



**St. Alban's Parish Newsletter**  
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**17th February to 25<sup>th</sup> February**

**First Week of Lent**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**What's on this Week**

<b>Sat. 17th February</b> 12.00 to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	<b>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</b> Confessions Michael & Theresa Collins
<b>Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> February</b> 10.00am Mass	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Tom Downey
<b>Mon. 19<sup>th</sup> February</b> 6.00pm to 7.00pm 7.00pm Mass	<b>Weekday, 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent</b> Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel May & Francis Evans
<b>Tues. 20<sup>th</sup> February</b> 9.30am Mass	<b>Weekday, 1st Week of Lent</b> For Missionaries worldwide
<b>Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> February</b> 7.00pm Mass	<b>St. Peter Damian, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> For All Parishioners
<b>Thurs. 22nd February</b> 9.30am Mass	<b>The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle</b> For All Parishioners
<b>Friday 23rd February</b> 8.30 am to 9.30am 9.30 am Mass 7.00 pm	<b>St. Polycarp, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b> Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel For Unborn Children Stations of the Cross
<b>Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> February</b> 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	<b>Weekday, 1st Week of Lent</b> Confessions May Crowley
<b>Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> February</b> 10.00am Mass	<b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b> The Page Family Intention

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	After 7.00 pm Mass	In St. Joseph's Chapel
Stations of the Cross	Friday 7.00pm	In the Church

**AFTER BAPTISM, THE TESTING TIME.**

As His Ministry was about to begin, Jesus came from His home town of Nazareth to the Jordan Valley where John, His cousin, was baptising. Entering the waters of the Jordan, Jesus rejected John's objections and insisted that He be baptised, as an example for those who would follow Him. And as the waters of baptism were poured the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God descended upon Him in the form of a dove and the voice came from heaven: "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased."

Immediately after this awesome confirmation of Jesus as Messiah, the Gospels tell us that that same Spirit led Jesus out into the wilderness where, in His Sacred Humanity, He would have to face up to the choices required in order to obey the will of His Father, even if that meant the Cross of Calvary.

For us who have been baptised, the choices are the same: to obey the will of our Father or to give in to the temptations which come our way. This will not only be a matter of avoiding sin but, more beneficially, of choosing to do good, for example, attending Mass more frequently, praying the Rosary each day, visiting the sick and lonely, reading the Gospel of each day, finding ways to help the poor and outcasts.

**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 Kiever, 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, John Busuttill.

**Anniversaries**

Margaret Flanagan, Albert Hooper, Bridget O'Brien, Betty Mann, Esther Withers, Colin Ceshion, Sheila Gawalko, Mary Block, Wilfred Carro, Gerard Walsh, Joshua Edwards, John Horton, Elizabeth Affley, Grace Hunter, Johanna Doolan, Mary Millar, William Caseres, Georgina Farleigh, James Stewart.

**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.

**FOR LENT...**

**Stations of the Cross** will be held at 7.00pm each Friday during Lent, with a different leader each week.

**The "step by step" series** will restart on Wednesday of this week February 21<sup>st</sup>, following the 7.00pm Mass.

**The Lenten Penitential Service** will take place on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.00pm.

On Tuesday of Holy Week we shall celebrate a **Passover Supper** in the hall at 7.00pm.

**The Easter Vigil** will be at 8.00pm on Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Church Offerings 10th & 11th February**

Offertory Collection -	£565.68
Of which	£252.50
	Was Gift Aided

Tuesday of this week is the anniversary of the date when Blessed Antonio Rosmini wrote the Rule of the Institute of Charity. We call this day the 'day of the Cell' and the Mass at 9.30am will be the Mass in honour of Blessed Antonio Rosmini.

### Sploitt Road Bridge

Please note the the bridge remains fully closed until 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.

### SPUC White Flower Appeal

SPUC Cardiff/Penarth Branch Committee wish to thank St. Alban's parishioners for their wonderful response to our appeal, amounting to £368.64, and for the special response to the signing of 58 postcards to be sent to our MP's in Cardiff, all sadly in favour of abortion on demand. Please pray for them, and God Bless St. Alban's

### Lately dead

Please remember in your prayers:-

**Paul McAuliffe**, whose funeral service was on Friday also

**Val Kenealy**, whose Funeral is at 10.00am on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at Nazareth House

**Kevin Brady**, whose Funeral Service is at 2.45pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at Thornhill, Wenallt Chapel

**James Desmond** whose Funeral Service is at 10.30am Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at Rosemount Funeralcare.

**Janice Toft** who died suddenly this week, no details of her funeral are available at this time  
May they Rest in Peace

### 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.

**HELP** A charming Indian lady parishioner is seeking to offer her services as a helper to anyone in the congregation who needs assistance with light household duties.

She was trained as a Beautician and Hairdresser, skills which she is also able to offer.

Please contact Jennifer de Souza, Tel. 07848412199

*David's Mum to Jesse, her husband:*

*"Do you really think it was a good idea to get David that sling?. He's going to put someone's eye out!"*

### "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 <sup>st</sup>	No. 173	Mrs James	£50.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	No. 13	Angela Bullard	£25.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	No. 7	Colin Kingston	£15.00

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