



**St. Alban's Parish Newsletter**  
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**5<sup>th</sup> January to 13<sup>th</sup> January**

**Week of the Epiphany**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**What's on this Week**

<b>Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> January</b> 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	<b>Weekday before Epiphany</b> Confessions Terry O'Brien
<b>Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> January</b> 10.00am Mass 6.30pm Service	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> Angelika Spiteri Benediction
<b>Mon. 7<sup>th</sup> January</b> 6.00pm-7.00pm 7.00pm Mass	<b>Monday after the Epiphany</b> Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel For All Parishioners
<b>Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> January</b> 9.30am Mass 11.15am Funeral Service	<b>Tuesday after the Epiphany</b> Valerie Spittle RIP Maria Copeland
<b>Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> January</b> 7.00pm Mass	<b>Wednesday after the Epiphany</b> For All Parishioners
<b>Thurs. 10<sup>th</sup> January</b> 9.30am Mass	<b>Thursday after the Epiphany</b> Powell Family
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b> 8.30am to 9.30am 9.30am Mass	<b>Friday after the Epiphany</b> Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel For All Parishioners
<b>Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> January</b> 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	<b>Saturday after the Epiphany</b> Confessions Sarah Thomas RIP
<b>Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> December</b> 10.00am Mass	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b> Emma Luigi and Lorenzo Amodio

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Legion of Mary	Monday, 7.30pm	In the Presbytery
Coffee Morning	Tuesday 10.00am	In the Hall
Divine Mercy Group	Tuesday 12.15pm	In the Presbytery
S.V.P Meeting	Wednesday 6.00pm	In the Presbytery

**GOD'S PRESENCE REVEALED**

The presence of the long-awaited Messiah had been revealed to the Jews by the vision and the witness of the shepherds who went to worship the Child at Bethlehem. But soon after that, the divine presence was revealed not only to the Jews but to the surrounding nations of the world by the visitation and witness of these mysterious travellers from the East. Members of the tribes of Persia who had been defeated in battle, they had then given themselves to the spiritual teaching of their people and for many years had shared in the widespread belief of those regions that the future could be discerned by observance of the heavens – the stars, the planets, the sun and moon. During their observations of the heavens they noticed a new star and from this they concluded that a new and powerful leader and king had been born in Bethlehem of Judea and so they set out to see this wonderful event. This event would anticipate the words spoken by this Child some thirty years later when He said "Salvation will come FROM the Jews" and even later He gave this command to His followers: "Go and teach all the nations and baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and behold, I am with you always." Thus it is that the Gospel has been preached to all the nations of the world, beginning from those present at the Child's birth, the witness of the shepherds and then the testimony of the wise men from the East. How wonderfully has God fulfilled His purpose!

**Anniversaries** Arthur Loveless, Terence O'Halloran, Ian Murphy, Ellen O'Donovan, Mary Viney, Winifred Nealon, Neil Regan, Maria Debrincat, Julia Burns, Mary Driscoll, Karl Lane, Barrie Thomas, Graham Ward, Christopher Keane, Bernard Wiltshire, Michael Hurley, John O'Sullivan, Ann Hearn, Bernard Toft, Kathleen Dineen, John Casey, Carmel Xiberras, Alexander Fraser, Edwin Lindsey, Patricia Ellery, Matthew Woodward, Baby Kevin de Cruz de Carvalho

**Our Sick** Ethan Chichester, Christian Babu, Pat Xuereb, Colin, Shirley & Michael Kingston, Audrey Bodenham, Paul O'Brien, Gareth and Ethan Woodberry, Don & Dorothy James, Barbara Hurley, Michael McCauliffe, Anthony Millar, Beatrice Rajanayagam, Elle Fine, Jack O'Leary, Iris Murphy, Dennis Caine, Elizabeth Sitole, Paul Burns, David Burns, Shelagh O'Donaghue, Julie Cale.

To add to this Sick List please leave names in the Sacristy, or at back of Church.

As today is the first Sunday of the month, starting at 6.30pm, there will be a special service of prayers, readings and adoration ending with Benediction, and all focused on the **Feast of the Epiphany** which occurs today.

**SHARE THE FAITH**  
 On Wednesday of this week, (Jan 9<sup>th</sup>) we hope to start the weekly meetings for those seeking a deeper knowledge of their faith, those who might be thinking of becoming a Catholic (this is NOT a commitment to do so), or those who simply want to rekindle their faith from the past. The meeting will be in the St. Joseph's Chapel and will start at 7.30pm, following the 7.00pm Mass. ALL are very welcome.

**Church Offerings 29th and 30th December**  
 Offertory Collection:- £697.38  
 Of which:- £327.50 was Gift Aided  
 Christmas offerings to the Clergy (Additional):- £65.00

On **Friday January 18<sup>th</sup>** there will be a **Parish Meeting** in the hall at 7.00pm. This is to share, discuss and to suggest ideas and reactions about all aspects of Parish life – spirituality, liturgy, maintenance, finance, care of the sick, contact with families and especially our young people. We hope that this will be fruitful for the future growth of our Parish in every way. Please note the date and time.

### **The White Flower Appeal**

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will hold its annual appeal next weekend, January 12 and 13. The society is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law and is the most dangerous threat for decades to unborn children and their mothers. Please help this appeal as generously as possible and so stop the abortion situation in this country getting even worse.

A Reminder that on Tuesday of this week at 10.00am the monthly **Coffee morning** will take place in the hall with bingo and the usual raffle. All are welcome.

### **PRISON VISITORS**

Anyone who might be interested in finding out about this small group of Parishioners who attend the Prison Mass every Friday, please have a word with Fr. Philip. We need some more to make up this group which attends the 3pm Mass and then chats with the 'residents', getting to know them and give whatever encouragement they can. This is a very good sign of the Church's care for all God's children, wherever they are or whoever they are.

**THANKS:** Fr. Philip and Fr. Michael wish to thank so many Parishioners and friends for the many cards and presents we received over the Christmas period. Each one is very much appreciated and we can only say a heartfelt **THANK YOU** and in so doing we pray for every one of you the gifts of God's Peace and growth in the Gospel values by which we wish to live our lives. **BLESS YOU!**

### **ADORATION FOR OUR FAMILIES**

**\*\*\*New Venue\*\*\***

This will take place on the **SECOND** Monday of the month 1.30pm – 2.30pm.

There are always some kind of problems in families to pray about so we are invited to join together in **St. Teilo's Church**, Old Church Road, Whitchurch CF14 1 AD on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 from 1.30pm to 2.20pm.

See poster on Noticeboard in the foyer for more details.

**PILGRIMAGE TO GARABANDAL** has been arranged for next year, May 5<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup>. Cost is £449.00 and a deposit of £150 is required to start. For details and for booking please ring Philip Illsley on 01443 203 305.

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### **A.P.F. RED MISSIO BOXES**

The red 'Missio' Boxes are now due to be emptied, so could all those who have a box please leave them in the Presbytery. The empty boxes can be collected from the Church Shop the following Saturday/Sunday. Many thanks to those who have taken a box. Anyone who needs a box collected please ring Peter on 20216481.

Please make sure that your address is on the form on the bottom of the box.

### **Recently Dead**

**Sue Ryan** – No further details at this time

May she rest in peace.

### **Holy Communion 2019**

The Parent meeting and enrolment will take place on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January** from **5.30pm till 6.30pm**.

There will then be **10** lessons each week beginning with **Lesson 1** on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January** from **5.30pm till 7.00pm**.

Any questions, please contact one of the Catechists.

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