

St John the Baptist Parish Newsletter

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Tenth Sunday of the Year 9th June 2024

Readings:	Genesis 3:9-15	Psalms 129	Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-35
Sat 8 th June	Immaculate Heart of Mary	10.30am (S.J.)	Bro Donie Hallissey & Fr Manus Ferry	
	Tenth Sunday of the Year	6.00pm (S.J.)	Sr Anna Marie Byrne	
Sunday 9 th June		9.00am (S.H.)	Anne Goodeve – Olive & Denis O'Connor	
	Tenth Sunday of the Year	10.30am (S.J.)	Paddy Joe McGuigan – Frank Mallon	
		12.00noon (S.H.)	Sylvia & Kevin Williams – Frances Ryan	
Tuesday 11 th June	St Barnabas	10.00am (S.H.)	P J Keogh	
Wednesday 12 th June	Feria	10.00am (S.J.)	Sick and Housebound of the Parish	
Thursday 13 th June	St Anthony	10.00am (S.H.)	Darren Burford	
Friday 14 th June	Feria	12 noon (S.J.)	Holy Souls	
Sat 15 th June	Feria	10.30am (S.J.)	Parishioners Intentions	
	Eleventh Sunday of the Year	6.00pm (S.J.)	Dan Connell	
Sunday 16 th June		9.00am (S.H.)	Nigel Brindle – Eileen Johnson	
	Eleventh Sunday of the Year	10.30am (S.J.)	The Ryan family – James McKeefry	
		12.00noon (S.H.)	Stan & Audrey Merryweather – Michael O'Hara	
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: Last weekend the movie *The Way* was shown at Sacred Heart. It's about a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela. It's a story of journey, grief, and loss. But it's also a story of a group of complete and total misfits who come to hate each other...and then love each other. In a sense, no matter how dysfunctional they seem to be at times, they become something like a family. In today's Gospel we hear of Jesus' family who are frustrated and worried about him. They want to restrain him. Jesus reminds them that his family are those who do the will of God. When we do the will of God we get the chance to be his brother, his sister...even his mother! The door is always open to Jesus' family. While we may bring dysfunction in the door with us, and at times we can look like a group of misfits...the things we gain by being part of Jesus' family are amazing. And the greatest of those things is love.



Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Gertrude Towey, Vincent Petricca, Thomas McKay, Nancy Richardson, John Bethel, Elizabeth Davis, David Evans, John McKenny, Patrick Hutton, Frank Cortez, William Phelan, Joseph Jinks, Tom Kennedy, Rachael Jackson, Kathleen Fleming, Margaret Parkes, Edith Hassall, Laurence Little, William Dagan, Anthony Dunhill, Agnes Kent, Katharina Arnold, Marie Buckley, Fredrick Vigus, Josephine Masters, Antony Larvin, Annie Parker, John Larvin, Michael Byrne, Janet Rooney, Alfred Jones, Stella Fisher, Loe Boehmer, Christina Johnson, Valerie Jefferies, George Belcher, Henry Ballansley-Clark, Ernestina Weston, Dan Connell, Margaret Gillen, Margaret Knowels, Karen Davidson, Winifred Haynes, Muriel Rean, Darren Burford, Sarah Dicken, William Lawlor.

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 **Sandra Jones**, **Michael O'Hara** and **Natalia Vasquez**. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Confirmation for children non-Catholic Schools: Preparation continues at 5.45-7.00pm at **St John's Church** on Mon 10th June. Please note venue change.

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: There is no choir practice on the 12th June. Practices will resume 19th June at 7.00pm plus the usual run through before Mass.

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.



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Prayer Bags: Thank you to those who have used the Lent and Mary prayer bags. We hope that you have enjoyed using them. Please return them soon so we don't lose track of them.

Catholic Parish Summit in Harrogate – June 12-14th Organised by Divine Renovation. Five of our Parishioners Fr Ramesh, Jennifer Martin, Deacon Bob, Tony Appleby and Alex Parker will be joining Fr James Mallon, Sr Miriam James Heidland, Archbishop Mark O'Toole, Dr Hannah Vaughn Spruce and many more key named speakers plus Catholics from all over the country to explore and develop new ideas. It is about sending disciples, equipping leaders and launching transformation. 1000 Catholics coming together seeking to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Deanery Lay Reps Meeting 17th June: As part of the new way of working Co-Responsibly with Clergy and laity working together, the Diocese is launching new Lay Representative Meetings. With declining numbers of priests, it is also a time where we need to work closely with our brothers and sisters in other parishes in our Deanery. Anne Goodeve and Alex Parker will attend this meeting on behalf of our Parish Community.



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 are available this weekend too. Please return forms as soon as possible to avoid disappointment as places are limited and 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.



A 'New Parishioners Evening' is Booked for Friday June 21st! If you consider yourself a new parishioner, please let us know. If you can help with hospitality, we would welcome that. This is open to people who have just become Catholics, those who have moved into Tamworth or anyone who has returned to the Church.

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.

Money Matters

Envelopes:	46.50
Standing Orders:	1100.00
Loose:	702.13
Card:	68.00
Total:	£1916.63

Thank-you

2023 Annual Report and Accounts are ready this weekend. Please take a report with you, as well as accounts. 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?

Phoenix Youth Group:

The next session is on **Wednesday 12th 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 with rhiannon@tamworthrc.church



**Join the
Youth Group**



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

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



The Summer Fayre is on this Sunday. It opens at 10am. Thank-you for all the donations of gifts and bottles brought in. Please join us on the day for breakfast or lunch and a wander around.

There are lots of stalls but also activities for children. You can also watch the Firewalkers raising money for Heart of Tamworth! The fayre itself is raising money for the parish. Leaks on the roof at St John's need repairing so most of it will go on that. Thank-you for all your support and thanks to the volunteers working on this.

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 18th June. Please join us.

Urgent Appeal - The Hygiene Bank continues to supply many local schools, families and individuals with essential hygiene products. In the last 12 months 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.

Fr Hudsons Care - Twelve months ago, we launched the Welcoming Church Initiative which was based around four themes, homelessness, disability, older people and refugees / migrants. Each group has moved forward, and action groups have been set up.

Week commencing 17th June is the start of National Refugee Week and to mark the occasion our Refugee Group will be hosting a Zoom meeting starting at 7pm on Monday 17th June, where several speakers will be discussing what is happening across the archdiocese. It also offers you the opportunity to ask questions / comment. We are delighted to welcome representatives from the Diocese of Salford.

To join the meeting please click on the link below from 6.45pm. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89863517023?pwd=JRXgfcAeDeEE3in5xNqJo3flxGfbOb.1>

Meeting ID: 898 6351 7023 Passcode: 808460



Car Boot Sale: We have decided to try this out on Saturday July 6th at Sacred Heart. Most people are familiar with the idea. Anyone can bring along a car, pay £10 for a spot and sell their goods. That £10 goes to our charitable work.

Alternatively, you can have a spot for free and give the proceeds of selling stuff (cluttering up your garage) and give all the takings to HoT. To book a pitch, please email jen@heartoftamworth.org

There is also the option of doing a table sale indoors.

We won't allow alcohol, vapes/cigarettes and no counterfeit goods.

We do need volunteers to help with parking, overseeing, food and drinks and running the parish stalls, so if you can help please contact Jen.

And if you are looking for a bargain, come along. Doors open at 8am.

Thank-you for All Your Giving. Not only do we show the total every week, but we present an annual report with accounts each year. That is available this weekend.

A lot of people have joined the parish. This is reflected in increased giving on Sundays with cash put in the baskets (shown as 'Loose'). Thank-you for all your donations. Would you please switch from Loose to standing orders? There is no minimum amount – you don't have to give more.

But it helps reduce the work of counting and banking. It is more secure and you can change it whenever you wish.

If you pay tax, we can also get that 23% back from the government on the amount you give. Over the year, that amounts to more than £16,000 when lots of people sign up (it's very easy and costs you nothing).

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

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