



St. Alban's Parish Newsletter
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2nd February to 10th February

Fourth Week of Ordinary Time – Year 1

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 2nd February 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	The Presentation of the Lord Confessions Terry O'Brien
Sun. 3rd February 10.00am Mass 6.30pm Service	4th Sunday of Ordinary Time DM of the Molcher Family Prayers, readings & Benediction
Mon. 4th February 12.15pm Funeral Service 6.00pm-7.00pm 7.00pm Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time Mary Groves Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel For All Parishioners
Tues. 5th February 9.30am Mass	St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr Jean Davies
Wed. 6th February 7.00pm Mass	St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs Veronica McCarthy
Thurs. 7th February 9.30am Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time For All Parishioners
Friday 8th February 8.30am to 9.30am 9.30am Mass	St. Jerome Emiliani, Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel For All Parishioners
Sat. 9th February 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	Votive Memorial of Our Lady Confessions For All Parishioners
Sun. 10th February 10.00am Mass	5th Sunday of Ordinary Time Robert, Margaret & Edith Cooper

What's on this Week

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Prayer Service	Sunday 6.30pm	In the Hall
Funeral Service	Monday 12.15pm	For Mary Groves
Legion of Mary	Monday, 7.30pm	In the Presbytery
Divine Mercy Group	Tuesday 12.15pm	In the Presbytery
Coffee Morning	Tuesday 10.00am	In the Hall

GOOD NEWS FOR ALL.

Many of the Jews believed that, because they were God's Chosen People, they could rightly despise all others, especially the pagans in the adjoining countries. Here we hear Jesus retelling the good news of how God's love was poured out on the widow of Sidon and how the Syrian leper, Naaman, was cured of his leprosy. As the people thought that only Jews would be saved by God, Jesus's words deeply angered the people and they wanted to kill Him. It was true that the Jews had been greatly favoured by God over the many years of their history, but Jesus is laying the foundation of His later teaching when He sent the Apostles to preach the Good News to all the nations. Salvation would come not only FOR the Jews but THROUGH the Jews. Being a Jew would not, of itself, guarantee their Salvation but it would depend on how they had used the gifts which God had given them. For the Jews so, too, for us who have been given so many wonderful gifts by God who said "You did not choose Me; no, I chose you." The gifts we have received in and through the life of the Church are the surest way (but not the only way) for God to lead us to eternal life but that will depend on how we have used those gifts. Today is an opportunity to examine ourselves with this question in mind: How can I use God's gifts in a better and more fruitful way?

Anniversaries

Joan Kerrigan, Joan Lansdown, Ray Chichester, John Donovan, Paul Begley, Sheila Evans, Joseph Cryer, Mary Buckley, John Ellery, Veronica McCarthy, Gaynor Davey, Maisie McMahon, Maureen Noman, Maria Mancuso, Carrie Carroll, Mary Fry, Rudolf Wakeham, Doris Massey, Mair Francis, Norah Pitarresi, Winifred Coward, Karen Curtis, Teresa Johnson.

Our Sick

Ethan Chichester, Christian Babu, Pat Xuereb, Colin, Shirley & Michael Kingston, Audrey Bodenham, Paul O'Brien, Gareth and Ethan Woodberry, Don & Dorothy James, Barbara Hurley, Michael McCauliffe, Beatrice Rajanayagam, Elle Fine, Jack O'Leary, Iris Murphy, Dennis Caine, Elizabeth Sitole, Paul Burns, David Burns, Shelagh O'Donaghue, Julie Cale, Phyllis Clarke, Betty Millar.

To add to this Sick List please leave names in the Sacristy, or at back of Church.

THIS YEAR

A major event has been arranged in the Archdiocese to discuss the all-important matter of Christian Discipleship - what does it mean and how can we prepare people in our Parishes to really take on this role of disciples of Jesus Christ? World-famous speakers have agreed to be at this event which will take place on Saturday, June 15th 2019 at the Holiday Hotel in Newport and will be the final day of a four-day conference for the Priests of the Archdiocese. Please make a note of this event. More details will be available nearer the date.

SHARE THE FAITH

On Wednesday of this week we hope to continue the weekly meetings for those seeking a deeper knowledge of their faith, those who might be thinking of becoming a Catholic (this is NOT a commitment to do so), or those who simply want to rekindle their faith from the past. The meeting will be in the St. Joseph's Chapel and will start at 7.30pm, following the 7.00pm Mass. ALL are very welcome.

Church Offerings 26th and 27th January 2019

Offertory Collection:-	£587.09
Of which:-	£250.50 was Gift Aided

The next Parish Quiz Night will be on Saturday February 16th, after the evening Mass, in the Hall

MAINTENANCE

Following recent works on the church roof and stonework, it is now going to be necessary to carry out work on the house and parts of the church where fascia boards are rotting and are a potential danger to the adjoining roof structures. These works, plus the then necessary work on the interior decoration of the church raise the inevitable question about finance. This in turn leads to discuss the value and purpose of the GIFT AID SCHEME. This scheme is open to all TAX PAYERS and means that whatever the Parishioner puts in the weekly collection will be increased by Government grant of 25% but with no further cost to the donor. This also means that Parishioners not in the scheme, but who could be, are depriving the Parish of that extra 25%. The scheme is fully explained by the leaflets on the table at the back of the church.

There is a box at the back of the church for old palms which are to be burnt for the **Ashes** at the beginning of **Lent**.

PILGRIMAGE TO GARABANDAL has been arranged for next year, May 5th to 9th. Cost is £449.00 and a deposit of £150 is required to start. For details and for booking please ring Philip Illsley on 01443 203 305.

Family Adoration

We have a new venue for Adoration for Families on the second Monday of the month, 1.30pm to 2.30pm. There are always some kind of problems in families to pray about so I invite you to join us at St. Teilo's Church, Old Church Road, Whitchurch, CF14 1AD, on Monday 11th February, 1.30pm to 2.30pm followed by time to chat over a cuppa in the Pub next door.

It is important in today's media age to get the sign outside the church building right. Vicar Joe has shortlisted the following:

"Looking for a sign from God?. This is it."

"No God – no Peace. Know God – Know peace"

"Free trip to Heaven. Details inside!"

Searching for a new look?, have your faith lifted here!"

"Having trouble sleeping? We have sermons – come and hear one!"

Or maybe a picture of two hands holding stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments are inscribed and a headline the reads: "for fast, fast fast relief, take two tablets."

The SVP Group

The next meeting of the SVP Group be held next Tuesday evening at 6pm in the Presbytery

Our next **Coffee Morning** will be held on Tuesday this week at 10am in the hall. Come along for tea, coffee and a chat. Also prize Bingo and the January 200 club draw.

Recently Dead

Julia Sheila Naughton – whose Requiem was on Monday
Mary Eileen Groves – whose Funeral Service is on Monday at 12.15pm
John Duggan – No details available yet.

May they rest in peace

Holy Communion 2019

Th 10 weekly lessons will continue with **Lesson 2** on **Sunday 3rd February** from **5.30pm till 7.00pm**.

Any questions, please contact one of the Catechists.
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