

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

Alton Staffordshire

St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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30th July & 6th August 2023

17th Sunday & 18th Sunday Ordinary Time Yr A

Saturday 30 th		6.00pm	Spiritan Missionaries
Sunday 31 st	17th Sunday	9.30am	People of the Parish
Monday 1 st			
Tuesday 2 nd			
Wednesday 3 rd		No Mass	
Thursday 4 th			
Friday 5 th			
Saturday 6 th		6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 7 th	18th Sunday	9.30am	Private Intention
Monday 8 th			
Tuesday 9 th			
Wednesday 10 th		No Mass	
Thursday 11 th			
Friday 12 th			
Saturday 13 th		6.00pm	Fr Gary Byrne RIP
Sunday 14 th	19th 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 15/16 July - Total - £259.60 £232.00 was Gift Aided.
22/23 July 2023 -Total - £226.00 £173.00 was Gift Aided

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

Parish Changes

Following the deanery visitation there will be some significant changes at St John's.

The parishes of Alton, Cheadle and Leek will work as an informal cluster. This parish remains as its own parish but there will be closer collaboration, where appropriate, in areas such as sacramental preparation and clergy supporting and helping one another.

In our parish report, Bishop Stephen reflected that the Church's capacity is around 100. Parish Mass attendance is low. 20-35 on a Saturday evening, 20-30 on a Sunday morning. On present numbers two Sunday masses are not required and can be dropped to one.

Therefore, from the weekend of 2nd/3rd September Mass on Saturday evening will cease and the Sunday morning Mass will return to its pre-covid time of 9am.

Mass times are also changing in Cheadle and Leek. These changes mean that one priest can cover all three parishes on Saturday and two priests can cover all three parishes on Sunday.

Let us continue to pray for each other and pray that the Holy Spirit continues to guide us all to evangelise all whom we meet.

World Youth Day - I am away from Monday 24th July until Tuesday 8th August accompanying our World Youth Day pilgrims to Lisbon culminating in Pope Francis joining the hundreds of thousands of young people from around the world.

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