

# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

Alton Staffordshire

St John the Baptist Catholic Church, Castle Hill Rd, Alton, Staffordshire -  
01538 703503 - [stjohnbaptistalton@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnbaptistalton@gmail.com) -

Like our page on Facebook - search for Catholic Parish of St John the Baptist Alton  
Parish Priest Fr Paul Whieldon

## Newsletter for the 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, 2020

Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of OT	6.00pm	Billy Allen RIP
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of OT	9.30am	Pro Populo
	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of OT	6.00pm	Private Intention
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Feria</i>		
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Feria</i>		
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Celebrants Intentions
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	St John Paul II		
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Feria</i>		
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT	6.00pm	Nancy Cain RIP
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT	9.30am	Pro Populo
	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT	6.00pm	Students and Teachers Ints

***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 £237.15 (Including standing orders) of which £182.38 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!

**"Operation Christmas Child" 2020** is still being carried out nationwide, despite the concerns we all have about the Coronavirus situation. Locally, St Peters school have again chosen not to take part so this means that, as last year, there will be no dedication service at St Peter's.



# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

Alton Staffordshire

Faber school are again taking part and will hold their own dedication service, details still to be arranged.

As in the previous 16 years, anybody can join in and fill their own shoebox. Empty boxes, and explanation leaflets, are available from the local co-ordinator Ken Mainey 01538 702556.

Decorated Boxes, free of cost, are available now from Ken.

Filled boxes must be delivered back to Ken between 9 and 16 Nov. Many thanks in anticipation.

**MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY** Pope Benedict XVI in an address at the Basilica of St. Mary Major where he prayed the rosary with the faithful said: Today, together we confirm that the Holy Rosary is not a pious practice banished to the past, like prayers of other times thought of with nostalgia. Instead, the Rosary is experiencing a new Springtime. Without a doubt, this is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourish for Jesus and his Mother, Mary. In the current world, so dispersive, this prayer helps to put Christ at the centre, as the Virgin did, who meditated within all that was said about her Son, and also what he did and said. When reciting the Rosary, the important and meaningful moments of salvation history are relived. The various steps of Christ's mission are traced. With Mary the heart is oriented toward the mystery of Jesus. Christ is put at the centre of our life, of our time, of our city, through the contemplation and meditation of his holy mysteries of joy, light, sorrow and glory. May Mary help us to welcome within ourselves the grace emanating from these mysteries, so that through us we can "water" society, beginning with our daily relationships, and purifying them from so many negative forces, thus opening them to the newness of God. The Rosary, when it is prayed in an authentic way, not mechanical and superficial but profoundly, it brings, in fact, peace and reconciliation. It contains within itself the healing power of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, invoked with faith and love at the centre of each "Hail Mary".

**CAFOD OCTOBER FAMILY FAST** Envelopes available after mass.

**DAVID ROBINS BEM** It was with real joy that I learnt that David's work of many years had been recognised in the belated Queen's Birthday Honours List. David has been awarded the British Empire Medal for services to Veterans in recognition of his 32 years as local organiser of the Poppy Appeal amongst other things. Congratulations David, and thank you for all you have done, and with providing us with some much needed good news!

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