

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH

Alton Staffordshire

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Newsletter for Easter Sunday 2021

Saturday 3 rd	Easter Vigil	8.00pm	John McNamara RIP
Sunday 4 th	Easter Sunday	9.30am	Ann Watts RIP
	No evening Mass for next two weekends! (Next evening Mass 18 th April.)		
Monday 5 th			
Tuesday 6 th			
Wednesday 7 th	Easter Wednesday	9.30am	Susan James RIP
Thursday 8 th			
Friday 9 th			
Saturday 10 th	Divine Mercy Sunday	6.00pm	Celebrants Ints
Sunday 11 th	Divine Mercy Sunday	9.30am	Celebrants Ints
	No Evening Mass		

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 not able to be at mass currently and ask remembrance in our prayers, and the assurance of our remembrance in their prayers..... Joan Kenny, Gail Eyre, Norman and Jill Edwards, Frances and Roger Delf, Clare Ash.

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, and those with COVID19, those struggling with anxiety and depression, and all those in our nursing and care homes, our hospitals and hospices.



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OFFERTORIES Total collections week ending 27/28 March 2021 - £TBC of which £TBC was Gift Aided. Volunteers are desperately needed to help with the weekly counting and banking of the collection. Please speak to Edwin or email on the parish address if you feel you can help with this.

As is customary the collection this weekend (except that which is gift aided) is your Easter Offering for you Parish Priest. Thank you.

THANK YOU to Fr Chris Cann for celebrating the masses at St John's currently. If you need to be in contact with Fr Chris you can email him on ccann@ratcliffecollege.com. For general enquiries please still email the normal parish email address. Thank you too to Fr Michael for assisting at this time.

LIVESTREAM While every effort is made to ensure there is someone available to livestream the masses from St John's this may not always be possible.

FOOD COLLECTIONS We are still collecting food for the 30+ families we have been assisting. Thank you for your ongoing generosity during these times.



He is Risen

DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM.

Rejoice in the resurrection of

Jesus Christ.

WISHING YOU A BLESSED AND JOY FILLED EASTER!



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IMPORTANT: COVID-19 Safety Update St John the Baptist Alton, April 2021.

As you all know we are all pleased Places of Worship can remain open; however, it is extremely important that we remain meticulous with our face coverings, hand hygiene and social distancing to ensure everyone remains safe. If a parish is found not to be complying with the rules they could be forced to cease public worship.

The legislation that we have to follow in order to open Church will be in place until at least 21st June. The fact that some people have been vaccinated or have recently had a negative test does not mean that the guidelines do not need to be followed.

Please listen to stewards' instructions and follow signs in place. The stewards know how to make most efficient and safest use of the seating available in our small church in order to fit in safely the maximum permitted congregation. Please sit where the stewards indicate. This may not be your favourite bench! Thank you for your understanding.

Please make certain that your face covering is in place before entering the church itself where you will find hand sanitiser in the porch. Contact details must be provided in the book or with a steward. Please maintain Social Distancing at all times.

Currently people can only sit in the same pew as members of the same household/support bubble, OR, if advised by the steward 2 individuals can sit at opposite ends of the larger benches with space between them. (1 metre plus with face covering).

Please be reminded that you "must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble" whilst in church.

Please leave at the end of Mass as soon as you have finished prayer. Please do not congregate in the cloister or doorways. Always follow the one way system, please do not backtrack along the cloister. If you are in the cloister and need to go back into church please exit and go around to the front entrance.

As numbers attending Mass continue to increase we may need to start regular bookings for the Saturday night & Sunday morning masses. Please read the newsletter each week to check for updates. The Sunday evening mass (resumes on 18th April) is not crowded and all are welcome.

Please DO NOT attend Church if you or, or someone in your household, has: Tested positive for Covid, or have been tested and are awaiting results, or, have a high temperature or new, continuous cough or loss, or change, to your sense of taste or smell. You must stay at home.

Extra volunteers to steward & clean are needed, training will be provided. Please email:- stjohnbaptistalton@gmail.com

Our thanks go to those who have been stewarding and livestreaming at this time.