



St. Alban's Parish Newsletter
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20th January to 28th January

3rd Week in Ordinary Time, Year B

MASS INTENTIONS

What's on this Week

Sat. 20th January 12.00 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
Mon. 22nd January 6.00pm to 7.00pm 7.00pm Mass	St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel Malcolm Scanlan.
Tues. 23rd January 9.30am Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time John Manley
Wed. 24th January 7.00pm Mass	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church For All Parishioners
Thurs. 25th January 9.30am Mass 1.15 pm Funeral Service	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle For All Parishioners For Maria Debruncat
Friday 26th January 8.30 am to 9.30am 9.30 am Mass	Sts Timothy & Titus, Bishops Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel For All Parishioners
Sat. 27th January 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	Votive Memorial of Our Lady Confessions Jean Alderman & the Alderman family
Sun. 28th January 10.00am Mass 12.00 pm Baptism 12.30 pm Baptism	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time D.M. of the James & Evans Families Grace Hudd Ella Hardy

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Legion of Mary	Monday 7.30pm	In the Presbytery
Union of Catholic Mothers	Monday 7.30pm	In the Presbytery
Parish Council Meeting	Tuesday 6.00pm	In the Presbytery
Divine Mercy Group	Tuesday 7.00pm	In the Presbytery
SVP Group	Wednesday 6.00pm	In the Presbytery
Our Faith, Step by Step	Wednesday after Mass	In the Chapel

GOOD NEWS

After 30 years of preparation and some brief contact with those who were to be with Him for the next three years and more, the time had come for Jesus to sum up the essential characteristics of His mission – He said He had come to preach the GOOD NEWS, to bring healing and forgiveness, to bring peace and hope and the prospect of eternal salvation and happiness. The world of His time, 2000 years ago, partly responded to His message and responded to His mission, but some did not, others rejected and mocked and crucified Him. But then and ever since, so many have been open to His message and have lived lives of faithful fidelity, love and goodness to those around them. And so it will be to the end of time – as the Priest Simeon said: This child is set for the rise and fall of many; it is by their response to this child and His message that men and women will rise or fall. Thus it is that the Church has the privilege and responsibility of proclaiming to the world of our times the GOOD NEWS of Salvation. This is what we accept and commit ourselves to as we celebrate once again the mystery of Calvary and join with Him in seeking the salvation of all peoples.

Sincere thanks from Fr. Philip to those who sent condolences and cards on the recent death of his brother, Malcolm – this is very much appreciated.

Christian Unity
Please note that this 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.

The Parish Council will meet in the Presbytery at 6.00pm on Tuesday of this week. Any Parishioner wishing to attend is very welcome to do so.

Church Offerings 13th & 14th January	
Offertory Collection -	£543.23
Of which	£237.50 was Gift Aided

Our Sick Ethan Chichester, Lesley Barnett, 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 Thomas Canham, Martha O'Sullivan, Michael Collins, Zygmund Wylyinski, Mary Sims, Joyce O'Brien, Lily Hulbert, Paul John, Leonard Savoury, Paula Hull, Dennis O'Neil, Michael Johnson, Kenneth Wilby, George Daniels, Barbara Watkeys, Thomas Dineen, Frederick Ford, Hannah Brice, Ellen Sheehan, John Hayes, Florence Gore, Marie McNally, John Dacey, Patrick Brady

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.

Splott Road Bridge

Please note the the bridge will be fully closed between February 4th and February 27th.

The footpath will be open most of the time for pedestrians, however there may be times when the footpath will be closed. During this time a minibus will be available to take pedestrians and schoolchildren from one side to the other via Beresford Road

Sponsored Sleep-out

Further news on our sponsored sleep-out for asylum seekers who have been made destitute.

Our overall total will rise a bit more when the Gift Aid is calculated but now stands at an amazing £5,437.17.

Huge thanks to everyone who contributed, and to St. Alban's for their very significant contribution. This is more than half of what it will cost us to provide the 5 spaces this year and we should accommodate approximately 12 people. We are very pleased. Huge Thanks again.
God Bless, **Sister Ruth**

Lately dead

Please remember in your prayers:-

Malcom Scanlan, whose Requiem will be at 1.30pm on Wednesday 24th January at St. Joseph's

Also **Maria Debruncat**, whose funeral service will be at 1.15pm on Friday 26th January

And **Bernard Toft**, whose funeral service will be at 1.45pm on Thursday 1st February

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.

A clergyman turned up at a crematorium in Cwmbran to scatter the ashes of of a member in the Garden of Rest. When he arrived at the office he was surprised to see that the urn was screwed down and did not have a removable lid. He mentioned this to the person in charge, who pointed to a young man and said that Gary would accompany the clergyman into the garden. The clergyman noticed a large screwdriver sticking out of Gary's pocket. He argued that it would not be very professional for Gary to start undoing the top of the urn in the middle of the committal service.

"It's OK, Reverend, I'll screw sensitively," said Gary

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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. 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 life in Jesus

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

We are always ready to accept volunteers to help with the many tasks which have to be carried out each week in various parts of the Parish life and work. If anybody is interested, please have a word with Fr. Philip. We would like also to increase the membership of the Parish Council so, to find out what that means and its commitment, please see Fr. Philip.

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