

# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

Alton Staffordshire

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**19th November 2023**  
**33rd Sunday Ordinary Time Yr A**

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>			
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	33rd Sunday Ordinary Time	9.00am	Holy Souls
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>			
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>			
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>		9.30am	Debbie Ferris Ints
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>			
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>			
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>			
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Solemnity of Christ the King	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; 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

## **World Youth Sunday**


The solemnity of Christ the King is also the celebration of World Youth Sunday, recognising the importance of young people within the Church. There is a second collection to support the work of Kenelm Youth Trust. During the academic year 2022/2023 we worked with over 12,000 young people. Your kind donations and prayers allow us to continue this vital work.

## **Offertory Collection**

Due to being off sick this week I haven't had the opportunity before publishing the newsletter to gather the information of the collections. I will ensure that this is available next week.

## **Weekly Newsletter**

A few months ago I made the decision to trial publishing a newsletter fortnightly. I will now return to the newsletter being published weekly so that information doesn't get lost and to give ample notice for any upcoming events.



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## **Ken Mainey RIP**

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Ken Mainey who sadly died in the early hours of last Monday. Ken will be remembered by so many people for the great works of faith and service he carried out. Please also keep in your prayers Ken's wife Jo, his children Karen and Mark and all of Ken's extended family and friends.

Ken's funeral will be celebrated here at St John's on Monday 27th November at 11am.

## **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."

## **Love Christmas**

We are excited to be working with schools and parishes across Staffordshire Moorlands on the 'Love Christmas' project. This match-funded community project aims to fill and deliver over 200 'bags of kindness' to be given to anyone who may find Christmas a challenge in any way this year. In giving them a bag of kindness we hope that through us they receive a sign of the love and hope which Christ's coming and Christmas 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.

Could you help to deliver any bags of kindness to someone who would appreciate it in the week from Monday 18th December? (picking up from your parish church and taking them where you know they would be welcomed?) Are you able to give an hour to assist in packing the bags of kindness in December at St John's parish, Alton? Talk about it – spread the word among the community! Pray for the project!

If you can offer to help or need any further information please email: [anna.howard@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](mailto:anna.howard@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk)

## **Presbytery Phone & Broadband**

Sadly the broadband is not connected as Openreach need permission to do some groundworks in the village to repair a broken line. It is extremely frustrating that Staffordshire Moorlands Council will not allow these works until 5th February 2024.

## **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)