

St John the Baptist Parish Newsletter

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Corpus Christi – 2nd June 2024

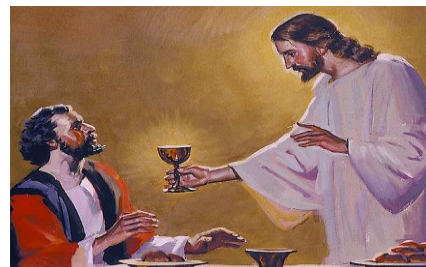
Readings:	Exodus 24:3-8	Psalms: 115	Hebrews 9:11-15	Mark 14:12-16, 22-26
Saturday 1 st June	St Justin Corpus Christi	10.30am (S.J.) 6.00pm (S.J.)	Holy Souls The Kinahan Family – Dave Titterton	
Sunday 2 nd June	Corpus Christi The Body and Blood of Christ	9.00am (S.H.) 10.30am (S.J.) 12.00noon (S.H.)	Ayasamy Family – Terry & Mary Brew Jim Kavanagh (Jr) Patrick Keogh – Natalie Page	
Tuesday 4 th June	Feria	10.00am (S.H.)	Peggy Murphy	
Wednesday 5 th June	St Boniface	10.00am (S.J.)	Holy Souls	
Thursday 6 th June	Feria	10.00am (S.H.)	Kathleen Parker	
Friday 7 th June	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	12 noon (S.J.)	Isabel Carty	
Sat 8 th June	Immaculate Heart of Mary Tenth Sunday of the Year	10.30am (S.J.) 6.00pm (S.J.)	Bro Donie Hallissey & Fr Manus Ferry Sr Anna Marie Byrne	
Sunday 9 th June	Tenth Sunday of the Year	9.00am (S.H.) 10.30am (S.J.) 12.00noon (S.H.)	Anne Goodeve – Olive & Denis O'Connor Paddy Joe McGuigan – Frank Mallon Sylvia & Kevin Williams – Frances Ryan	
Confession Saturday 11.00- 11.30 am St John's Church 5.15 – 5.45 pm				

Please pray for the following who are sick: Mary Collins, Joy Espanta, Maria Alcuaz, Mandy Williamson, Anthony Hayes, Gillian Sage, Jemma Vine, Fay Bishop, Raymond Walker, Julie Tranter, Augusto Mayores, Edwin Catli, Sheila Bonser, Fr Jim McCormack, Mary Coady, Patricia Burton, Joan Barber, Dominic Hespe, George Williams, Ray Newbold, Nicole Thomson, Maurice Murdanaigum, Paul Connell, Bob Walker, Clara Counsell, Marie Purslow, Jo Hawker, Olive Arrowsmith, Stan Merryweather, Olive Stewart, Kathy Warren, Ruth Faulds, Michelle Padmore, Sheila Fullbrook, Brian McCourt, Michael Boulstridge, Alan Hopper, Peter Scott, Jane Harper, John Doherty, Janet Tansey, John McDermottroe, Vincenzo Gizzi, Lisa Smith, Bro Donie Hallissey, Kathleen Donoghue, James Doherty, Paul Heseltine, Kobe Lennox Coverson, David Jarrett, Mark Whitehouse, Rachel Scarnell, Joan Hill, Jean Padmore, Mandy Duffy-Godfry, Eugene Reilly, David Smith, Michael McMahon, Patrick Keogh, Brenda Shaw, Joe Kelly, Margaret O'Donovan, Henry Smith, Paul Vincent Argamosa, Judith Cunningham, Geraldine Lee, Matthew Downes, Nelly Jones, Kay Hearn, Drew Taylor-Hunt, Gillian Satchel, Bert Branagan, Dave Titterton.

Reflection: 'This is my body. This is my blood'.

There is nothing more central to our faith, than receiving the Body and Blood of Christ.

As we approach the Altar to receive, let us remember that we are meeting Jesus, and that he is meeting us, in an intimate and mysterious way. There is no 'if only he were here'... for he is here, deep in the footprint of the bread and wine that we see and receive. Every time we celebrate Eucharist, we are reminded of the love of God for us manifested in the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus.



Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Elizabeth Inskip, Harold Abbott, Joseph Anderson, Lily Carey, Rose Timlin, Joseph Hosey, Fr. Lane, Margaret Noty, Rose Cunningham, Beatrice Fellows, James Serrage, Rita D'Arcy, Patrick Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Taylor, Muriel Wilson, Fr. Quinn, Clare Garrod, John Jordan, William Hallinan, Jack and Florence Sharman, Nora O'Malley, Daniel Dunne, Pat Garry, Hugo Hadrian, Odi Collins, Colin Young, Mary Borg, Margaret Wood, Edwina Jackson, Simon Hills, Robert Roche, David Winn, Peggy Nixon, Eileen Hartwell, Patricia Jackson, Isobelle Greenway, George Owen, Charles Winn, Olive Donerty, Valerie Wesley, Joan Collett, Doris Thompson, Dominykas Ivanovas, John Cooke, Ivy Baldwin, Margaret Hickman, Doris Naylor, Elizabeth Smith, Peter Fidoe, Hugh O'Reilly, Susan Charles, Theo Castanheira, Ruth Black, David Brooks, Kathleen Parker, Mike Stanley.

Parents, there is a Children's Library in church. Take a book and swap it next week.

Deaths: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Michael Costello** whose funeral will take place at the Sacred Heart on Monday, 10th June at 12noon; **Joseph Thomas Hollingsworth**, funeral service will take place at Sacred Heart on Tuesday 18th June at 11.30am. We also remember **Mary Beggan**, sister of Michael, **Sister Anne-Marie Eden**, a Sister of St Joseph who worked in Haunton Parish and **Sandra Jones**. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Confirmation- non-Catholic School children: Preparation continues at Sacred Heart on Monday 3rd June at 5.45-7.00pm.

Confirmation Parents' Catechesis: For parents of children at St Gabriel's preparing for Confirmation there is a session on Monday 3rd June at 7.30-8.45pm at Sacred Heart Church in the Kenelm room.

For Parents of children at St Elizabeth's and non- Catholic schools there is a session at St John's Church on Tuesday 4th June at 6.15-7.30pm.

Journey in Faith: If you have just completed the Journey in Faith course and would like to explore your faith a little deeper, sessions exploring the Faith with the support of the Catechism are continuing on Thursday evenings at Sacred Heart at 7.30pm with Tony.



Celebration Choir: The next Wednesday evening Choir Practice will be on 5th June at 7.00pm. New members always welcome. For more details, please contact alex@tamworthrc.church. There will be no practice Wednesday 12th June.

Café Liturgy Group: Please note the next meeting has been moved to Monday 3rd June due to the Bank Holiday. It is at 7.30-9.00pm at Sacred Heart in the HoT Cafe. We will explore the scripture for the next Sunday's Mass. Anyone is welcome to come along. Please email alex@tamworthrc.church for more details.

The Summer Fayre is next Sunday June 9th.

❖ Please carry on bringing in a Bottle we've had a great response, but

more are needed.

- ❖ Gifts and prizes for stalls
- ❖ New toys, unwanted Christmas Gifts.
- ❖ Potted plants.
- ❖ Last minute cakes will make a difference too.
- ❖ Chocolate Tombola – donation of chocolate



Does anyone work for a company / Bank who offers match funding? That could double what we raise. All funds will go to the work of the parish.

Any help on Saturday 8th June 2pm to help set up gazebos would be very welcome. Contact Julie - juliecharles26@hotmail.com

If everyone does a little, it will be a big success so please chip in with some time and/or gifts.

Maranatha Prayer Chain: Please contact - terryvobrien@icloud.com or Sylvia Geldard 01827 65264 with a prayer request which will be passed on to our (prayer) chain of people.



Young Readers: We have a weekend of Youth Masses this weekend. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to read. Contact alex@tamworthrc.church or speak to Fr Michael if you are/ have young readers or singers who can help next time.

Young Servers wanted for all Masses. Any child who has made their first holy communion can become an altar server. If you are interested, please email ramesh@tamworthrc.church



Encounter Day – An encounter with God, self and others. A time of reflection and fellowship led by Curillo. Saturday 8th June 9.30am – 1pm at St Michael & St James Catholic Church Haunton. For more information visit: www.cursillouk.org. To book your place, email paul.northam@rcaob.org.uk

Teas and Toys after the 9.00am and 12.00 Noon Masses. A great way to meet other young families while the children enjoy playing with a range of toys. Teas and coffees also served downstairs after 9.00am Mass at Sacred Heart and after 10.30am Mass at St John's.



Summer Scheme: Forms are available for the Younger Scheme for those currently in Y2- Y7 this weekend. We hold our Summer Schemes for young people in the first two weeks of the school holidays. This year it is July 22nd- August 2nd (weekdays) Teen Scheme Forms will be available next weekend Please return forms as soon as possible to avoid disappointment as places are limited and please return by 30th June at the latest.

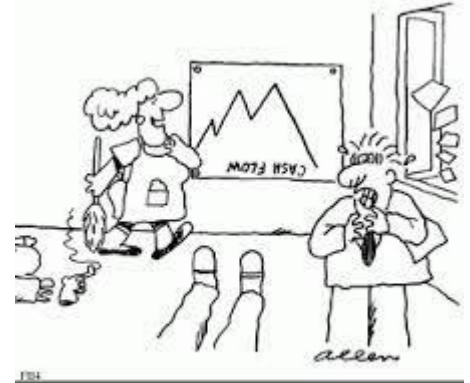
Volunteer Leaders: Urgent help needed! We are recruiting volunteers to help. Can you spare a day or more? If you would like to get involved

please contact alex@tamworthrc.church as soon as possible so that we can arrange for DBS checks etc. or speak with Fr Michael or Fr Ramesh. There will be a meeting of leaders Safeguarding Training on Saturday 6th July from 9.30-12.30 at Sacred Heart. Please could all Leaders attend. Please contact alex@tamworthrc.church to confirm your attendance.

Young Livestreamers: are there any young people interested in helping us operate livestreaming cameras at either Church on Sundays? If you want to know more then, contact Fr Michael.

2023 Annual Report and Accounts will be distributed soon. We want to tie our annual meeting in with some consultation. The plan is to have a parish picnic and family event on a Sunday and use it as a chance to share ideas and ask questions. We have pencilled in Sunday June 23rd, 12 noon Mass followed by picnic, children's games and sharing ideas on improving our parish. Can you pencil it in too?

Act Now! MPs Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have both tabled amendments to the Government's Criminal Justice Bill that would decriminalise abortion. In different ways, they would essentially legalise DIY abortion up to birth, for any reason. Please contact your MP urgently, asking them to oppose these extreme proposals. Just use SPUC's easy to use webtool, at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments>. The amendments will be debated on 4 June.



A 'New Parishioners Evening' is being planned. If you consider yourself a new parishioner, please let us know. We are now handing out invitations for this evening on Friday June 21st. If you can help organise this, we would welcome that too. This is open to people who have just become Catholics, those who have moved into Tamworth or anyone who has returned to the Church.

Thank you Rebecca Arnold - Rebecca has been working in the parish office on a Tuesday for the past two years. Unfortunately for us, new opportunity has been offered to her, We are sorry you're leaving us, but we wish you every success in your new position.



"Wow—he can walk on hot coals without even posting that he's walking on hot coals."

The Firewalk we did last year will be remembered by many, especially the 80 people who took part. It was a great event that really helped our charity project with the shop and food distribution. We are doing it again this year on Sun June 9th.

So, will you think about doing it? We would welcome those who did it last year but hope that others might feel inspired by the help we provide to people in need and the challenge and do it this year.

We welcome people from outside the Church, maybe someone who values our community work and wants to support that. All funds raised through the Fire Walk will go to Heart of Tamworth.

Maybe you know someone who would accept the challenge? The entry fee is £10. To register your interest, contact Margaret

Margaret@heartoftamworth.org



Join the Youth Group

with rhiannon@tamworthrc.church

Phoenix Youth Group: The next session is on **Wednesday 5th June** from **6.30-8.00pm**. It is for those young people in Y6 and Y7. New members welcome. A voluntary contribution of £1 per session would be appreciated each session to help towards the cost of pizza and squash. A chance to catch up with friends, make new ones and enjoy fun activities and games. If you have any questions, please email Becky or Liz phoenix@tamworthrc.church

Youth Leaders: There are currently 4 amazing volunteer Youth Leaders at the Wednesday Group but occasionally some can't make the session. We could do with a backup person to help occasionally. Please contact alex@tamworthrc.church if you would like to be considered. The necessary checks would be made.

The Friday Youth Group too need more leaders as there are currently 25-30 teenagers coming with the expert help of Rhiannon and Carmel. If you could give time regularly here that would be fantastic. Please get in touch



Safe Haven is a Crisis Café for people aged 18+ with mental health problems: 5pm to 11pm Wed to Fri and 9am to 5pm on Sat and Sun. For info, email: Claire.Griffiths@burtonmind.co.uk

Senior Gentlemen's Club: Meet on Tues 10.00 – 12 at St John's. Activities: dominoes, chess, bowling, trips. £2 per week subs. Contact Bill Field on 07985581794.

Bereavement Help Points: Thurs evening 5.30pm – 7.00pm, in the café and on Friday, 10.00am till 12 noon, at Sacred Heart. If you are struggling with loss & wish to talk, just come along.

The Memory Café meets Tues 10.30am 12.30pm - email sally.clough@Tamworth.homeinstead.co.uk

East Staffs Diabetes UK Patient Network is a support group for people living with diabetes and families. Contact John 07590379892 Email: bridgesjohn763@gmail.com

Friendship Friday: Chats, quizzes, games - each week is different. Sacred Heart Friday 1pm – 3pm. For any information about the above check our website www.heartoftamworth.org or contact the HoT office on 01827 259955 or email jen@heartoftamworth.org

Money Matters

Envelopes:	43.50
Standing Orders:	1100.00
Loose:	602.05
Card:	84.00
Total:	£1829.55

Thank-you

Games Afternoon: Thursday at the Sacred Heart, 1pm – 3pm. Chance to meet new people and play favourite games with tea/coffee

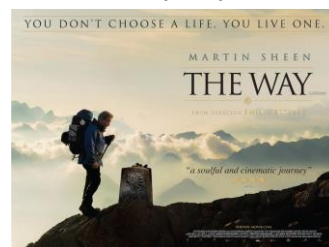
The Craft Group meet every fortnight 1pm-3pm doing lots of different crafts such as paper folding, sewing, macrame, collage etc. You don't have to be an expert! Next meeting on Tues 4th June. Please join us.

New Saturday Film Night Social event: Saturday 1st June - 7pm Sacred Heart- The Way. Upstairs in the Kenelm Room we will be showing the beautiful and uplifting Emilio Estevez movie in which a bereaved father walks the Camino de Santiago in memory of his son and finds joy and friendship along the way. This is a relaxed social event so feel free to bring drinks and snacks and enjoy the film together.



Land's End to John O'Groats Bike Ride 2024:

Congratulations to Michael Henry, guitarist at the 9.00am Mass, who has successfully completed his 1000 mile challenge. He has been raising money on behalf of the Heart of Tamworth Charity. You can still sponsor him, please visit his Just Giving Page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/michael-henry-lejogbikeride>



This QR code will take you to a site where you can donate online.

Urgent Appeal - The Hygiene Bank continues to supply many local schools, families and individuals with essential hygiene products. In the last 12months we have seen an increase demand for help and a decrease in donations. So many are struggling with the cost of living. We urgently need the following: Period pads and Tampons, Baby Wipes, Loo Rolls, Nappies – Sizes 4, 5, 6, Children's Toothpaste. Any donation is greatly appreciated. Place donation in the **Yellow Bin Donation Bin** at Sacred Heart or basket at St Johns.