

# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

Alton Staffordshire

## St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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### 19th December 2021 - 4th Sunday Advent Yr C

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| Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>  | 4th Sunday Advent | 6.00pm   | People of the Parish         |
| Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>    |                   | 9.30am   | Bryony & Harry Purton Lally  |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>    |                   |          |                              |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>   |                   |          |                              |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> |                   | 9.30am   | Breda Fearn                  |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>  |                   |          |                              |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>    | Christmas Eve     | 6.00pm   | Smith Family                 |
|                            |                   | Midnight | Deceased Relatives & Friends |
| Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>  | Christmas Day     | 9.00am   | People of the Parish         |
|                            |                   | 10.30am  | Purton & Nugent Families     |
| Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>    | St Stephen's Day  | 9.30am   | Allen Family                 |

**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.*

**Those unable to be at mass and ask remembrance in our prayers, and the assurance of their prayers for us.....** Joan Kenny, Frances and Roger Delf, Clare Ash.

**Sick List:** Please keep in prayer those who are unwell at this time and those who care for them; Margaret and Michael Stapleton, those with Covid-19, those struggling with mental ill health and all those in our nursing homes, care homes, hospitals and hospices.

**Special Intention:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brenda, chair of St Peter's PCC who tragically lost her life on Friday, may she rest in the peace of God's Kingdom. We also remember her family and friends along with the whole parish community of St Peter's. May they be consoled by the Lord in their grief.

**Confessions** On request.



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**OFFERTORIES** Total Collections for weekend 11th-12th December  
£212.00  
of which £195.00 was Gift Aided

***Cleaners Rota:*** *Angela Heath & Denise Beattie  
Ged & Ulla Pakes  
Dennis Cope & Sue Edmonds  
Christine Eardley & David Robins*

**New Rota's** We are seeking volunteers on a rota basis:  
- Care of Altar linens - please speak to Clare Ford  
Welcomers - Please speak to Frances Castle

**Christmas Mass times** - If you know anyone who usually comes to Mass for Christmas please do pass on the Mass times times to them.

**Christmas Collection** - Collections taken at Christmas Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be your kind Christmas Offerings to Fr Chris.

**Church Benches** - The Church benches have been moved so that they all face the front of church once again. The right side of church will continue to be set out for those who wish to sit socially distant and the left without restrictions. Please do use the benches in the whole church rather than being really good Catholic's and sitting at the back!

**Live Simply** - If you are interested in exploring our parish becoming a Live Simply parish there will be a zoom meeting on Wednesday 5th January.

**Love Christmas** - Thank you for your generosity and support. We have been able to donate over 70 food bags to people in need over the festive period. They have been very gratefully received. Photos of your donations are on the parish website. Let us keep in prayer all those in need this Christmas.

**Bounty Club** - Subscriptions to the Bounty Club are now due. If you haven't yet renewed please do so before Christmas. If you haven't signed up and would like to, please speak to Edwin or myself. December winners are: