



St. Alban's Parish Newsletter
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25th February to 5th March

Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 25th February 12.00 to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	Votive Memorial of Our Lady Confessions Mary Rogers
Sun. 26th February 10.00 am Mass 12.00 pm Baptism	8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Blandina Rodrigues Lilyann Price, also Justin, Joshua & Jeremiah Ifaturoti In
Mon. 27th February 6.00pm to 7.00pm 7.00pm Mass	Feria Adoration in the Chapel David Draper
Tues. 28th February 9.30am Mass	St. Davids, Bishop, Patron of Wales Evelyn Frendo
Wed. 1st March 9.30am Mass 7.00 pm Mass	Ash Wednesday Vocations to the Priesthood Catherine Nugent
Thurs. 2nd March 9.30 am Mass 4.00 pm, Reception	Thursday after Ash Wednesday For all Persecuted Christians Ray Chichester
Friday 3rd March 8.30 – 9.30 am 9.30am Mass 11.45am Requiem Mass	Friday after Ash Wednesday Adoration in the Chapel Terry, Timothy & Winifred Evans Ray Chichester
Sat. 4th March 12.00 to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	Saturday after Ash Wednesday Confessions Terry O'Brien
Sunday 5th March 10.00am Mass 6.30pm Service	1st Sunday of Lent Mary & Ray Chichester Readings, prayers and Benediction

What's on this Week

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Legion of Mary	Monday 7.30pm	Presbytery
Union of Catholic Mothers	Monday 7.30pm	Presbytery
Breavement Group	6pm Tuesday	Presbytery
Divine Mercy Group	7pm Tuesday	Presbytery
SVP Group	6pm Wednesday	Presbytery
RCIA Meetings	Wednesday After Mass	St. Joseph's Chapel

LENT

Next Wednesday, March 1st, is **ASH WEDNESDAY**, the beginning of Lent and a day of fasting and abstinence. Ashes will be distributed at the 9.30am and 7.00pm Masses. Please note all the Masses and events during Lent and Easter as published in this Newsletter, and particularly that every Friday in Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 6.30pm followed by Mass. We also ask you to note the slight change for the Wednesday of Holy Week, April 12th – Mass will now be at 9.30am and the Passover Meal in the Hall will now begin at 6.30pm. Parishioners wishing to attend the Passover Meal are asked to give their name and address to Tina Mullane, together with the £10 admission as soon as possible, in order that catering requirements can be finalised.

Our Sick

Ethan Chichester, Lesley Barnett, Bernard Toft, Maria Jones, Colin Kingston, Gareth & Ethan Woodberry, Bob Molcher, Christian Babu, Val Kenealy, Kath Helkvist, Pat Xuereb, David Burns, Jacob Meighan, Julie Cale, Henry Burns, Tina Price, David Bateman, Anna Sueref, Pat Kiever, John Cowhey, Jack O'Leary, Mike McCauliffe, Fred Ridout, Tom and Sheila Downey, Chloe Price, Jean & Joan Alderman.

Anniversaries

Georgina Farleigh, James Stewart, Cynthia Orpin, Guiseppe Pitarresi, Brian Daneil, Gillian Matthews, Delia Isaac, Sean McDonagh, Kenneth Casey, William Sullivan, Maria Grima, Crocifissa Tannorella, John Cusack, Kathleen Stimpson, William O'Flynn, James Kennedy, John Miller, John Tamlin, William Browning.

Church Offerings. 18th and 19th February 2017

Offertory Collection -	£569.87
of which	£300.50 was gift aided

"My house is a house of prayer".

With Lent about to begin and as a reminder of the spiritual meaning and purpose of Lent, we are trying to create an atmosphere in the church which will be more conducive to prayer and recollection in preparation for Mass and the whole meaning of Lent. This will require a real effort to create silence by cutting out all non-essential talking in the body of the church. This applies especially at the time of receiving Holy Communion and the time for personal thanksgiving after receiving Our Blessed Lord. We ask all Parishioners to co-operate in this spiritual aspect of our 'coming to church' and to remember that the way in which we act while in church always has an effect on so many other people around us. Thank you for your co-operation in this important aspect of our worship.

ST. DAVID

As Wednesday of this week is Ash Wednesday this clashes with the traditional date of the Feast day of St. David and the celebration of our Patron Saint has been brought forward one day to Tuesday of this week and the Mass will be at the usual time of 9.30am.

And who was St. David?

Probably born in Cardigan in about 520 A.D. He was trained by St. Illtyd and this led to his very deep desire to create and live a monastic community life. The monasteries which he created were renowned for the strictness of their lives of prayer and manual work. His reputation spread and so did the number of men wishing to join him. His final words were "Rejoice; be glad and keep the faith."

COMING DATES TO NOTE

Ash Wednesday	March 1st	Masses at 9.30 am and 7.00pm
Fridays during Lent		Stations of the Cross at 6.30pm followed by Mass
Thursday	March 23rd	Lenten Penitential Service at 7.00pm
Sunday	April 2nd	Sacrament of the Sick in Church at 3.00pm
Thursday	April 6th	Deanery Station Mass at 6 th Form College at 7.00pm
PALM SUNDAY	April 9th	Mass at 10.00am
Wednesday	April 12th	Mass at 9.30am Passover Supper in Hall at 6.30pm
Maundy Thursday	April 13th	Mass of the last Supper at 7.00pm
Good Friday	April 14th	Solemn Liturgy at 3.00pm; Stations at 7.00pm
EASTER SATURDAY	April 15th	Vigil Mass of Easter at 8.00pm
EASTER SUNDAY	April 16th	Mass of Easter at 10.00am
Divine Mercy Sunday	April 23rd	Confessions at 2.00pm; Mass at 4.00pm

All Masses on weekends of May 7th and May 14th will be the First Holy Communion Masses
 CONFIRMATIONS will be on Friday, May 19th at 7.00pm
 PENTECOST June 3rd/4th

REFUGEE HELP

As Parishioners will know, the collections taken at all Parish Cribbs this year have been sent to the fund which has been set up in the Archdiocese to give practical support to a Syrian refugee family who have virtually nothing of the needs of daily life. Arrangements are now progressing to get this family settled in some suitable accommodation and it is the hope of the Archbishop that any Lenten Alms collected this year will also be added to this fund.

Funerals

The following funerals have been arranged:

Reception of **Ray Chichester** into Church
 Thursday March 2nd at 4.00pm;
 Requiem Mass for **Ray Chichester**,
 Friday March 3rd at 11.45am
 Requiem Mass for **Ramon Grainger**,
 Monday March 6th at 11.45am
 May they rest in peace. Amen.

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Sacramental Preparation Class

The Preparation Class for Reconciliation and Holy Communion is at 11 am in the Church hall. Please ensure that all candidates bring along their books and Mass attendance sheets for review at the first lesson after the break.

Baptism Preparation Meetings

For Parents and Godparents, the next meeting of the class will be the 26th of February. This meeting is for all parents and Godparents who would like to have their child/children Baptised at St.Alban's. Any questions please speak to Fr Scanlan, Maggie or Theresa.

Every Friday in Lent there will be a Lenten fasting lunch of bread and soup at the Cornerstone in Charles Street at 1.30pm during which a 15 minute Lenten meditation will be given by the Archbishop. All proceeds will go to the Syrian family refugee project and donations to that cause can be sent by cheque (made out to "The Archdiocese of Cardiff") to Archbishop's House, 43, Cathedral Road, Cardiff CF11 9HD

HELP!

A young Catholic man, Jose, from South America, now working in the caring services, is desperately seeking accommodation for three months until he can find a permanent home. To discuss or for further information, please ring Jose on 07545704297.

"**Walk with Me**" is a small booklet of prayer and readings for every day in Lent, highly recommended by the Archbishop, to help us on our Lenten journey. The books are available at the porch shop from today and cost just £1.00 each.

Next Sunday, 5th March, there will be our monthly Service, at 6.30pm, including readings, prayers and Adoration followed by Benediction, please come along to enhance your prayer life at the beginning of Lent

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