



**St. Alban's Parish Newsletter**  
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**6th January to 14<sup>th</sup> January**

**1<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**What's on this Week**

<b>Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> January</b> 12.00 to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	<b>Weekday before Epiphany</b> Confessions D.M. of the Molcher Family
<b>Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> January</b> 10.00am Mass	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> Catherine Nugent
<b>Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> January</b> 6.00pm to 7.00pm 7.00pm Mass	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b> Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel G.E. Kitty Flynn
<b>Tues. 9<sup>th</sup> January</b> 10.00am Mass	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> Leo Fernando
<b>Wed. 10<sup>th</sup> January</b> 7.00pm Mass	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> For All Parishioners
<b>Thurs. 11<sup>th</sup> January</b> 9.30am Mass	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> For All Parishioners
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b> 8.30 am to 9.30am 9.30 am Mass 10.00am Requiem	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel Tom Downey For Joan Conway
<b>Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> January</b> 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	<b>Votive Memorial of Our Lady</b> Confessions Terry O'Brien
<b>Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> January</b> 10.00am Mass	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Theresa & Michael Collins

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Legion of Mary	Monday 7.30pm	In the Presbytery
Union of Catholic Mothers	Monday 7.30pm	In the Presbytery
Divine Mercy Group	Tuesday 7.00pm	In the Presbytery
Our Faith, Step by Step	Resumes on Wednesday	In the Chapel

**EPIPHANY**

One day Jesus said to the crowds: 'Salvation will come from the Jews'. He didn't say that salvation would come FOR the Jews nor TO the Jews. He said salvation would come FROM the Jews. This gift was not to be just for the Jews but was to be for all nations. But who were these mysterious men who came a long way to see the newborn King? These were tribesmen who belonged to the tribe of Media and their ancestors had tried, many years before Christ, to overthrow the regime who governed their part of Persia. Their attempt failed and since then these tribesmen had taken on a role very similar to that of the the Priests in Israel – they taught the people, they led their worship of their gods and they gave themselves to study the teaching of astrology which many people did in those days. This study led them to believe that they could foretell the future by studying the stars and that the destiny of a man was settled by the star under which he was born. We might smile at such beliefs but it does begin to explain why these men, after prolonged study of the stars and heavenly movements, concluded that a great leader had been born, one who would bring peace and unity to the nations. There conclusions coincided with a widespread feeling in the nations that a period of string leadership and peace was about to begin. The wise men came to verify and to find out what these revelations might mean. In spite of Herod's attempt to use them to find and destroy this new King, they returned home with great joy in anticipation of the wonderful events which had been revealed to them. We all know what these events meant and how it would lead to the new-born Child bringing to the whole world a message of justice, love and peace and an invitation to all nations to a place in the Kingdom which He and He alone would be able to create. The Church is the Universal instrument by which He wishes to bring to all nations the divine plan of Salvation.

**Our Sick** Ethan Chichester, Lesley Barnett, Bernard Toft, Maria Jones, Colin Kingston, Gareth & Ethan Woodberry, Christian Babu, Val Kenealy, Pat Xuereb, David Burns, Jacob Meighan, Julie Cale, Henry Burns, Tina, Tracey & Chloe Price, Anna Sueref, Pat Kiiver, John Cowhey, Jack O'Leary, Mike McCauliffe, Sheila Downey, Daniel Young, Shelagh O'Donoghue, Barbara Murphy, David Jones, Paul Burns, Barbara Hurley, Patrick O'Rourke, Audrey Bodenham.

**Anniversaries**  
 Ian Murphy, Ellen O'Donovan, Mary Viney, Winifred Nealon, Neil Regan, Julia Burns, Mary Driscoll, Karl Lane, Barrie Thomas, Graham Ward, Christopher Keane, Bernard Wiltshire, Michael Hurley, John O'Sullivan, Ann Hearn, Kathleen Dineen, John Casey, Carmel Xiberras, Alex Fraser, Edwin Lindsey, Patricia Ellery, Matthew Woodward (Edwards) Baby Kevin da Cruz de Carvalho, Kevin Fowler.

**Thank You** Maggie & Theresa would like to thank the generosity of two of our lovely parishioners, whose donations have enabled the purchase of 20 new Mass books for use by our younger parishioners.

**Calling all Parish knitters & makers.**  
 We are in need of some new materials for our Children's Liturgy Group. We already have two beautiful knitted Nativity sets, and we are hoping that one or more of our kind and talented parishioners would be willing to knit a Last Supper set. If anyone can help can they please contact Theresa or Maggie.

**THE CRIB**  
 Fr. Michael has taken some fine photographs of the Crib and these are now available at the back of the church. They are free, but if you leave a donation that will be very acceptable.

**Church Offerings 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> December**

Offertory Collection -	£696.70
Of which	£339.60 was Gift Aided
Christmas Offerings to the Clergy	£5.00
Total to Date	£1,236.09

**Preparation Course  
for the Sacrament of Confirmation**

The preparation meetings for the Sacrament of Confirmation will continue in the Church Hall on Saturday January 13<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am. We are now half way through this preparation course, with the Sacrament due to take place on May 20<sup>th</sup>. We ask all parishioners to continue to pray for our young candidates as they continue their walk with Jesus.

**Preparation Course  
For the Sacraments of Reconciliation  
& Holy Communion**

This year's preparation course for all candidates will begin on Saturday January 13<sup>th</sup> in the Church Hall. The meeting will run from 10.45am to 12.15pm. New candidates are welcome to enrol at the start of this meeting

**Lately dead**

Please remember in your prayers:-

**Maria Camacho** whose Requiem was on Thursday, also

**Joan Conway**, whose Requiem will be on Friday this week, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am.

May they Rest in Peace

The series of meetings on the faith "**Step by Step**" will restart on Wednesday this week, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Chapel. If you know anyone who might be interested or who want to update their knowledge of the Faith, invite them to come along.

*Vicar Joe was visiting the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks on the door. Therefore he took out a card and wrote "Revelations 3:2" (Behold I stand at the door and knock) on the back of it and stuck it under the door. When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to the back of it was this cryptic message: "Genesis 3:10."*

*Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, Joe broke into gales of laughter. Genesis 3:10 reads: "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid, for I was naked."*

**Don't forget** to check the rack at the back of the church for Christmas Cards from fellow parishioners before they are cleared away

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**"COME BACK TO ME"**

We all know of baptised Catholics who, for one reason or another, have abandoned or just drifted away from Mass, the Church and even from God. That so many are in this situation is a tragedy, since it means that so many people no longer have that sense of belonging - whether that is to God or to the Church or to the Parish community where they live. During this Advent, all of us in our Parish are asked to extend to anyone in this situation an invitation which comes from Jesus Himself "Come back to Me with all your heart; do not be afraid". In extending this invitation, we remain uncritical and non-judgemental but openly rejoice for anyone who responds to His words and returns to share with us the joy of Christmas and the continuing awareness that we have come home.

**200 Club Winners, December Draw**

1 <sup>st</sup>	No. 313	S. Downey	£50.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	No. 179	R. McConkey	£25.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	No. 3	Joan Collins	£15.00

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