

# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

Alton Staffordshire

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## Newsletter for the 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time 2020

Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of OT	6.00pm	Pro Populo
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of OT	9.30am	Margaret and David Allen RIP
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>			
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>			
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	9.30am	Private Intention (BA)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>			
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>			
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Nuptial Mass	11.30am	Silvan Azzopardi & Louise Forrest
	20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of OT	6.00pm	The Sick and the Anxious Ints
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of OT	9.30am	Pro Populo

### 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

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. Sunday Mass from St John's will be livestreamed on the Parish Facebook page [Catholic Parish of St John the Baptist, Alton](#). which can also be viewed from the social media page on the website. St John's [Alton.Weebly.com](http://Alton.Weebly.com)

### Sick List

Let us please keep in our prayers those who are not well at this time and those who have care of them...

Margaret and Michael Stapleton, Clare Ash, Patricia Heritage, and all those in our nursing and care homes, our hospitals and hospices.

As this sick list is new please email me if you would like your name to be added. You cannot ask for people's names to be added without their **EXPRESSED** permission.



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**Getting used to a new 'normal'** Thank you for all those who have volunteered for cleaning duties. Any extra volunteers would be most welcome especially as we move into the summer months and people are away. Thank you in anticipation! Family groups especially welcome to get involved but all are most welcome!

**Parish Finances** Anyone wishing to put their offering on standing order please speak to Fr Paul or Edwin Brindley to collect a form. Standing orders are especially helpful at this time as it saves on counting and banking, so please do consider giving in this way.

**Garden and Church Grounds** There are always maintenance type jobs to be done in the garden and Cemetery. Usually lots of the upkeep is dealt with by the Kenelm Maintenance staff, but currently they are not able to help as they are furloughed. If you are happy to help please speak to Fr Paul, Johnnie Hall, or Denis Cope for more information!

**MISSIO Red boxes.** Dear Red box holders we have just received news that our parish contribution from the Red Boxes last year was £598.12. A very big 'Thank you' to all who contributed.

Red Box emptying has been somewhat disrupted this year but now we have a process to safely empty boxes. If you are able to attend Mass, please can you empty your box into an envelope or a plastic bag. Ensure you write your name & contact number on the envelope or on a piece of paper in the bag. As you leave church you will see a large red tub on a stand, just past the sacristy. Please drop your envelope/bag of money into the tub.

If you wish to include a cheque, please make it payable to 'Missio/Archdiocese of Birmingham APF Acc'. - You can also donate online at 'Missio.org.uk' if you wish. Any questions please call me on 07754 519680. Many thank, Frances

**Bounty Club** is another source of parish income that is not running at the moment, mainly because of all that is involved with the collecting of subscriptions etc. Watch this space for when it will be starting up again. My thanks to all who do support this fundraiser and to Stella for all the behind the scenes work to make it happen!

**Kenelm/Lifeteen Summer Camp 2020** was a feat of ingenuity and technical know how last weekend that enabled us to have 80 or so young people from 12 different Diocese in the UK and one from Spain to come together 'virtually' for Masses and talks on the faith. Inspirational speakers from Nashville Tennessee were 'zoomed' in and expertly mixed in with livestream masses being celebrated in St John's and down in St Chad's Cathedral. It was an amazing and blest time for all who were involved.