

# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

Alton Staffordshire

## St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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## 18th December & 25th December 2022 - 4th Sunday of Advent Yr A & Christmas Day

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|
| Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>  | 4th Sunday Advent            | 6.00pm   | Larry Quinn                      |
| Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>    |                              | 9.30am   | People of the Parish             |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>    |                              |          |                                  |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>   |                              |          |                                  |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> |                              | 9.30am   | Special Intention                |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>  |                              |          |                                  |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>    |                              |          |                                  |
| Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>  | Christmas Eve                | 6.00pm   | Veronica McGrail                 |
|                            |                              | Midnight | Tom Prince Ints                  |
| Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>    | Christmas Day                | 9.30am   | People of the Parish             |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>    | St Stephen's Day             | 9.30am   | Those Persecuted for their faith |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>   |                              |          |                                  |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> | No Mass                      |          |                                  |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>  |                              |          |                                  |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>    |                              |          |                                  |
| Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>  |                              | 6.00pm   | People of the Parish             |
| Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>     | Mary, the Holy Mother of God | 9.30am   | Holy Souls                       |

**Christmas Collection** - Collections taken at Christmas Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be your kind Christmas Offerings to Fr Chris.

**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.

**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



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**OFFERTORIES** 10/11 December - Total - £226.00  
£170.50 was Gift Aided.  
2nd Collection - Flowers for Christmas - £43.00

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

### **Love Christmas Cake Sale**

Thank you for your generous support last weekend. Through all the donations and fundraising that has taken place, over 200 bags of food and around 100 Christmas presents have been shared with families who are in need.

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