

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

Alton Staffordshire

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Newsletter for the 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, 2020

Saturday 29 th	22 nd Sunday of OT	6.00pm	Alan & Gill Whieldon Ints (Golden Wedding)
Sunday 30 th	22 nd Sunday of OT	9.30am	Betty, Laurence, and Kim Hudson
Monday 31 st			
Tuesday 1 st	St Giles		
Wednesday 2 nd	Feria	9.30am	Denis Purton RIP
Thursday 3 rd	St Gregory the Great		
Friday 4 th	St Cuthbert		
Saturday 5 th	23 rd Sunday of OT	6.00pm	Pro Populo
Sunday 6 th	23 rd Sunday of OT	9.30am	Pauline & John Allday

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!**

Diocesan 'Instructions for my Funeral Mass' leaflets are available as you leave church.

Offertories for last Sunday 22/23 August £405.50 (Including standing orders) of which £346 has been Gift Aided. Thank you for your continued generosity during these times.

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Parish Finances To give a more complete idea of parish finances I have now started to publish the offertories with the standing orders included in the figure published. These were always included in the published accounts obviously, but weren't previously shown in the figures published weekly on the newsletter.

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.

