



# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

Alton Staffordshire

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**7th January 2024**  
**Solemnity of the Epiphany Yr B**

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Epiphany Yr B	9.00am	Margaret & David Allen RIP
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>			
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>			
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>		9.30am	Hilda & Frank Smith RIP
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>			
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>			
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>			
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr B	9.00am	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 struggling with physical and 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

## Collections

Total for December 17th, 24th and 31st:

Total: £579.74    Gift Aided: £402.00



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## **Thank You & Happy New Year**

Happy Christmas to you all, I hope you continue to enjoy this season of great joy and hope. Thank you for your kind Christmas wishes and offerings I really do appreciate them. Be assured of my continued prayers and that God's blessing remains with you and your families throughout 2024.

I also wish to offer a sincere thanks to all who have volunteered in the parish in any way this past year including church cleaning, flower arranging, altar serving, reading, musicians, finance committee, tea and coffee, the garden party, gardening. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

## **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.

## **Parish Meeting**

Due to the bad weather the parish meeting was postponed. The new date will be Sunday 21st January 2024 after Mass, please do come along. It will be an opportunity to discuss parish finances, building maintenance and as importantly pastoral hopes for our parish throughout the year ahead. Please pass on the details to parishioners that may not have seen the details in the newsletter, all are welcome.

## **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)