

# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

Alton Staffordshire

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## **Newsletter for the 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, 2020**

Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of OT	6.00pm	Pro Populo
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of OT	9.30am	Thanksgiving
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	St Bartholomew		
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>			
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Blessed Dominic Barberi	9.30am	Celebrants Intention
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	St Monica		
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	St Augustine		
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of OT	6.00pm	Alan & Gill Whieldon Ints (Golden Wedding)
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of OT	9.30am	Pro Populo

*Sunday Mass from St John's will continue to 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](#)*

**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

**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, Norman Edwards, 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 to this list without their **EXPRESSED** permission. **Thank you!**

**Getting used to a new 'normal'** Thank you for all those who have volunteered for cleaning duties!

**Offertories Last Sunday £199.50 of which £146 have been Gift Aided. Thank you for your continued generosity during these times.**



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**Parish Finances** My thanks to those who have set up standing orders for their offering. This is such a help especially during these times. It relieves your fellow parishioners on the counting and banking teams of a significant amount of trouble, time, and effort during these difficult times. Anyone wishing to put their offering on standing order please speak to Fr Paul or Edwin Brindley to collect a form

**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.

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

**Examination Results** season is upon us. Prayers assured for all who have or are still to receive examination results at this time. Please remember the only question we will ever be asked which is of eternal importance, is when the Lord asks us at the end of our earthly lives "How much have you loved?"

Loving God, the bible reminds us that "for everything there is a season  
A time for every matter under heaven  
A time to seek and a time to lose  
A time to weep and a time to laugh  
A time to mourn and a time to dance". (Ecclesiastes ch 3)  
In this exam results season  
we pray for all the young people in our churches, our schools, our homes  
Who have received news today that brings a range of emotions.  
Those who are confirmed in their goals and hopes,  
Those who are relieved and grateful for better than expected,  
And those who feel the knock of disappointment and a sense of loss.  
As plans are made and plans are changed we hold all these young people in our prayers  
May this be the time when they know you are close, come what may.  
In the name of "Jesus Christ - the same yesterday, today and forever" we pray,  
AMEN