

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

Alton Staffordshire

St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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15th January & 22nd January 2023

2nd Sunday Ordinary Time & 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time Yr A

Saturday 14 th	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	6.00pm	George Adams RIP
Sunday 15 th		9.30am	People of the Parish
Monday 16 th			
Tuesday 17 th			
Wednesday 18 th	No Mass		
Thursday 19 th			
Friday 20 th			
Saturday 21 st		6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 22 nd		9.30am	Tom Prince RIP
Monday 23 rd			
Tuesday 24 th			
Wednesday 25 th	Funeral Mass	11.00am	Hilda Moulton RIP
Thursday 26 th			
Friday 27 th			
Saturday 28 th		6.00pm	Susan Sigley RIP
Sunday 29 th		9.30am	People of the parish

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI - We pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. Giving thanks for his service to the Church. Many of us will recall with great joy his visit to the UK in 2010, and in a particular way for our Archdiocese as he Beatified John Henry Newman. Let us pray that he receives his eternal reward. There are prayer cards available as you leave church.

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.

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



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OFFERTORIES 7/8 January - Total - £273.00
£216.00 was Gift Aided.

Cleaners Rota: Angela Heath & Denise Beattie
Denis Cope & Sue Edmonds
Christine Eardley & David Robins

Parish Visitation

Bishop Stephen Wright, our area bishop, will be visiting our parish on 14th & 15th January. This visit is part of the deanery visitation to all parishes in the North Staffs Deanery. After both Masses there will be a meeting with Bishop Stephen which you are all invited to, please do come and share your thoughts with him.

Bishop David McGough

I am away from Monday 16th for my post Christmas break. We welcome Bishop David who will celebrate the Masses next weekend. I am very grateful for his support.

Administration Support

April McCafferty, who works for KYT is going to be assisting me with parish administration. If you have any queries please continue to email the parish, either April or I will respond. April will assist in improving the administration and communications within our parish. I am very grateful for her support.

FOODBANK

Due to the current level of demand the FoodBank need donations. If you are able to donate some food, please place it in the parish room. We keep in our prayers all those who are experiencing financial hardship at this time.

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

Volunteer for CAFOD

A vital aspect of church is people being willing to share their talents, experience and energy. We are looking for School Volunteers across North Staffordshire where you'll deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work. No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided. If you'd like to know more, please get in touch with Joanne O'Meara: birmingham@cafod.org.uk

Bounty Club 2023

The first draw of 2023 took place last weekend and the winners were:

1st Prize - Barrie Burton
2nd Prize - Louise Harper
3rd Prize - Gill Edwards