

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

Alton Staffordshire

St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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3rd April 2022 - 5th Sunday of Lent Yr C

Saturday 2 nd	5th Sunday Lent	6.00pm	Ann Watts RIP
Sunday 3 rd		9.30am	People of the Parish
Monday 4 th			
Tuesday 5 th			
Wednesday 6 th		9.30am	Tony Dennis RIP
Thursday 7 th			
Friday 8 th			
Saturday 9 th		6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 10 th	Palm Sunday	9.30am	Peace in Ukraine

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.

Sick List: Please keep in prayer those who are unwell at this time and those who care for them; Tom Prince, 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.

Confessions On request.



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OFFERTORIES Total Collections for weekend 12th/13th February
£218.25 of which £185.00 was Gift Aided. CAFOD Ukraine £96.00

Weekly 2nd Collection - CAFOD Ukraine Appeal

Cleaners Rota: Denis Cope & Sue Edmonds
Christine Eardley & David Robins
Angela Heath & Denise Beattie

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

Church Opening - Thank you to those who have volunteered to open and close church. I will be in touch during the week to make arrangements with you.

Church will now be open each day and you are most welcome.

Uniting to Pray for Peace - Every Wednesday 10.00am - 10.30am here at St John's we will join with members of St Peter's Parish praying for peace in Ukraine. Please do join us if you are able to and please let others know that this is taking place. We are united in Christ, that His light and peace may reign in Ukraine.

Support for Ukraine - We continue our 2nd collections to offer financial support through CAFOD. We know CAFOD will spend the money well and will reach the people and communities most in need. Donations can be gift aided and so your donation is worth 25% more.

CAFOD Gift Aid Forms - If you donate to CAFOD in our second collection you will need to complete a gift aid form each time. If you wish to donate directly to CAFOD you can phone them and they can complete a gift aid form that will be valid for all of your donations that are made directly to them.

Prayer Aids - Young people from our youth group began the year with a resolution to help others. They have made some Lenten prayer aids (sacrifice beads, candles etc.) to help us journey in faith through this season and to raise money for our local Donna Louise Children's Hospice. Items are available as you leave church for a small donation each.

Holy Week - The times of the liturgies in Holy Week and Easter Sunday are:

Holy Thursday - 7pm Mass followed by watching until 10pm
Good Friday - 3pm Solemn Liturgy
Holy Saturday - 8.15 pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday - 9.30am Mass

The walk of witness around the village will also take place on Good Friday.