

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

Alton Staffordshire

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Newsletter for the 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time, 2020

Saturday 24 th	30 th Sunday in OT	6.00pm	Nancy Cain RIP
Sunday 25 th	30 th Sunday in OT	9.30am	Pro Populo
	30 th Sunday in OT	6.00pm	Students and Teachers Ints
Monday 26 th	<i>Feria</i>		
Tuesday 27 th	<i>Feria</i>		
Wednesday 28 th	Sts Simon and Jude	9.30am	Celebrants Intentions
Thursday 29 th	<i>Feria</i>		
Friday 30 th	<i>Feria</i>		
Saturday 31 st	All Saints	6.00pm	Pro Populo
Sunday 1 st	All Saints	9.30am	Deceased Loved ones
	All Saints	6.00pm	Billy Allen 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 £224.15 (Including standing orders) of which £175.38 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.



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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 Until about the 15th century hundreds of mysteries were part of the Rosary devotion then the 15 mysteries that we know today were definitively fixed as "the Mysteries of the Rosary." Pope John Paul II, in his encyclical, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, in 2002 added the five Luminous Mysteries.

Through the meditations of the complete Rosary one recalls and has impressed on his mind, the Popes tell us, "the chief mysteries of the Christian religion," "the mysteries of our Redemption," "the great mysteries of Jesus and His Mother united in joys, sorrows, and triumphs." The twenty mysteries are divided into four equal groups, known as "The Joyful," "The Sorrowful," "The Glorious," and "The Luminous Mysteries."

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS As the month of the Holy Souls approaches once again please feel free to leave your Holy Souls lists in the bag outside the sacristy. As we don't have an offertory procession currently our November lists will lie before the Altar during every mass during November. Writing down your November list can be a beautiful act of remembrance in and of itself. Choose a time when you can be quiet and still and compose your list. Family and friends, those who have gone before us, compose your list in an attitude of gratitude, those whose lives have impacted on our own, our parents and grandparents, our teachers, friends, neighbours, fellow parishioners, religious sisters, priests.

CAFOD OCTOBER FAMILY FAST Envelopes available after mass.

Diary Dates: Blessing of Graves after 9.30am Mass on Sunday November 1st. After Mass weather permitting, we can process round to the cemetery and we can bless the graves of those who are buried there and await the resurrection.