



**St. Alban's Parish Newsletter**  
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**27th January to 4<sup>th</sup> February**

**4th Week in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**What's on this Week**

<b>Sat. 27th January</b> 12.00 to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	<b>Votive Memorial of Our Lady</b> Confessions Jean Alderman & the Alderman family
<b>Sun. 28th January</b> 10.00am Mass  12.00 pm Baptism 12.30 pm Baptism	<b>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> D.M. of the James & Evans Families Grace Hudd Ella Hardy
<b>Mon. 29<sup>th</sup> January</b> 6.00pm to 7.00pm 7.00pm Mass	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel Malcolm Scanlan
<b>Tues. 30th January</b> 9.30am Mass	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> Maria Camacho
<b>Wed. 31st January</b>  7.00pm Mass	<b>St. John Bosco, Priest</b> For All Parishioners Malcolm Scanlan
<b>Thurs. 1<sup>st</sup> February</b> 9.30am Mass 1.15 pm Funeral Service	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> For All Parishioners For Bernard Toft
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b> 8.30 am to 9.30am 9.30 am Mass	<b>The Presentation of the Lord</b> Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel For All Parishioners
<b>Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b> 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	<b>Votive Memorial of Our Lady</b> Confessions Terry O'Brien
<b>Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> February</b> 10.00am Mass	<b>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Angelika Spiteri

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

**JESUS THE HEALER**

Little wonder that the healing of the man possessed by an unclean spirit caused such a stir in the surrounding countryside. All such events sparked off a wild speculation as to who this Man might be. But if we could see into the soul of a person corrupted by grave sin and then see what happened when that person met Jesus we might be even more shocked at the transformation when Jesus touches that person and heals him or her of all sin and does so with total authority and power. But this is what happens when we come to receive this gift from Him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - it is that dramatic and awesome. But do we put it off or ignore that gift all together?

**THE CHURCH'S NEED OF YOUNG PEOPLE**

It is often noticed in our Parishes that we see very few young people at Mass or at any of the main events in the Church. It raises the question of how we can help young people to find a real purpose and value in the life of the Church. Supported by the Archdiocesan Evangelisation Commission, a meeting will take place on Monday February 12th at the Pastoral Resources Centre (next to St Illtyd's High School) at 7.30pm when these questions will be examined and hopefully some answers suggested which can be put into practice in our parishes.

**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, Tom Marshall.

**Anniversaries** Ellen Sheehan, John Hayes, Florence Gore, Marie McNally, John Dacey, Patrick Brady, Margaret Mapley, Robert Russ, William Affley, John Barry, Robert Madden, Joan Kerrigan, Joan Lansdown, Ray Chichester,

**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.

**WHAT IS A CATENIAN?**

The Catenian Association is a group of Catholic friends who support each other, the Church, young people and others in need. We have at the back of the church a supply of their latest magazine for the members in the West of England and South Wales (including Cardiff). Do take one home and pass it on to anyone you know who might be interested in joining this well-known Association.

**WHITE FLOWER APPEAL**

On the weekend of February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, the annual White Flower Appeal on behalf of the work of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will take place at each Mass. Please support this vital work to proclaim the sanctity of all human life from creation to the grave.

**Church Offerings 20th & 21st January**

Offertory Collection -	£704.30
Of which	£434.50

### Splott Road Bridge

Please note the the bridge will be fully closed between February 4<sup>th</sup> and February 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

### ROSARY WITH SCRIPTURE:

Books are available at the shop giving the full Rosary but linked with the relevant Scripture readings for each Mystery. Visit the shop to see for yourselves.

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

At 10.30am on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> a meeting will take place at the Pastoral Resources Centre to examine the provision of Marriage Preparation in the Archdiocese and the new ideas which have emerged since last years Clergy Conference.

### Lately dead

Please remember in your prayers:-

**Malcom Scanlan**, whose Requiem was on Wednesday Also

**Maria Debruncat**, whose funeral service was on Friday and

**Bernard Toft**, whose funeral service will be at 1.45pm on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February and

**Paul McCauliffe**, whose funeral service will be on Friday February 16<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am  
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 fierce Principal of a theological college was addressing the new students. He told the male students: "If I catch any of you in a female room after eleven o'clock at night I'll fine you £5. If I catch you a second time I'll fine you £10. If I see you there a third time, you'll pay a £20 fine. Suddenly, one of the new male students put up his hand.*

*"Yes?" barked the Principal.*

*"Please could you tell me how much a season ticket costs?"*

### "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

**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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