

# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

Alton Staffordshire

## St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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### 1st January & 8th January 2023

#### Mary, the Holy Mother of God & The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>		9.30am	Holy Souls
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>			
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>			
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass		
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>			
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Epiphany - Holy Day	6.00pm	Tom Prince RIP
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>		6.00pm	Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI RIP
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>		9.30am	People of the Parish
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>			
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>			
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>		9.30am	Hanrahan Family Ints
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>			
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>			
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>		6.00pm	George Adams RIP
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>		9.30am	People of the parish

**Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI** - We pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. We give thanks for his service throughout his priestly ministry, and of course as our Holy Father. Many of us will recall with great joy his visit to the UK in 2010, and in a particular way for our Archdiocese as he Beatified John Henry Newman. Let us pray that he receives his eternal reward.

**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.

**and the assurance of their prayers for us.....** Joan Kenny, Frances and Roger Delf

**Those unable to be at mass and ask remembrance in our prayers,**



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**OFFERTORIES** 17/18 December - Total - £237.00  
£182.50 was Gift Aided.

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

## **BISHOP STEPHEN WRIGHT**

Bishop Stephen will be visiting our parish on 14th & 15th January. This visit is part of the deanery visitation that has been taking place across the North Staffs Deanery over the past couple of months. There will be an opportunity for parishioners to meet with Bishop Stephen during his visit. I will give further details next week.

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you for your kind wishes, cards and gifts, they are very much appreciated.

I also wish to thank the many people who volunteer within our parish. There are so many aspects of our parish life that would not happen without your kind and generous service, for this I am extremely grateful.

A belated but really important word of thanks goes to Gail and Jill. They generously donated the cushions on the benches that have brought much more comfort to all who pray in church. They were donated in memory of their aunt who we keep in prayer.

## **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**

**"BOUNTY CLUB - A last call for outstanding Bounty Club subscriptions please.  
The first draw for 2023 is due to take place next weekend"**

**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](mailto:edgeatalton@gmail.com)