

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

Alton Staffordshire

St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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5th March 2022 - 1st Sunday of Lent Yr C

Saturday 26 th	8th Sunday Ordinary Time	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 27 th		9.30am	Fr Eric's Ints - 25th Anniversary of Ordination
Monday 28 th			
Tuesday 1 st March			
Wednesday 2 nd	Ash Wednesday	9.30am	Special Intention
Thursday 3 rd			
Friday 4 th			
Saturday 5 th		6.00pm	People of the parish
Sunday 6 th		9.30am	Pat Loughlin

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, 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.



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OFFERTORIES Total Collections for weekend 12th/13th February
£229.00 of which £192.00 was Gift Aided

2nd Collection today for Cathedral Maintenance. Next week for CAFOD Family Fast Day

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

New Rota's We are seeking volunteers on a rota basis:
Care of Altar linens - please speak to Clare Ford

Welcome - We welcome Fr Paul McNally who is celebrating Mass on Sunday morning as I am still without a voice. I hope it will return soon!

Synodal Pathway - Please return your responses in order for me to collate our parish response.

Lent - Walk With Me and Booklets are available on the way out of church. Please do take a copy for yourself and if you know of others who would find them useful please do take extra copies. Let us pray for each other during this season of lent.

Ukraine - Once again after Mass on Wednesday morning there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.00am to pray for peace in Ukraine. Let us unite in prayer for an end to the war and violence in Ukraine and pray for all those who have lost their lives, been injured and affected in any way in this unjust conflict.

Reverend Brian and I are meeting in the week and we will discuss how our two parishes can unite in prayer and practical help for the people of Ukraine.

Prayer for Vocations - Friday 25th March, 7pm, there is Holy Hour at Holy Trinity, Newcastle led by Fr Marco Egwhary to pray for vocations. Please do visit Holy Trinity if you are able to and let us be fervent in our prayer for vocations.

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Friday 11th March. A day to eat simply and give generously. Your small act of love this lent will make a big difference to communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. You can donate using the envelopes that are available on the way out of church or by visiting cafod.org.uk/lent Many thanks in anticipation of your generous support.

Faber School - Are advertising for a Head of School. A copy of the advert is on the way out of church. If you know anybody who may be interested please do bring this to their attention. Please also pray that a suitable candidate comes forward.