



St. Alban's Parish Newsletter
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13th January to 21st January

2nd Week in Ordinary Time, Year B

MASS INTENTIONS

What's on this Week

Sat. 13th January 12.00 to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	Weekday before Epiphany Confessions Terry O'Brien
Sun. 14th January 10.00am Mass	The Epiphany of the Lord Theresa & Michael Collins
Mon. 15th January 6.00pm to 7.00pm 7.00pm Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel Fr. Joe Mullen I.C.
Tues. 16th January 9.30am Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time Blandina Rodrigues
Wed. 17th January 7.00pm Mass	St. Anthony, Abbot For All Parishioners
Thurs. 18th January 9.30am Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time For All Parishioners
Friday 19th January 8.30 am to 9.30am 9.30 am Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel For All Parishioners
Sat. 20th January 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	Votive Memorial of Our Lady Confessions Mary Rogers`
Sun. 21st January 10.00am Mass 6.00pm Service	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Tom Downey Churches Together Joint Service

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	Wednesday after Mass	In the Chapel

"COME AND SEE"

When John the Baptist saw Jesus he told his two companions that this man was the lamb of God. To a Jew, the whole idea of the lamb was linked with the religious ceremony of sacrifice, especially at the Temple and during the celebration of Passover. To say that this man was the Lamb of God would have aroused the curiosity of the two men and they followed Him until the all-important question which He put to them "What do you want?" and then the invitation "Come and see where I live". That led to a number of hours (it was four o'clock in the afternoon) during which the three spoke and shared so much of which we know nothing from the Gospels. But the end result was that Andrew, meeting his brother Simon the following morning could make the astonishing claim "We have found the Messiah" a clear reference to the Jews centuries wait for the long-awaited Saviour. In some way Simon was convinced enough to follow Andrew to meet this man from Nazareth who greeted him with a new name: "You are to be called Cephas" a name which means Rock. We know what happened to Peter in the three years which followed this meeting and it does show us that Jesus can and does do wonderful things through us when we listen to Him and then go to tell others about this Man from Nazareth Who is God and Saviour of ALL mankind.

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

Matthew Woodward(Edwards) Baby Kevin da Cruz de Carvalho, Kevin Fowler, Denise Lane, Mary Hartwell, John Fahy, Bernard Chichester, Fr. Joe Mullen, Michael Gunstone, Lisa O'Sullivan, Mary Tyte, Harold Takata, Juliana Chaplin, Terence White, Kevin Bush, Anthony O'Toole, Ray Hagland, Thomas Canham, Martha O'Sullivan, Michael Collins, Zygmund Wylyinski,

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.

Christian Unity

Please note that on Sunday January 21st at 6.00pm we shall be hosting at St. Albans the interdenominational service to mark the week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We hope that this service will be attended by a good number of Parishioners who will then join with those from other churches in this area for some light refreshments in the Hall.

Church Offerings 6th & 7th January

Offertory Collection -	£638.00
Of which	£249.50 was Gift Aided
Christmas Offerings to the Clergy	£12.00
Total to Date	£1,248.09

**Preparation Course
for the Sacrament of Confirmation**

The preparation meetings for the Sacrament of Confirmation will continue in the Church Hall today (Saturday) January 13th at 9.30am. We are now half way through this preparation course, with the Sacrament due to take place on May 20th. 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 today Saturday January 13th 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:-

Joan Conway whose Requiem was on Friday, also

Malcom Scanlan, whose Requiem will be on Wednesday 24th February at St. Joseph's
May they Rest in Peace

The series of meetings on the faith "**Step by Step**" will continue on Wednesday this week, after the evening Mass, 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.

The minister of a large church decided to rest the elderly secretary from his weekly notice giving, which was always long and turgid. Instead he decided to have a session where anyone could stand up and give a notice. A lady stood up and said: "I've been in this church for thirty years and it's lovely to see all the young families joining us. But every Thursday I am in the church on my own, cleaning the pews and polishing the brasses. I put it to you young ladies that you should come and help me on a Thursday. The Lord Jesus is looking for scrubbers"

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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 st	No. 313	S. Downey	£50.00
2 nd	No. 179	R. McConkey	£25.00
3 rd	No. 3	Joan Collins	£15.00

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