



# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

Alton Staffordshire

## St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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**17th March 2024**

**5th Sunday of Lent Yr B**

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| Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>    | 5th Sunday of Lent | 9.00am | Private Intention    |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>    |                    |        |                      |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>   |                    |        |                      |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> |                    | 9.30am | People of the Parish |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>  |                    |        |                      |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>    |                    |        |                      |
| Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>  |                    |        |                      |
| Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>    | Palm Sunday        | 9.00am | David Allen          |

**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 struggling with physical and 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

Collection 3rd March - £168.98 of which £120.00 gift aided



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## **Stubwood Singers Performance**

On Friday 22nd March at 7pm we welcome Stubwood Singers to St John's who will be performing two pieces composed by Caroline Wedd. A Father's Love which is based on the seven last words of Christ and Song of the Morning which is a telling of the Easter story. This promises to be a beautiful evening of music that will prepare us as we enter into Holy Week. All are welcome so please do spread the word. There will be a retiring collection to support KYT Mission Team to join the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, assisting sick pilgrims.

## **Parish Accounts**

The parish accounts for 2023 are now available. They are presented with the previous two years to add some context. Please do read through them.

## **Fundraising Team**

I wish to establish a fundraising team for our parish and I am looking for members. This is open to anyone so if you wish to join the team please let Fr Chris know.

## **Holy Week**

As the season of lent continues, we look ahead to Holy Week. The times of our Holy Week liturgies are as follows:

- 24th March - Palm Sunday Mass - 9.00am
- 27th March - Stations of the Cross - 6.30pm
- 28th March - Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7.00pm
- 29th March - Walk of Witness (Begins at St John's) - 10.30am  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3.00pm
- 30th March - Easter Vigil - 7.30pm
- 31st March - Easter Sunday - 9.00am

Washing of the feet - Covid restrictions meant the washing of the feet could not take place during Mass on Holy Thursday. We are now able to do this again and I hope we can reinstate it at St John's. I am looking for 12 people who are prepared to volunteer for this, anyone can volunteer. Please let Fr Chris know if you want to volunteer.

## **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](mailto:edgeatalton@gmail.com)