

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

Alton Staffordshire

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26th November 2023

Solemnity of Christ the King Yr A

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| Sunday 26 th | Solemnity of Christ the King | 9.00am | People of the Parish |
| Monday 27 th | Funeral Mass for Ken Mainey | 11.00am | |
| Tuesday 28 th | | | |
| Wednesday 29 th | | 9.30am | Fr Jan Nowotnik 25 Years of Ordination |
| Thursday 30 th | | | |
| Friday 1 st | | | |
| Saturday 2 nd | | | |
| Sunday 3 rd | 1st Sunday of Advent Yr B | 9.00am | Ken Mainey 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

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 16,000 young people. Your kind donations and prayers allow us to continue this vital work.

Parish Meeting

There will be a parish meeting after Mass on Sunday 3rd December. Following the changes in September it will be a good opportunity for us to look forward to the year ahead and discuss challenges, hopes and needs for our parish. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting so please do stay after Mass. If you are aware of any other parishioners who wish to attend please do let them know that the invitation is open to any parishioner and they are very welcome.

Offertory Collections

12th November - £129.39 with £101.00 Gift Aided
19th November - £139.29 with £135.00 Gift Aided



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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."

Christmas Cards

In July I will be accompanying a group of 22 young people from across the diocese on a mission to Malawi, working in collaboration with St Francis Malawi Trust. 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. To start this off there are Christmas cards available for sale. There are 2 designs with limited numbers available today but there is a sheet you can place an order and they will be available next weekend. The cost is £2.50 per card or 5 for £10.

Carol Service

The children of Faber School will be leading a Carol Service here at St John's on Monday 18th December at 6pm. The children sing and read so beautifully it promises to be a prayerful and joyful way to prepare ourselves for the coming Christmas festivities.

Painsley Catholic College Christmas Party

Mrs. Waugh, staff & pupils warmly invite young at heart parishioners to a Christmas party at Painsley Catholic College on Wed 13th. Dec. 1.30 until 3pm. RSVP Sheila Smith 01538702463

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

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