



**St. Alban's Parish Newsletter**  
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**7<sup>th</sup> January to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**First Week of Ordinary Time**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> January</b> 12.00 to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	<b>St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest</b> Confessions Terry O'Brien
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b> 10.00 am Mass  6.30pm Service	<b>The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ</b> DM of the Ryan & Chamberlain families Prayers, Hymns & readings followed by Benediction
<b>Mon. 9<sup>th</sup> January</b> 6.00pm to 7.00pm 7.00pm Mass	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b> Adoration in the Chapel John Harris
<b>Tues. 10<sup>th</sup> January</b> 9.30am Mass	<b>Feria</b> For All Parishioners
<b>Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> January</b> 7.00 pm Mass	<b>Feria</b> Powell Family Intention
<b>Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> January</b> 9.30 am Mass	<b>St. Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot</b> For All Parishioners
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b> 8.30 – 9.30 am 9.30am Mass	<b>St. Hilary, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> Adoration in the Chapel Theresa and Michael Collins
<b>Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> January</b> 12.00 to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	<b>Votive Memorial of Our Lady</b> Confessions Maggie and Christie Keane
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b> 10.00am Mass	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> Father Joe Mullen

**What's on this Week**

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Legion of Mary Function	Monday 7.30pm	Presbytery
Union of Catholic Mothers	Monday 7.30pm	Presbytery
Divine Mercy Group	7pm Tuesday	Presbytery
RCIA Meetings	Wednesday After Mass	St. Joseph's Chapel

**The Gift of Life**

Jesus came among us to make it possible for weak and sinful humanity to live a new life, a share in the divine life of God Himself. But God's gift of life is also shown in that awesome moment of creation when He brings into existence a new human person whom He has known since before the world was created and whom He now brings to life in the womb.

Today, members of SPUC (the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) will be here for the annual White Flower collection in aid of the society and which will be taken at both Masses this weekend, January 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. As we adore the Infant of Bethlehem can we bring to our prayer all unborn babies, their mothers (and fathers, of course) those soon to have their child, and those who have lost a child for whatever reason. In our prayer of thanksgiving for the gift of life, we turn instinctively to the Mother whose Child is her creator and God. May the Immaculate Virgin Mary intercede with her Child at this time and help those whose work is to proclaim the sanctity of all human life.

**Our Sick**

Ethan & Ray Chichester, Lesley Barnett, Bernard Toft, Maria Jones, Colin Kingston, Gareth & Ethan Woodberry, Bob Molcher, Christian Babu, Val Kenealy, Veronica McCarthy, Kath Helkvist, Pat Xuereb, David Burns, Jacob Meighan, Julie Cale, Henry Burns, Tina Price, David Bateman, Anna Sueref, Pat Kiever, John Cowhey, Jack O'Leary, Mike McCauliffe, Fred Ridout.

**Anniversaries**

Julia Burns, Mary Driscoll, Karl Lane, Barrie Thomas, Christopher Keane, Bernard Wiltshire, Henry Jacobson, Michael Hurley, John O'Sullivan, Ann Hearn, Kathleen Dineen, John Casey, Carmel Xiberras, Patricia Ellery, Alexander Fraser, Edward Lindsey, Matthew Woodward (Edwards), Baby Kevin De Cruz De Carvalho, Kevin Fowler, Fr. Joe Mullen, Denise Lane, Mary Hartwell, John Fahy, Bernard Chichester.

**Church Offerings, 31<sup>st</sup> Dec & 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017**

Offertory Collection - £688.92  
 of which £335.50 was gift aided  
 Additional Christmas Offerings to the Rosminians - £30

**“Salvation shall come from the Jews...”** Significantly, Jesus did not say that Salvation would come TO the Jews, as if they were to be only ones to benefit; He said that salvation would originate and flow FROM the Jewish people, indicating that He, a Jew, would be the source of all salvation and that the gift of salvation would be open to all nations on earth. The divine plan of universal salvation is summed up in the mysterious figures of the three visitors who came from the East to worship the new-born King at Bethlehem. In these three men, we see the revelation of the divine plan that the salvation flowing from the Incarnation of the infant King would be open and effective to all who would accept it and respond to its life-giving way of life according to the opportunities and circumstances in which they are created. It means that there is NOBODY created by God who CANNOT be saved. Whether they are saved or not depends, of course, on whether or how each one uses the gifts and opportunities in which God's Providence places them.

**Recently Dead** – Please remember in your prayers, Leslie Cryer whose Funeral Service is at 12pm on Wednesday January 18<sup>th</sup>.

**This weekend**

We shall be celebrating the Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord, with the appropriate readings and prayers for that Feast.

At 6.30pm this Sunday there will be a special service for that Feast with readings, prayers and ending with Benediction.

Next Wednesday, we shall restart the weekly meetings (RCIA) designed to prepare those who might wish to consider becoming a Catholic or those who simply wish to update their knowledge of their Faith. This meeting will be in the St. Joseph's Chapel after the 7.00pm Mass. If you know of anyone who might be interested, even if they have not attended before, do bring them along. All are welcome. A similar course (called Alpha) is beginning at St. Philip Evans Hall on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm. For further information contact Loma Jones on 07970 443 208.

*A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human being because eventhough it was a large mammal its throat was very small.*

*The little girl stated that Jonah has been swallowed by a whale.*

*Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human, it was physically impossible. The little girl said "when I get to Heaven I will ask Jonah".*

*The teacher asked "What if Jonah went to Hell?" "Then you can ask him" the girl replied!*

**200 Club December Draw Results**

1 <sup>st</sup>	No. 43	Michael Collins	£50.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	No. 197	Celia Vidler	£25.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	No. 305	Mrs. K. Thomas	£15.00

**HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY**

There have been some changes affecting the Chaplaincy provision at the Heath Hospital. Two Chaplaincy Volunteers (Simone Strinati and Benny Augustian) have been appointed to work with Bro. Brian Butler, from St. Joseph's. If you know of a Catholic patient who would like Sacramental support or even just a visit, please contact the UHW Chaplaincy Department on 02920 743230.

Copies of the **Archdiocesan Directory and Year Book** for 2017 are now on sale at the shop, price £3.00.

**Children's Liturgy**

The Children's Liturgy Group will restart up again today, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

**Sacramental Preparation Class**

The Preparation Class for Reconciliariotn and Holy Communion will start again next Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> January at 11 am in the Church hall. Please ensure that all candidates bring along their books and Mass attendance sheets for review at the first lesson after the break.

**Confirmation Preparations**

These will start again on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017 at 12 noon in the Church hall

**Baptism Preparation Meetings**

Any parent(s) who wishes to have their child/ren Baptised in St. Alban's in 2017 should speak to Theresa, Maggie or Father Phillip in the first instance. Meetings take place at the start of every month and need to be booked in advance.

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