



St. Alban's Parish Newsletter
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10th February to 18th February

6th Week in Ordinary Time, Year B

MASS INTENTIONS

What's on this Week

Sat. 10th February 12.00 to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	St. Scholastica, Virgin Confessions Jean Alderman
Sun. 11th February 10.00am Mass 6.30 pm Service	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Valerie Fury Prayers, Adoration & Benediction
Mon. 12th February 6.00pm to 7.00pm 7.00pm Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel Mental Health & Addictions.
Tues. 13th February 9.30am Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time Malcolm Scanlan
Wed. 14th February 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Mass	Ash Wednesday For All Parishioners For All Parishioners
Thurs. 15th February 9.30am Mass	Thursday after Ash Wednesday James Hollow & Catherine Britton
Friday 16th February 8.30 am to 9.30am 9.30 am Mass 10.00am Funeral	Friday after Ash Wednesday Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel For All Parishioners Service for Paul McAuliffe
Sat. 17th February 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	Saturday after Ash Wednesday Confessions Michael & Theresa Collins
Sun. 18th February 10.00am Mass	1st Sunday of Lent Tom Downey

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Tamil Mass	1.00pm to 5.00pm	In the Church
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	No Meeting this week	In St. Joseph's Chapel

LENT

Wednesday of this week is **ASH WEDNESDAY**, a day of fasting and abstinence when we begin the real preparation for the awesome mystery of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. On Wednesday there will be two Masses – at 9.30am and at 7.00pm, the second followed by Confessions; this means that the 'Step by Step' series will not happen this week but will restart on Wednesday, 21st. Every Friday during Lent we shall pray the Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm and this will also be followed by Confessions. The Lenten Penitential Service will take place on Wednesday, March 21st at 7.00pm. On Tuesday of Holy Week, March 27th we shall celebrate a Passover Supper in the Hall at 7.00pm The Easter Vigil on Saturday March 31st will be at 8.00pm.

This evening (Sunday) at 6.30pm there will be a service of Readings, adoration and ending with Benediction, all bearing in mind that Lent is just around the corner...

Let us ask ourselves what God wants us to change and what He wants us to become in this Lenten season, not just to do it and then forget but to start a new way and to use positively the opportunity Jesus has won for us at such cost, the opportunity to make a fresh start in our lives and in our intimate relationship with Him.

Our Sick Ethan Chichester, Lesley Barnett, Maria Jones, Colin Kingston, Gareth & Ethan Woodberry, Christian Babu, Pat Xuereb, David Burns, Jacob Meighan, Julie Cale, Henry Burns, Tina, Tracey & Chloe Price, Anna Sueref, Pat Kiiver, John Cowhey, Jack O'Leary, Mike McAuliffe, Sheila Downey, Daniel Young, Shelagh O'Donoghue, Barbara Murphy, David Jones, Paul Burns, Barbara Hurley, Patrick O'Rourke, Audrey Bodenham, Tom Marshall.

Anniversaries

Winifred Coward, Karen Curtis, Teresa Johnson, Dennis Mahoney, Henry Burns, Jane Sims, Doreen Williams, Mary Voisey, Charles Jones, Thomas Ferrier, Catherine North, Minnie Symons, Giovanni Grimas, John Samuel, Carole Gunstone, Dilys Ellery, Ramon (Rayo) Grainger, Catherine Prankard, Kenneth Young, Helen Wheeler, Margaret Flanagan, Albert Hooper, Bridget O'Brien, Betty Mann.

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 Maadie.

DON'T TELL ANYONE...

If our lives had been changed so radically in a moment as was the life of the leper in today's Gospel we would hardly be able to contain ourselves and would want to tell everyone about the wonderful thing that had been done for us. But Jesus told him, 'Say nothing to anyone.'

Why? The first part of the answer lies at the end of this Gospel reading: the leper's understandable broadcast of his good fortune meant that even more people heard about the powers of Jesus and so many more came to Him, thus making it very difficult for Him to reach the very people He wanted to visit. But what might be the other part of the answer to our question.....?

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

This weekend, February 10th and 11th, 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 3rd & 4th February

Offertory Collection -	£688.55
Of which	£277.50
	Was Gift Aided

Splott Road Bridge

Please note the the bridge remains fully closed until 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

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.

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.

Lately dead

Please remember in your prayers:-

aul McAuliffe, whose funeral service will be on Friday February 16th at 10.00am

May he Rest in Peace

The Funeral service for Paul McAuliffe will take place here at St. Alban's on Friday, February 16th at 10.00am. The usual Friday Mass will be celebrated in the St. Joseph's chapel at 9.30am.

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.

What you might not have known about some Bible characters

Adam – Inventor of the loose-leaf system.

Ariel – Patron Saint of TV.

Delilah – Inventor of the 'short back and sides'

Eve – The first woman to persuade her husband to turn over a new leaf.

Levi – Inventor of jeans.

Samson – Early strong-man act. At one gig he brought the house down.

"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.

200 Club Prize Draw for January

1 st	No. 173	Mrs James	£50.00
2 nd	No. 13	Angela Bullard	£25.00
3 rd	No. 7	Colin Kingston	£15.00

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