

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

Alton Staffordshire

St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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6th February 2022 - 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr C

Saturday 29 th	4th Sunday Ordinary Time	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 30 th		9.30am	Sr Mary Dorothy
Monday 31 st			
Tuesday 1 st			
Wednesday 2 nd		9.30 am	Peter Smith RIP
Thursday 3 rd			
Friday 4 th			
Saturday 5 th		6.00pm	Private Intention
Sunday 6 th		9.30am	People of the parish

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; 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 30th/31st January
£230.00
of which £208.00 was Gift Aided

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

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

Sr Mary Dorothy - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr Mary Dorothy who died recently. Sr Mary Dorothy was a member of the community here in the convent from the late 60s and was a cook at the castle. May she rest in peace, rewarded by God for her prayerful service to him and his people.

Church Daily Opening - We still need parishioners to volunteer to open and close church each day to enable us to reopen church daily.

Covid-19 Guidance Update - There is updated guidance from bishops of England and Wales, agreed by public health officials.

The following will change at St John's with immediate effect:

- Holy water is now in the stoops, this will be changed at least once a week.
- Distribution of Holy Communion will resume from the front of church and not brought to benches.
- There is sufficient air circulation with the side door remaining open into the cloister, therefore the doors of church will now remain closed to ensure a level of warmth through the winter.
- The Sign of Peace can return to its usual form, please however respect an individual's choice for how to continue to show the Sign of Peace.
- The section of benches on the right hand side of church will remain as socially distanced seating.

Synodal Pathway - As introduced by Pope Francis, and latterly by Archbishop Bernard, there is a Synod taking place within the Church, listening to the opinions of many. As part of this Synod, parishes are being encouraged to meet and share feedback. As well as forming part of the feedback which will be sent to Rome, it will also help shape the discussions currently taking place around a vision for the Archdiocese of Birmingham. There will be a Synodal Pathway meeting on Wednesday 16th February at 7pm in the parish room.