

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

Alton Staffordshire

St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Priest in Charge - Fr Chris Yule

Parish Safeguarding Representatives Josie Shepherd (07745 545196) and Jacqueline Shaw (01889 562422)

4th December 2022 - 2nd Sunday of Advent Yr A

Saturday 3 rd	2nd Sunday Advent	6.00pm	Alistair McGee & Relatives
Sunday 4 th		9.30am	RY's Intentions
Monday 5 th			
Tuesday 6 th			
Wednesday 7 th		9.30am	People of the Parish
Thursday 8 th			
Friday 9 th			
Saturday 10 th		6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 11 th	3rd Sunday Advent	9.30am	Elizabeth Scott

**Those unable to be at mass and ask remembrance in our prayers,
and the assurance of their prayers for us.....** Joan Kenny, Frances and Roger Delf

Sick List: Please keep in prayer those who are unwell at this time and those who care for them; Tom Prince, 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.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas is fast approaching, and as we make our plans for celebrating I know it is helpful to know the times for Mass. These are:

24th December: 6:00pm
Midnight
25th December: 9:30am
26th December: 10:30am



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OFFERTORIES 26/27 November - Total -£230.40 of which
£201.00 was Gift Aided.

2nd Collection - Kenelm Youth Trust - £135.00

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

Church Heating

I want to address rumours that I have been hearing that the church is being heated considerable and excessive amounts each day for the use of the children coming on retreat to the Castle. These rumours are inaccurate and are extremely unhelpful. It is my choice as Spiritual Director of KYT that Mass will take place in Church & Church is heated **no more than 3 hours a week** for this purpose.

FOODBANK

Due to the current level of demand the FoodBank need donations. If you are able to donate some food, please place it in the parish room.

We keep in our prayers all those who are experiencing financial hardship at this time.

BOUNTY CLUB 2023

A new Bounty Club year will start again in January with the first monthly draw planned for Saturday 7th January 2023.

Subscriptions remain at £12 for the full year and these are due for payment before the 7th January and preferably before the end of December. Our Collectors have their lists of current members at the ready and will be chasing payments over the next few weeks. **New members are very welcome to join in what is a very much needed fund raiser for parish funds.**

Any problems/information needed please speak to Edwin (07980 110460 /01889 591626), Stella (01538 702097) or Elizabeth (01538 702465)"

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

Missio

Please help collect the latest magazine and 2023 calendar as you exit church. Frances is doing a final collection for the year for anyone who needs their box emptying or wishes to make a donation. Please either take a brown Missio envelope as you exit church or bring your box in to be emptied. Please leave boxes or envelopes with money in the sacristy if Frances is not at the same mass as you. Money needs to be in by 18th December at the latest to make this years banking deadline. Many thanks.