

# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

Alton Staffordshire

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## Newsletter for the 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, 2020

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of OT	6.00pm	John McNamara RIP
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of OT	9.30am	Enid Sporne RIP
	27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of OT	6.00pm	Bill Allen RIP
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	12 noon	Team Mass
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	12 noon	Team Mass
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Our Lady of the Rosary	9.30am	Pat Brattley RIP
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	12 noon	Team Mass
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	St John Henry Newman		
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of OT	6.00pm	Pro Populo
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of OT	9.30am	Pat and John Ridge
	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of OT	6.00pm	Kath Trowel RIP

***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, and all those in our nursing and care homes, our hospitals and hospices.

**Offertories** for last Sunday 19/20 September £245.15 (Including standing orders) of which £203.38 has been Gift Aided. Thank you for your continued generosity during these times.

**Across Appeal...** Across have been taking their VIP's to Lourdes for 47 years on the Jumbulance. All of 2020's pilgrimages have been cancelled and they are asking for 1000 gifts of £150 to help them survive the Pandemic.



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Like many they have lost 78% of their income. Perhaps we as a parish could give a £150 Donation? We have had £120 donated so far....speak to Fr Paul or hand any donation in anonymously if you prefer...!

**Cemetery Tidy Up** My thanks to all those who volunteered to help tidy up the cemetery and grounds. I think you'll agree that the grounds are looking well currently, and the cemetery grass is kept well by the firm we employ to do so, but there were several areas where scrub and brambles had rather overtaken many older graves, and it has been great that these have been tamed and tidied. Thank you to all those who gave generously of their time!

**Missio Red Mission Boxes.** Many thanks to everyone who has brought their red box money to church. I have now banked £248 this year.

For obvious reasons there is a lot less loose change in circulation as we seem to be nearly a cashless society at the moment. All the little amounts add up though so even if you only have a little in your box I am happy to receive it and get it banked (bank notes & cheques also gratefully received!!) The red tub is still in the cloister, near to the sacristy door, just pop your money in an envelope or plastic bag with your name included & drop it in the tub as you leave church. If you need me to collect from your doorstep please ring me. Frances (07754 519680)

**Month of the Holy Rosary** Traditionally October is the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary. We shall try to pray this prayer before all masses during October. Volunteers to help lead the Rosary would be very welcome!

No form of extra-liturgical devotion to Mary is more widely practiced among the faithful or found by them to be more satisfyingly complete than the Rosary, which has come to be regarded as the very badge of Catholic piety. No form of extra-liturgical devotion to Mary has been recommended more warmly or frequently by the Popes. With perhaps two exceptions, all the Sovereign Pontiffs from Sixtus IV in 1478 down to John XXIII, especially Leo XIII (in 23 documents, ten of them encyclicals entirely on the Rosary) and his successors, have extolled this form of prayer, which has been the favorite, moreover, of such saints as Teresa of Avila, Francis de Sales, Louis de Montfort, Alphonsus Liguori, Don Bosco, Bernadette, and many more.

**The Tragedy of DIY Abortions:** During the Coronavirus pandemic unborn babies and their mothers have been at even greater risk of abortion. The Government's "pills through the post", brought in as a 'Covid measure', means that over 23,000 women in England and Wales aborted their baby at home during lockdown. Visit the SPUC website if you wish to learn more, but regardless of that, please remember the mothers and fathers involved, and especially their children in your prayers.

**Diary Dates:** Blessing of Graves after 9.30am Mass on Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup>.