

St John the Baptist Parish Newsletter

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Thirteenth Sunday of the Year (C) – 26th June 2022

Psalm Response: O Lord, it is you who are my portion

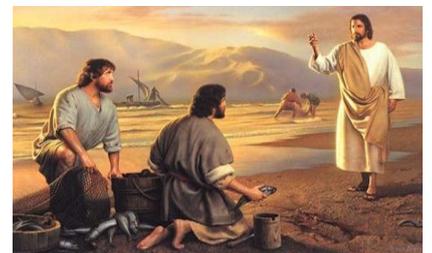
Readings:	Kings 19:16,19-21	Psalm 15	Galatians 5:1,13-18	Luke 9:51-62
Saturday 25 th June	Immaculate Heart of Mary	10.30 am (S.J.)	John Hall	
	Thirteenth Sunday of the Year	6.00 pm (S.J.)	Tony Soden – Michael & Bridget Hegarty	
Sunday 26 th June		9.00 am (S.H.)	Deacon Brian Cox – 30 th anni of diaconate	
	Thirteenth Sunday of the Year	10.30 am (S.J.)	Margaret McIntyre – Bridget Reel	
		12.00 noon (S.H.)	Rebecca Smith – Mr & Mrs Frank Cortez	
Tuesday 28 th June	St Irenaeus	10.00 am (S.H.)	Earle Laska	
Wednesday 29 th June	SS Peter and Paul	10.00am (S.J.)	Denise Foxall	
	Holy Day	7.00 pm (S.H.)	Diane Spalding	
Thursday 30 th June	Feria	10.00am (S.H.)	Dolly Croke	
Friday 1 st July	Feria	12.00 noon (S.J.)	Joseph McNeill	
Saturday 2 nd July	Feria	10.30 am (S.J.)	Holy Souls	
	Fourteenth Sunday of the Year	6.00 pm (S.J.)	Kevin McNamara	
Sunday 3 rd July		9.00 am (S.H.)	Margaret Bond	
	Fourteenth Sunday of the Year	10.30 am (S.J.)	Patsy Joyce	
		12.00 noon (S.H.)	Colm Duffy	
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, Joanne Foster, David Walker, Jane McSweeney, Marie Trevelyan, Paul Connell, Mary van Roy, Bob Walker, Marie Cole, Clara Counsell, Jo Hawker, Monica Gallagher, Josie Williams.

Reflection: Jesus asks for commitment – real commitment. The time for it is now. On our own road today we must proclaim the Kingdom of God. If we keep waiting for the right moment, the sands of time will run quickly through our fingers.

Let's look at the quality of our commitments and ask for the grace not to look back as we place our own hand on the plough.

Browning wrote: Earth is full of Heaven, and every common bush is alive with God. Seeing the world from this perspective let us daily try to serve the Lord.



Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Eileen Hurley, Anthony Callaghan, Charles Callan, Joseph Roberts, Bridget Minihane, William Sharratt, Joseph Checkley, May Sheldon, Albert Mason, Ellen Moss, Esther Gunn, Leslie Grazier, Joseph Hegarty, Jack Flanagan, Margaret Royal, Frederick Raymond, Lionel Hughes, Edith Bennett, Thomas Smith, Eugene Coogan, Elsie Holden, Iris Garry, Ivy Hopley, George Bentley, Jozef Goroll, Clare L'Amie, Michelle Allen, Sean O'Connor, Stephen Mason, Robert Davies, Stephen Mason, Josephine Dicken, Christopher Bartram, Michael Charles, Simon Welch, David Mole, Margaret Stevens.

Livestreaming Links:

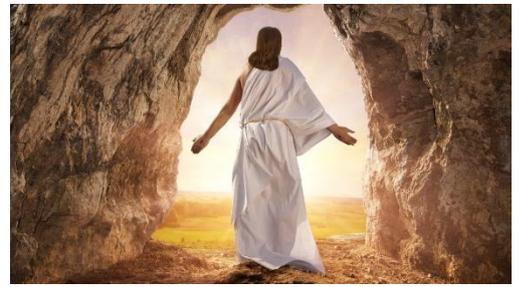
St John's:

<https://www.tamworthrc.church/stjohn>

Sacred Heart:

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Deaths: please pray for the repose of the soul of **Rita Fido** whose funeral will be at St John's on Tuesday 5th July at 2pm; **John Hall's** funeral will be at Sacred Heart on Tuesday 12th at 10 am; **Margaret Ward** (Angela Powers' Mum) – funeral at Corpus Christi Stechford on Tues July 13th at 11am; **Norman Bridges** (husband of Jean) died during the week; **Stephen Hughes** and **Diane Spalding** (funeral July 7th near Ashby) who taught at St Elizabeth's and was known by many. May they rest in peace. Amen.



Visiting The Housebound was done weekly before Covid. Most of this was done by parishioners who brought communion to them. But a lot of new people are now unable to leave their homes and we need more lay people to bring communion to an extra 16 people (over 80 in total). Are you able to help please? If so, please contact Fr Subba – subba@tamworthrc.church

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

Celebration Choir Practice: there will be a short practice on Wednesday 29th June after the Mass for the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

Confirmation Sessions for those in non-Catholic schools: The next session is on Monday 27th June at St John's from 5.45-7.00pm. can sponsors also attend please?

First Holy Communions: If your child is currently in Year 2 in a non-Catholic school, they would be eligible to join our programme for Communion next year in the Autumn term. Please contact Alex to sign up for this course. Email: alex@tamworthrc.church or speak to one of the Priests.

Café 'Home' Group: The next session is on Monday 6th July 7.30-9.00pm. Anyone is welcome to come along. A chance to socialise and talk about your faith with others.



The annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, Shrine of the English Martyrs, will take place on **Sunday 4 September 2022**. This is an amazing place to visit and a part of Catholic history worth seeing. It also allows us to express our devotion and pray to so many great martyrs. Free timed tours of Harvington Hall are available to pilgrims on the day and can be **booked at the table in the Hall's courtyard when you arrive**. If enough people wanted to go we could arrange some transport. There's a list in the porch for anyone interested.

Spiritual library books for adults is up and running at Sacred Heart. If you would like to borrow a book, then please fill in the card inside the book and put it in the indexed black box under your surname. We ask that borrowed books be returned no later than after four weeks. Thank you.

Children's Bible Story Library: Well-done to all those using the Book Library. Please remember to change books after a week or two so others can use it next.

Maranatha Prayer Chain: If you would like to ask others to help you to pray for someone, please contact parishioners Terry O'Brien - terryvobrien@icloud.com or Sylvia Geldard 01827 65264.

Diocesan Head of Safeguarding Post: For more information, please contact Adam Stacey, Managing Director of Charisma Charity Recruitment, via info@charismarecruitment.co.uk or 01962 813300. Your application should be submitted through the Charisma website and include your CV and supporting statement. **Closing date for applications:** 11 July 2022. **Interview date:** w/c 25 July 2022

St. Elizabeth's Situations Vacant: Clerical Assistant / Finance - Required from June 2022 (term-time only) working 35 hours per week.

Out of Hours Clubs Assistant Required: Sept 2022 - Out of Hours Club Assistant for 13.5 hours per week. Working 7.20am to 8.50am Mon to Fri and 3.15pm – 5.15pm 3 afternoons p.w. (permanent contract), term-time only. 01827 214000 office@st-elizabeths.staffs.sch.uk
www.saintelizabeths.co.uk

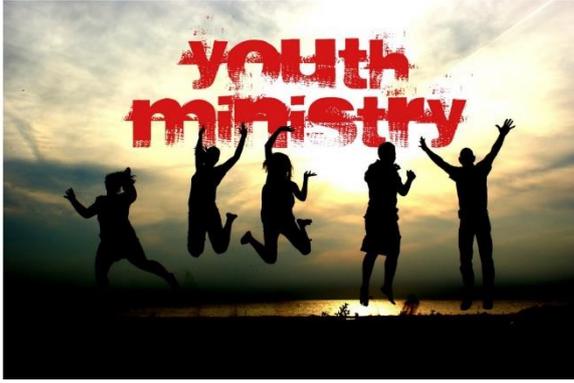


Rejoice Prayer and Praise Evening was a great success on Thurs. Joyful, meaningful, great singing and personal witness. Well done to all involved, it was a wonderful night for all of us. Roll on the next one!

Tamworth in Bloom is visiting the café on July 12th after council staff planted it up last year. Could we get together and tidy up the grounds before they come?

Youth Work

The Kenelm Youth Trust is the Diocesan youth service with loads of activities going on in the summer. To find out more check [KENELM YOUTH TRUST - Home](#)



We run two youth groups, one for teenagers (on Fridays and one for young people in yrs 6/7/8 on Wednesdays). These are open to all. Libby who can be contacted via email - 09elicox@gmail.com

Youth Groups: The Phoenix youth club meet each Wednesday 6.30 till 8.00pm. It is open to any young person in years 6, 7 & 8.

Summer Scheme Update: Forms are available this weekend. Please get them returned early to avoid disappointment as we were oversubscribed last year. The scheme will run from Monday July 25th for two weeks

(weekdays). Volunteers who can help with this please get in touch with Alex Parker by email alex@tamworthrc.church or phone -01827 769403 so that we can get the necessary DBS checks sorted and up to date.

If you would like to help with planning trips and activities do get in touch as soon as possible too.

Summer Scheme leaders meeting: There will be a meeting for leaders and helpers on the Summerscheme on Thursday 7th July at 7.00pm at Sacred Heart. Please try to attend this important meeting.

Social Action

Can you help HoT earn £1,000? It takes a few seconds to nominate HoT using the link. The more times a charity is nominated, the better the chance of being awarded £1,000. Just click on this and follow instructions [Movement for good – Nominate a charity to receive £1000](#) Using our charity number is the easiest way (1157449). Please share with friends and family too if you can.



Friendship Fridays: Are you looking to get out of the house and make new friends? Come along and join us for a drink and a chat at our new Friendship Friday's group. Starting Friday 1st July at Sacred Heart church Glascoate 1-3pm. No need to book just come along. No charge to attend either. If you fancy helping a bit, we could do with it.

Food donations for the Community Shop of tins and non-perishable food are needed.

Bereavement Help Points on **Friday from 10.00am till 12noon**, at Sacred Heart and on **Thursday evening 5.30pm – 7.00pm**, held in the café. If you are struggling with loss and wish to talk to someone, just come along (Thursday evening is quieter); you are welcome to simply turn up.

The Tamworth Stroke Patients and their Carers Group meet on the first Friday of the month at St John's at 1-30pm. All welcome. Contact Trevor Baker on 07934351144 or tgbdeltic@hotmail.co.uk

Family Group, run by Homestart, is on Thurs mornings from 9.30 till 11.00 – 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: A huge 'Thank you' for the latest donation of 33.7kgs from parishioners. We are so grateful as demand is increasing week by week. This week we need shampoo, conditioner and laundry tablets.

The Walking Group – Wednesday 29th June: Local walk from Sacred Heart - meeting at 10am. **Thursday 30th June:** Calke Abbey New Walk - meet at Staunton Harold Reservoir at 10 am.

New Heights Project Manager Maternity Cover- An exciting opportunity has risen in relation to New Heights, the charity which is closely linked to Christ the King parish in Kingstanding. All the details can be found at:

https://uk.indeed.com/viewjob?t=project+manager&jk=64e16eea47291868&_ga=2.40645474.1911012303.1655989698-302308674.1643897968

Money Matters

Envelopes	67.25
Standing Orders	925.00
Loose:	567.84
Total:	£1,550.09

Thank-you

Would 'loose givers' consider giving by direct debit to help the parish? Speak to Fr Michael or Wendy for info

'**Making Your Money go Further**' is the second half of the session and aims to help you manage your money. It explores simple, practical ways to save money and stick to a budget when shopping. For more info contact Pauline or Sarah on 01827 302436 or admin@tamworth-elim.org.uk

Singing for the Mind continues on the 1st and 3rd Thursday at the Hub in Castle grounds, 10.30 till 11.30.

Sacred Heart Craft Club meet on a Tues at 1pm to 3.30pm. Next meeting is Tuesday, **5th July**. We knit, sew, crochet, paint, sculpt, make cards, upcycle and re-use. Join us. You don't need to be an expert.



Saturday Café: The Café has been a great way of building community, spreading the Good News, meeting new people and showing the whole community what we do as a Church and charity.

But people who work during the week are never able to visit. Opening on a Saturday would enable us to introduce ourselves to lots of new people. Any extra profits would also be ploughed into our community work.

We would open from 9am till 1pm but we need a few volunteers. What we offer that is vital is hospitality – that's the love of God for us. As well as this being an opportunity to learn new skills you will also make new friends and become part of the 'café family'. Do you feel you could do this? If so, please contact Kelly (kelly@heartoftamworth.org) or Jen or Fr Michael.

Commonwealth Games Torch Event-July 20th: We need a big team of volunteers to help with any of the following: Children's activities, food- could we have some stalls with snack food from a variety of countries? Other refreshments? car-park stewards, welcoming, preparing the grounds with bunting. Setting up games etc. Please contact Alex 01827 769403 alex@tamworthrc.church

Its just for 90 minutes, spent with lots of children and families. It's a chance to show them who we are and what we are about, a real welcome to the Sacred Heart. We really need a few more volunteers.



The Summer Fayre, this year is on July 10th.

This will go to Fr Raju's new church in India. He is a friend of Fr Subba, Mario and Srinu. We have been so blessed by priests from India this is our chance to help their church at home.

Can you please start collecting the following?

- Bottles for the bottle stall
- Gifts (maybe unopened from Christmas)
- New toys
- Raffle prizes

We need lots of volunteers too (running stalls, preparing food, leading children's games, setting up, etc). If you can help, please tell Fr Michael or Alex.

Cake baking: Can you help please? There are lots of great bakers out there. The more the merrier. Just two weeks to go.

Any Bunting you don't need?

Raffle Tickets Available: please take some. The prizes a good but the cause is even more worthy of support. It's one area that can boost our total towards Fr Raju's new church.

Next Week it would be good to have any gifts and unwanted toys for stalls

