



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

Alton Staffordshire

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10th December 2023
2nd Sunday of Advent Yr B

Sunday 10 th	2nd Sunday of Advent Yr B	9.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 11 th			
Tuesday 12 th			
Wednesday 13 th		9.30am	
Thursday 14 th			
Friday 15 th			
Saturday 16 th			
Sunday 17 th	3rd Sunday of Advent Yr B	9.00am	Tom Prince RIP

Sick List: Please keep in prayer those who are unwell at this time and those who care for them; 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

Parish Meeting

The parish meeting was postponed due to the snow preventing many parishioners to get to Mass safely last weekend. I hope you all were able to keep safe and well. A date will be rearranged for the meeting to take place in January.

Christmas Mass Times

6.00pm Christmas Eve
Midnight
10.00am Christmas Morning
10.00am 26th December

There will be Mass at 9.00am as usual on Sunday 24th December celebrating the 4th Sunday of Advent.

Offertory Collections

12th November - £129.39 with £101.00 Gift Aided
19th November - £139.29 with £135.00 Gift Aided



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Bounty Club

A new year for the Bounty Club will start in January 2024 and will again consist of 12 x monthly draws through the year with subscriptions remaining at £12 for the full year. Subscriptions will need to be paid before the end of December and preferably before Christmas (sooner if possible). The Bounty Club remains a very important part of our fund raising for the parish and new members are very welcome to join. If further information is required please speak to any of the collectors, Edwin, Elizabeth, Stella, Tony, Mary, Jo or Jenny."

Christmas Cards

There are Christmas cards available for sale, hand made by Fr Chris. The cost is £2.50 per card or 5 for £10. The money raised will support me in being able to accompany a group of 22 young people from across the diocese on a mission to Malawi, working in collaboration with St Francis Malawi Trust in July. We will be working in a school, a health centre and assisting the community to become sustainable agriculturally. I need to fundraise to be part of the mission.

Carol Service

The children of Faber School will be leading a Carol Service here at St John's on Monday 18th December at 6pm, to which you are all invited. The children sing and read so beautifully it promises to be a prayerful and joyful way to prepare ourselves for the coming Christmas festivities.

Painsley Catholic College Christmas Party

Mrs. Waugh, staff & pupils warmly invite young at heart parishioners to a Christmas party at Painsley Catholic College on Wed 13th. Dec. 1.30 until 3pm. RSVP Sheila Smith 01538702463

Love Christmas

We are excited to be working with schools and parishes across Staffordshire Moorlands on the 'Love Christmas' project. This community project aims to deliver over 200 'bags of kindness' to be given to anyone who may find Christmas a challenge this year. In giving bags of kindness we hope recipients receive a sign of the love and hope which Christ brings.

You can help by:

- Bringing donations of items to go into the bags of kindness – Christmas groceries, treats, gifts, toys, toiletries are all welcome. Please label them 'Love Christmas project' and bring to church.
- Delivering bags of kindness to someone who would appreciate it in the week from Monday 18th December?
- Assisting in packing the bags after Mass on Sunday 17th December or between 3-4pm on Monday 18th December
- Please email: anna.howard@kenelmeyouthtrust.org.uk for further information

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