary Ensor, Francis McCormack, John O'Dwyer, Berny McGough, Peter Owen, Shelley-Louise Jacka, Walter Breakwell, Jeoffrey Horne, Milos Ostojic, Albert Parkes, Winifred Saunders, Andrew O'Driscoll, Francis Padmore, Jean Walker, Geoffrey Franklin.



**Please pray for the repose of the soul of, James McMahon** whose funeral service will take place at St John's on Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Oct at 11.00am; **Eileen D'Arcy** whose funeral Mass will take place at St John's on Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Oct at 10.00am; **Elizabeth Taylor** who will be received into St John's on Thurs, 4<sup>th</sup> Nov at 3.00pm followed by her funeral Mass at 12.30 on Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. We also pray for **Alan Tonks** whose funeral will be at Sutton Crematorium at 12.15 on Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. We also remember **Maureen Craddock** (nee Kennedy). Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**A message from CAFOD:** Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received. [cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis](http://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis)

**Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November.** There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see [cafod.org.uk/COP26](http://cafod.org.uk/COP26)



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*May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.*



**The Archbishop's Letter is on Synodality. What's that?** It is "a method and process of discussion and participation in which the whole people of God can listen to the Holy Spirit and take part in the life and mission of the Church."

As the pastoral leader of the Church, Pope Francis recognizes that the Holy Spirit is within each of us. He emphasizes the important process of listening and accompanying people living in a particular reality, whether they be youth, women, families or those living in poverty. "Hearing what the Holy Spirit has to say to the Church can only happen through a deep, mutual interaction among the people of God at all levels." What's involved in Synodality? Listening, dialoguing, praying and discerning are the key activities at a synod. This letter was scheduled for last week but delayed due to children's enrolment Masses. Copies are available in the porch.

**Jobs at St John's.** A survey was completed last week on St John's (thank-you Zak). It highlighted a number of external jobs that need doing. These include repairs to roof, rendering, gutter, car park and painting. Cost has been estimated at about £30,000. We will start some of the jobs this week.

**Christmas Fayre:** We need to do a Christmas Fayre and have pencilled in Sunday Dec 5<sup>th</sup>. Can anyone help please? Contact [michael@tamworthrc.church](mailto:michael@tamworthrc.church) if you can. There will be raffle tickets available next weekend. Can you please start collecting bottles and gifts but don't bring them in yet!

## Learning About the Faith

**Alpha:** continues on Thursday evenings: Online 6.00pm-7.15pm and at Sacred Heart 7.30-9.00pm. If you would like to join us, please contact [alex@tamworthrc.church](mailto:alex@tamworthrc.church).

**Alpha Away Day** - Clifton Campville. A day focused on the Holy Spirit. November 13<sup>th</sup> 10.00-4.00pm

**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](mailto: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](mailto:alex@tamworthrc.church) phone 01827 769403 or speak to Fr Michael, Fr Subba or Alex after Mass.





**Memorial Mass 30<sup>th</sup> October 6.00pm at Sacred Heart Church** to remember those who have died. Names will be read out of all those we know who have died **in the last 12 months**.

If you know someone whose funeral was not in either St John's or Sacred Heart then do get in touch with us telling us their name and the month in which they died between November 2020 and October 2021 email Wendy: [office@tamworthrc.church](mailto:office@tamworthrc.church) or write clearly on the forms at the back of Church.

**Café Group:** Home groups are moving in to the café for the time being! The next session is on Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 7.30-9.00pm. All are welcome. If you are interested, please contact [alex@tamworthrc.church](mailto:alex@tamworthrc.church) or phone 01827 769403

**Children's Worship:** There is no Children's Worship during the school holidays, but children are still most welcome to come to Mass

**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](mailto:lisafahy77@outlook.com) We particularly need more volunteers for the 12.00 Noon Mass at Sacred Heart. Thank you to those already helping.

**Walking Group:** The shorter local walk is on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October we'll meet at Sacred Heart at 10am. The longer walk we will meet on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am for 10am start - 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](mailto:terryvobrien@icloud.com) or Sylvia Geldard 01827 65264.



**Bonfire Night and Christmas Fayre:** We will do a bonfire Night at 7pm, on Nov 5<sup>th</sup>. **Tickets are now available at all masses.**

Adults £3 and children £1. There will be a live band with music by Tickety Boo, fireworks, a proper fire and food. Numbers are limited so get your tickets today.

**Writing Club:** Interested in joining the Sacred Heart Writing Club? Want to explore different aspects of writing, story writing, poetry, factual etc? For info go to Terry: 07422722540. [terryobrien@heartoftamworth.org](mailto:terryobrien@heartoftamworth.org)



## Youth Work

**Groups Restarting:** 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 Teens Group** also began well. New members welcome. Join now while we are still shaping our activities. Next meeting is on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm for bonfire night.

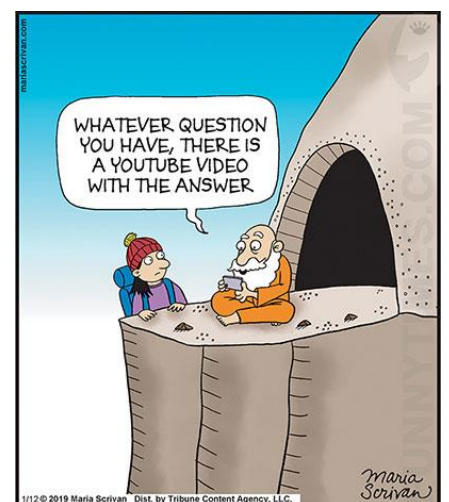
**Youth Band:** Thank you to the Youth Band for singing so beautifully last week. There is no practice during the holiday. The next rehearsal will be on Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Nov 6.15-7.00pm. Why not stay on for the Bonfire too? It is open to all Youth in Year 6 and above. If you enjoy singing or can play an instrument, why not give it a try. Please contact [alex@tamworthrc.church](mailto:alex@tamworthrc.church) for more details.

**St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School** – Are you looking for a good Pre-school? We would like to invite you to join us and start your adventure with us. Please call us on 01827 214000 to book a visit for the Open Day on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 (you can also make an appointment at another time)

Szukasz Dobrego Przedszkola Lub Szkoły Podstawowe?]

Serdecznie zapraszamy, dołącz do nas i rozpocznij z nami swoją przygodę Zapraszamy serdecznie!

Prosimy o kontakt telefoniczny pod nr 01827 214000 aby zarezerwować sobie zwiedzanie szkoły podczas Dnia Otwartego W Czwartek 4go Listopada (można również umówić się w innym czasie)





## Food Collection

# 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 People co-ordinates this and does a lot of collecting himself but assisted by a few others.

**Memory Café on Tues 10.30am-12.30pm** Karen 01827

431002 [karen.wilkinson@homeinstead.co.uk](mailto:karen.wilkinson@homeinstead.co.uk). Can you offer a skill/craft that visitors can do. Please speak to or contact Wendy [office@tamworthrc.church](mailto:office@tamworthrc.church)

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

**Food donations for the Community Shop:** Donations of tins and non-perishables food are needed. 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.

**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](mailto:tgbdeltic@hotmail.co.uk)

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

**Hygiene Bank:** 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.

**Brownies** for girls aged 7 – 10 years. To register your interest online go to [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)



**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](mailto: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 <b>Children's Worship</b>	at both churches	<a href="mailto:lisafahy77@outlook.com">lisafahy77@outlook.com</a>
Helping on Wednesdays (yrs 5-8) or Fridays (yrs 9+)	<b>Youth</b> Groups at Sacred Heart	Libby Cox:- <a href="mailto:09elicox@gmail.com">09elicox@gmail.com</a>
Helping with Alpha Refreshments on Thursday evenings 7.15-8.15pm	Sacred Heart Church	<a href="mailto:alex@tamworthrc.church">alex@tamworthrc.church</a>
Helping set up tables for Alpha Thursday afternoon from 4.00pm- 30 mins.	Sacred Heart Church	<a href="mailto:alex@tamworthrc.church">alex@tamworthrc.church</a>
Volunteers in <b>café</b> much needed. Welcoming, serving, till work etc	HoT Café Weekends	<a href="mailto:kelly@heartoftamworth.org">kelly@heartoftamworth.org</a>
An evening a week <b>collecting food</b> from to support HoT food shop	Aldi, M&S, Sainsbury's etc	<a href="mailto:sppeople@btinternet.com">sppeople@btinternet.com</a>
Welcoming and supporting people who have lost someone	<b>Bereavement</b> Group	<a href="mailto:office@tamworthrc.church">office@tamworthrc.church</a>
Christmas Fayre Fundraising	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<a href="mailto:michael@tamworthrc.church">michael@tamworthrc.church</a>