

# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

Alton Staffordshire

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## Newsletter for the 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, 2020

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of OT	6.00pm	Pro Populo
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Sunday	9.30am	Those fallen in war...
	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of OT	6.00pm	Holy Souls
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Ded. of Lateran Basilica		
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	St Leo the Great		
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	St Martin of Tours	9.30am	Cecelia Sah RIP
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	St Josaphat		
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Feria		
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of OT	6.00pm	Eileen and Charlie Finch RIP
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of OT	9.00am	Tony Eyre

***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, those with COVID19, and all in our nursing and care homes, our hospitals and hospices.

**Offertories** for last Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>/1st Oct/Nov £488.65 (Including standing orders) of which £460.88 has been Gift Aided. Thank you for your continued generosity during these times.

**"Operation Christmas Child" 2020** is still being carried out nationwide, despite the concerns we all have about the Coronavirus situation.

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



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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.

**HOLY SOULS LISTS** The month of the Holy Souls begins once again I encourage you to compose a list of the names of deceased loved ones. 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 write down your list. Compose a list of names of Family and friends who have died, 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. Hold them before God, and I'm sure they will be praying for you too! As there is no offertory procession currently, these names will lie before our Altar during all masses during November.

**FOOD DONATIONS** You may remember a while back we were collecting food for the foodbank. This obviously ground to a halt a bit through the lockdown. Although we are now in the midst of the second lockdown, I have been made aware that two of our local catholic schools are having to put together food parcels to help some families out currently. I think therefore it would be a good thing to re-start our collection of tinned and dried foodstuffs to help with this project. I will leave a basket inside the porch of the Warden's tower. (The side door we were exiting the church through, as this door can be left open for access more safely.) All donations I'm sure would be most gratefully received. Thank you!

## REMEMBRANCE DAY VERSES

### The Exhortation

*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,  
We will remember them."*

### Kohima Epitaph

The Kohima Epitaph is the epitaph carved on the Memorial of the 2nd British Division in the cemetery of Kohima (North-East India). It reads:

**'When You Go Home, Tell Them Of Us And Say,  
For Your Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today.'**

The verse is attributed to John Maxwell Edmonds (1875-1958)