

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

Alton Staffordshire

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17th & 24th December 2023
3rd & 4th Sunday of Advent Yr B

Sunday 17 th	3rd Sunday of Advent Yr B	9.00am	Tom Prince RIP
Monday 18 th			
Tuesday 19 th			
Wednesday 20 th	No Mass		
Thursday 21 st			
Friday 22 nd			
Saturday 23 rd			
Sunday 24 th	3rd Sunday of Advent Yr B	9.00am	People of the Parish
	Christmas Vigil	6.00pm	Ken Mainey RIP
	Midnight Mass	12.00am	Breda Fearn
Monday 25 th	Christmas Morning	10.00am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 26 th	St Stephen's Day	10.00am	Persecuted Christians
Wednesday 27 th	No Mass		
Thursday 28 th			
Friday 29 th			
Saturday 30 th			
Sunday 31 st	2nd Sunday of Christmas	9.00am	Private Intention
Monday 1 st	Mary Mother of God	11.00am	All Mothers

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



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Christmas Offerings

Collections at the Christmas Eve evening Masses and Mass on Christmas Day are your kind offerings to the Parish Priest.

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.

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."

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.

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:

- Assisting in packing the bags after Mass on Sunday 17th December or between 3-4pm on Monday 18th December
- Delivering bags of kindness to someone who would appreciate it in the week from Monday 18th December
- Please email: anna.howard@kenelmyouthtrust.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