



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

Alton Staffordshire

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Newsletter for the 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A, 2020

Saturday 20 th	12 th Sunday of OT	6pm	Youth Mass (Streamed on Kenelm Youtube)
Sunday 21 st	12 th Sunday of OT	12 noon	Dennis Eardley RIP
Monday 22 nd	Sts John Fisher and Thomas Moore	12 noon	Alton Retreat Team Ints
Tuesday 23 rd	Feria	12 noon	Dennis Eardley RIP
Wednesday 24 th	Birth of John the Baptist	12 noon	Pro Populo
Thursday 25 th	Feria	12 noon	Marion Pilling RIP
Friday 26 th	Feria	12 noon	KYT Intentions
Saturday 27 th	Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul	6 pm	Thanksgiving Retreat Team
Sunday 28 th	Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul	12 noon	Pro Populo

ALL PUBLIC LITURGIES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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

Please remember Mass is still being offered in our church daily for all your intentions even though the church remains locked for now.

There are many Masses livestreamed on Facebook and on the internet. See the Diocesan Website for the list of websites including St Chad's Cathedral. I Hope to livestream Sunday Masses from St John's on the Parish Facebook page Catholic Parish of St John the Baptist, Alton, or from the social media page on the website



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Reopening of churches

I have now completed the very lengthy (12 pages) risk assessment and uploaded it to our parish's profile on the Diocesan Health and Safety Coordinators (xCenta's) website.

Currently I think we will struggle to meet the minimum safety guidelines for opening. At least 2 Stewards present whenever church is open (preferably 3!). Maintaining a minimum of 2 metres distance between all visitors, and maintaining a one way system for entry and exit. Deep clean before opening, maintenance cleaning during open times and deep clean upon closing again. Stewards and cleaners aren't allowed to be from any persons considered at risk. (Over 70's with no pre-existing medical conditions or needing shielding) We will see how it works out. If you are willing to help with stewarding or cleaning please email me on the parish email address.

This will be a struggle but is not impossible! May I suggest we try opening for an hour on the morning of Wednesday 1st July 10-11 and possibly an hour on Saturday 4th July 10-11. This is totally dependent on volunteers being free and willing to come along. I should be able to clarify this for you by next weekend.

My thanks for your patience and understanding.

Fr Paul