

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

Alton Staffordshire

St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Priest in Charge - Fr Chris Yule

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17th July 2022 - 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr C

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| Saturday 16 th | 16th Sunday Ordinary Time | 6.00pm | People of the Parish |
| Sunday 17 th | | 9.30am | Carmel Smith |
| Monday 18 th | | | |
| Tuesday 19 th | | | |
| Wednesday 20 th | | 9.30am | Peter Cox |
| Thursday 21 st | | | |
| Friday 22 nd | | | |
| Saturday 23 rd | | 6.00pm | Fr Toby Duckworth |
| Sunday 24 th | | 9.30am | People of the Parish |

An Act of Spiritual Communion; *My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

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.

Confessions On request.

Bounty Club July 2022

1st Prize No. 55 Beryl Doyle

2nd Prize No. 52 Sue Edmonds

3rd Prize No. 144 Norman Edwards



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OFFERTORIES 2/3 July and 9/10 July combined - Total -£544.60
of which £430.00 was Gift Aided.

Apostleship of the Sea - £35.50 of which £25.30 was Gift Aided.

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

Parish Flat - Visa applications have now been submitted for the family fleeing Ukraine. Please pray for the family, Mum and 2 children aged 2 and 6 and for a prompt visa decision with the UK Government. There will be items that the family will need when they initially move to Alton so we will continue having weekly collections for Ukraine and the money used for covering the costs of what is needed. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Uniting to Pray for Peace - Prayers continue for peace in Ukraine at 10.00am Wednesday mornings.

Garden Party - The annual garden party will take place on Saturday 24th September. Please save the date as it promises to be a great event once more. There are minutes from last week's meeting along with a flier for the garage sale attached.

Can you help? - KYT are looking for a part-time clerk/secretary. Also available short-term wash up/kitchen assistant at the Castle. Tuesdays, Wednesday & Thursdays early evenings. Speak to Fr Chris or Call 07860 120 443 or 01538 703224

Quinquennial - Every 5 years we are required to have a survey carried out to ensure we keep the church and property in good repair. The report is extensive and will be available within a couple of months. I did have a conversation with the architect about the church lighting. You may have noticed (if you are eagle eyed or bored during the homily!) that the light bulbs are slowly going, we are now up to 6 and these bulbs are obsolete. It should be possible to only replace the light fittings, dependent on the quality of the wiring. Replacing the fittings will also enable us to have a more energy efficient lighting system. I will seek to get this completed in due time, with as least disruption as possible.