# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

### St John the Baptist Catholic Church Castle Hill Rd, Alton, Staffordshire -01538 703503 - stjohntb.alton@rcaob.org.uk Priestin Charge - Fr Chris Yule Parish Safeguarding Representatives Josie Shepherd (07745 545196) and Jacqueline Shaw (01889 562422) 13th February 2022 - 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr C

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Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	6th Sunday Ordinary Time	6.oopm	Private Intention
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>		9.30am	People of the Parish
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>			-
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>			
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>		9.30 am	Special Intention
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>			
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>			
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>		6.00pm	People of the parish
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>		9.30am	Winifred Edgerton 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.

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 5th/6th January £199.00 of which £183.00 was Gift Aided 2nd Collection - Pro Life - £12.50

- **Cleaners Rota:** Angela Heath & Denise Beattie Denis Cope & Sue Edmonds Christine Eardley & David Robins
- New Rota'sWe are seeking volunteers on a rota basis:<br/>Care of Altar linens please speak to Clare Ford

**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 -** Their 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.
- Please continue to wear your masks whilst in church.

**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.