

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

Alton Staffordshire

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Newsletter for the 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time, 2020

Saturday 10 th	28 th Sunday of OT	6.00pm	Pro Populo
Sunday 11 th	28 th Sunday of OT	9.30am	Pat and John Ridge
	28 th Sunday of OT	6.00pm	Kath Trowel RIP
Monday 12 th	<i>Feria</i>	<i>12 noon</i>	<i>Team Mass</i>
Tuesday 13 th	<i>Feria</i>	<i>12 noon</i>	<i>Team Mass</i>
Wednesday 14 th	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	David Allen RIP
Thursday 15 th	St Teresa of Avila	<i>12 noon</i>	<i>Team Mass</i>
Friday 16 th	<i>Feria</i>		
Saturday 17 th	29 th Sunday of OT	6.00pm	Billy Allen RIP
Sunday 18 th	29 th Sunday of OT	9.30am	Pro Populo
	29 th Sunday of OT	6.00pm	Private Intention

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 £265.65 (Including standing orders) of which £211.88 has been Gift Aided. Thank you for your continued generosity during these times.

Across Appeal... We managed to raise £150. Thank you for our generosity!
Missio Red Mission Boxes. Many thanks to everyone who has brought their red box money to church. I have now banked £248 this year.

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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!

The authentic Rosary is a happy combination of vocal and mental prayer, each of which is essential to the devotion. It is incorrect to say that meditation is "the very essence of the Rosary devotion," for vocal recitation of the prayers is also of the essence. Meditation is, of course, the nobler element, the "soul," while vocal prayer is the "body" of the devotion. The Rosary, Pope Leo XIII declared, "is composed of two parts, distinct but inseparable — the meditation on the mysteries and the recitation of the prayers. It is thus a kind of prayer that requires not only some raising of the soul to God, but also a particular and explicit attention" (*Incunda semper*). Hence, as Pope Pius XI stated, they err "who consider this devotion merely a boresome formula repeated with monotonous and singsong intonation" (*Ingravescentibus malis*). Moreover, as Pius XI put it, "both piety and love, although always breathing forth the same words, do not, however, repeat the same thing, but they fervently express something ever new which the loving heart always sends forth." And finally, in the words of Pius XII, "the recitation of identical formulas, repeated so many times, rather than rendering the prayer sterile and boring, has on the contrary the admirable quality of infusing confidence in him who prays, and brings to bear a gentle compulsion on the motherly heart of Mary (*Ingravescentibus malis*). — *Mariology*, Juniper B. Carol, O.F.M.



Diary Dates: Blessing of Graves after 9.30am Mass on Sunday November 1st.