

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

Alton Staffordshire

St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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10th & 17th September 2023


23rd Sunday & 24th Sunday Ordinary Time Yr A

Saturday 9 th				
Sunday 10 th	23rd Sunday Ordinary Time	9.00am	People of the Parish	
Monday 11 th				
Tuesday 12 th				
Wednesday 13 th		9.30am	Sheila Harrison RIP	
Thursday 14 th				
Friday 15 th				
Saturday 16 th				
Sunday 17 th	24th Sunday Ordinary Time	9.00am	Emily & Andie Dorkins Ints	
Monday 18 th				
Tuesday 19 th				
Wednesday 20 th		No Mass		
Thursday 21 st				
Friday 22 nd				
Saturday 23 rd				
Sunday 24 th	25th Sunday Ordinary Time	9.00am	People of the parish	

Sick List: Please keep in prayer those who are unwell at this time and those who care for them; Ken Mainey Margaret and Michael Stapleton, Joanne Hymers, those with Covid-19, those struggling with mental ill health and all those in our nursing homes, care homes, hospitals and hospices.

Those unable to be at mass and ask remembrance in our prayers, and the assurance of their prayers for us.....Frances and Roger Delf

OFFERTORIES - 2/3 September - Total - £201.30 £186.00 was Gift Aided.



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Parish Changes

A reminder that Sunday morning Mass will now be celebrated at 9am.

Car Parking

Major works have begun on the Guild Hall which means reduced parking space. When possible the main castle gates will be opened to make more space for parking.

Presbytery Phone & Broadband

Unfortunately whilst transferring these services to a different provider there has been a technical issue so there is currently no working landline telephone or broadband connection. This issue may take a couple of weeks to resolve. Please call the parish mobile number if you wish to reach me by telephone and I will pick up emails when I am able to. When rectified the new service will be at the same level as before but will reduce the cost by over 40%.

Vocations Month

The Archdiocese has asked that each Deanery set aside a month in the year to pray in particular for Vocations. In North Staffordshire, this month is October. Each parish will have received a 'toolkit' which provides resources including prayers for a Holy Hour and Prayers of Intercession. To launch the month, the North Staffordshire Vocations Promotions Group are putting on a Discussion day, on Saturday September 30th, at St Teresa's Trent Vale. The day will start at 10am with Adoration and conclude with Holy Mass at 4pm. Speakers will include Canon Michael Dolman (Rector at St Mary's College, Oscott) and Beccy Roseman (Kenelm Youth Trust). Please do support this initiative.

Parish Maintenance

Every 5 years an inspection of parish properties is carried out by an architect and any suggested works are listed in order of priority. There is a significant project of work on the tower by the exit of church that is now necessary to be completed. Following the tendering process contracts are currently being completed. The work, including architect fees, will cost around £60,000. We hope to raise a significant amount of this money through grants but it is expected that there will need to be a contribution of at least £23,000. In September I will look to form a fundraising committee to help us work together to raise the money we need. Thank you in advance for your support.

Summer Break

After a very busy summer I will be away from 19th to 29th September for my summer break.

Edge@Alton youth hub

It's a meeting place for young people from the Catholic parishes of the Staffordshire Moorlands in school years 6,7 and 8. Sessions take place once a month at Soli Centre, Alton. Cost is £2 each and are packed full of fun, faith and friendship! For further information contact edgeatalton@gmail.com