ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

St John the Baptist Catholic Church

Alton Staffordshi

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26th March & 2nd April 2023 5th Sunday Lent & Palm Sunday Yr A

Saturday 25 th	5th Sunday of Lent	6.00pm	Frances Crichlow
Sunday 26 th	,	9.30am	People of the Parish
Monday 27 th			
Tuesday 28 th			Megan Allen
Wednesday 29 th		9.30am	Wiegan Anen
Thursday 30 th			
Friday 31 st			A
Saturday 1 st		6.00pm	Ann Watts
Sunday 2 nd	Palm Sunday	9.30am	People of the Parish
Monday 3 rd			
Tuesday 4 th			
Wednesday 5 th		No Mass	
Thursday 6 th	Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	Rosetta Pace
Friday 7 th	Good Friday	3.00pm	
Saturday 8 th	Easter Vigil	8.30pm	Holy Souls
Sunday 9 th	Easter Sunday	9.30am	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

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OFFERTORIES 11/12 March - Total - £1234.90 £1185.00 was Gift Aided. 18/19 March - Total - £303.90 £196.00 was Gift Aided

CAFOD Family Fast Day - £30.00

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

2nd Collection

There will be a 2nd collection this weekend and next weekend to raise money for the Easter flowers for church. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Gift Aid Envelopes

Envelopes are now available for the new tax year 2023/2024. For parishioners using these envelopes please collect your pack on the way out of Church.

Easter Collection

Collections taken at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses will be your kind Christmas Offerings to Fr Chris.

North Staffs Vocations Promotion Group

Evening of Prayer and Reflection for Vocations Tuesday 28 March 7pm at Our Lady & St Werburgh, Clayton, led by Fr Marco Egawhary.

CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal

CAFOD is responding with support for survivors. Let us join CAFOD in praying for those affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at **cafod.org.uk/give**

Peace in Ukraine

After a year of war in Ukraine we continue to offer our prayers for peace. We pray for all Ukrainian families in the local area, especially the family we are hosting in our parish. 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. Please leave any donations in the parish room. 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 $\pounds 2$ each and are packed full of fun, faith and friendship! For further information contact edgeatalton@gmail.com