

# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

Alton Staffordshire

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## Newsletter for Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King & National Youth Sunday 2020

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Christ the King	6.00pm	Peter Gould RIP
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Christ the King	9.30am	Pro populo
	Christ the King	6.00pm	All Youth Ministers Ints.
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Feria		
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Andrew Dung-Lac & Com	9.00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Feria	9.30am	Private intention
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Feria		
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Feria		
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Advent Week 1	6.00pm	Pro Populo
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Advent Week 1	9.30am	Deceased of Coates Family
	Advent Week 1	6.00pm	Holy Souls

***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, Faber School Community, and all in our nursing and care homes, our hospitals and hospices.

**Offertories** are standing orders only currently.... Thank you for your continued generosity during these times.

**FOOD DONATIONS** There is a basket inside the porch of the Warden's tower. All donations are most gratefully received. I very much hope this is a venture that we can all get behind, as St John's Parishioners and also as the wider KYT family.



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child or vulnerable person is in immediate danger you should call the police.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES** In the words of the song 'Who knows what tomorrow brings...' While we have no way of knowing how things will be in 5 weeks times I think we need to be making provision for best case scenarios that we will be allowed to celebrate public masses again by then. I think the only way round this will be a booking system.

I will start with Masses at 3, 6, and Midnight on Christmas Eve and 10am Christmas Day. If these fill up then I could add another earlier mass on Christmas Morning.

Seats will be on a first come first served basis. Please write or email to say how many seats you will require and for which mass. Please also include a telephone number so I can be in touch if it's not been possible to accommodate your wishes.

## **NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY 2020**

Sunday 22nd November, the Feast of Christ the King, the Church in England and Wales celebrates National Youth Sunday. On this day, we celebrate the young people in our parish and community and all the gifts and talents they share with us. The theme for this year's NYS is 'Together'. Normally on NYS, young people would be involved in the Liturgy. Whilst the Parish Community can't be together physically as we were, we are united together in prayer. This weekend especially, we pray for the young people of our Parish. Follow @NationalYouthSunday and for more information, please go to [www.nationalyouthsunday.com](http://www.nationalyouthsunday.com).

Pope Francis said this recently: "After many months we meet each other again our face to face, rather than screen to screen. Face to face. This is good! The current pandemic has highlighted our interdependence: we are all linked to each other, for better or for worse. Therefore, to come out of this crisis better than before, we have to do so together; together, not alone. Together. Alone no, because it cannot be done. Either it is done together, or it is not done. We must do it together, all of us, in solidarity. I would like to underline this word today: solidarity."

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