

# St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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# 26th February & 5th March 2023 1st Sunday Lent & 2nd Sunday Lent Yr A

Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	1st Sunday of Lent	6.00pm	Gannon Family
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>		9.30am	People of the Parish
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>			
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>			The Daines Femiles
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>		9.30am	The Prince Family
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>			
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>			
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	2nd Sunday of Lent	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>		9.30am	Harry Purton-Lally
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>			
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>			D 1 0
Wednesday 8th		9.30am	Declan Sweeney
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>			
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>			
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>		6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	3rd Sunday of Lent	9.30am	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

**OFFERTORIES** 11/12 February - Total - £232.20 £205.00 was Gift Aided.

18/19 February - Total - £220.10 £166.00 was Gift Aided

CAFOD Earthquake Appeal - £247.40

Cleaners Rota: Denis Cope & Sue Edmonds

Christine Eardley & David Robins Angela Heath & Denise Beattie

## **CAFOD Family Fast Day**

Friday 2nd March is CAFOD Family Fast Day. Envelopes are available for donations, which can be Gift Aided. The 2nd Collection next Sunday will be for the Family Fast Day.

## **CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal**

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance, and winter kits for survivors. Let us join CAFOD in praying for those affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at

# cafod.org.uk/give

### **Walk With Me**

The Lenten Walk With Me books and calendars are available on the way out of church. As always it is a great resource to help us pray during lent. Please take a book as you leave church, please take them for anyone you know will find it helpful too.

#### Peace in Ukraine

After a year of war in Ukraine we continue to offer our prayers. For those who have lost their lives, been injured, bereaved and displaced. We pray for all Ukrainian families in the local area, especially the family we are hosting in our parish. We pray for Vladimir Putin that he will lay down arms an Ukraine returns to a peaceful country.

Prayers for peace are so important and we will return to having a period of prayer after Wednesday morning Mass for this intention. Please join if you are able and share this with others who wish to take this opportunity to pray for peace.

#### **FOODBANK**

Due to the current level of demand the FoodBank need donations. If you are able to make a donation please leave it in the parish room and we pray for 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