



St. Alban's Parish Newsletter
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3rd March to 11th March

Third Week of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

What's on this Week

Sat. 3rd March 12.00 to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	Weekday, 2nd Week of Lent Confessions Terry O'Brien
Sun. 4th March 10.00am Mass	3rd Sunday of Lent Winifred Page
Mon. 5th March 6.00pm to 7.00pm 7.00pm Mass	Weekday, 3rd Week of Lent Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel For All Parishioners
Tues. 6th March 9.30am Mass 12.15pm Funeral Service	Weekday, 3rd Week of Lent Steven Helkvist Heather Hooper
Wed. 7th March 9.30 am Mass	Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs Tom Downey
Thurs. 8th March 9.30am Mass 10.15am Funeral Service	St. John of God, Religious Ryan O'Sullivan Ryan O'Sullivan
Friday 9th March 8.30 am to 9.30am 9.30 am Mass 7.00 pm	St. Francis of Rome, Religious Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel Powell Family Intention Stations of the Cross
Sat. 10th March 11.30 to 12.30 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	Weekday, 3rd Week of Lent Lenten Penitential Service Confessions Terry, Timothy & Winifred Collins
Sun. 11th March 10.00am Mass	4th Sunday of Lent Blandina Rodrigues

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Baptism Meeting for Parents	Sunday 5.30pm	In the Hall
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
SVP Group	Wednesday 6.00pm	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

"AND JESUS WAS ANGRY....!!"

It seems almost a contradiction to say that Jesus was angry. How could this be in the One who was God made Man, who preached a Gospel of mercy and forgiveness, of gentleness and understanding. Yet here we see Jesus reacting to what He saw at the Temple and we need to ask Why did He do this? We know that it was Passover Time, the most sacred time of the year for the devout Jews, recalling as it did the Covenant of Mount Sinai between God and His chosen people, the Jews. The celebration of Passover involved the offering of sacrifices and that meant that the sacrifices should be made available at the Temple for the use of the worshippers. It was this need which gave to some of the Temple Priests the opportunity to impose taxes on the sacrifices in such a way as to fill their own pockets. This form of extortion was rife also within the taxation system imposed by the Romans, but when Jesus saw this being done as part of the worship of His Father within the sacred precincts of the Temple, He reacted to that insult with words and actions of condemnation. It is at this point that we need to ask ourselves about the ways in which we come into the House of God for worship, how we share in that worship with reverence and devotion, how we show our love of God in the way we speak to Him and about Him. In this season of Lent, perhaps we could all examine ourselves so that by Easter, our worship will reflect more deeply what we claim to believe about our worship and about the One whom we know to be our Lord and our God.

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, John Busuttill.

Anniversaries

John Tamlin, William Browning, Elsie Jonas, Joseph Gamlin, David Thomas, Jack O'Brien, Dorothy Powell, Patricia Cowhey, Joan Noble, Kevin Trevett, John Harrington, Dorothy Ledsam, Pauline O'Sullivan, Charles Caruana, Ricky Ormonde, Lawrence Steer, Helena Hurley, .

Calling all Parish knitters & makers.

Many, many thanks to our wonderful Parish knitters who have volunteered to create some treasures for us to use in the Childrens Liturgy Group. There are plenty of biblical stories that we use with the children so if there are more of you out there just itching to help out please come and speak to Theresa or Maggie.

Church Offerings 24th & 25th February

Offertory Collection -	£659.62
Of which	£300.25
	Was Gift Aided

FAITH CELEBRATIONS

The Church in England and Wales are holding a Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress at Liverpool on September 7th - 9th This very special and important event is being supported by every Diocese, including Cardiff. The intention is that those who wish to attend the main day of celebration (Saturday September 8th) will travel to Liverpool from Cardiff by coach on that day and return on the same day. Details of these arrangements can be obtained by contacting the Archdiocesan co-ordinator of this event, Christian Mahoney on 07764515864 or by email on christianmahoney2@gmail.com

In preparation for this historic event, the Archdiocese of Cardiff has arranged a Preparation Day on March 17th to take place at St. David's Sixth Form College from 10.30am until 3.00pm. Like the Congress at Liverpool, this Day is designed to help us to deepen our faith

and response to the divine presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This event can recall for us the night when 80,000 people gathered at Hyde Park with Pope Benedict to adore the Real Presence of Jesus. We shall publish over the next few weeks more details of both events as they come in and further details can be obtained from Christian Mahoney as above.

FOR LENT...

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

The Lenten Penitential Service will take place on Wednesday, March 21st 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 31st.

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.

Lately dead

Please remember in your prayers:-

Heather Hooper, whose Funeral Service is at 12.15pm on Tuesday March 6th.

Ryan O'Sullivan, whose Funeral Service will be at 10.15am on Thursday March 8th

James O'Donaghue, whose Requiem will be at 2.00pm on Wednesday March 14th

Terry Oaks, whose Funeral Service will be at 11.00am on Friday 16th March

Royston Savoury, whose Funeral Service will be at 2.15pm on Wednesday March 21st

Janice Toft, whose Funeral Service will be at 12.15pm on Friday March 23rd.

May they Rest in Peace

Due to the current weather conditions all these Funerals are now subject to change, please contact the Presbytery for an update on the situation nearer to the planned date.

Wales & The Marches Catholic History Society'

Because of the adverse weather conditions St. David's college is closed.

Therefore the planned talk on "Little Ireland", the story of Newtown and the Newtown Association this Sunday has been cancelled. We will advertise when it has been re-arranged

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

Preachers often have too much material for a sermon.

One parson began: " My dear friends, I feel somewhat like a mosquito in a nudist camp – there's so much to do, I don't know where to start"

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY.

After Masses this weekend we shall take the retiring collection in aid of the Cafod Family Fast Appeal. It is important, in the light of recent publicity, to remember that this appeal is not to do with the failures of some aid workers, but is to do with the real poor who have no homes, no clean water, no regular food supplies, no hope, no future. If we were to withhold our offerings because of some failures, the poor are the ones to suffer.

CHURCH MAINTENANCE.

In response to the regular five yearly inspection of the church building, a number of meetings have taken place leading to the decision to begin work on the church roof and adjacent buildings on April 9th. We shall keep parishioners informed of any developments in this three month programme of work.

Baptism Explained, meeting for parents and godparents

The next parents preparation course for the Sacrament of Baptism will take place this Sunday, March 4th, in the Church Hall at 6.00pm. This lesson is for all parents and godparents who have already registered their desire to baptise their child. If you have not yet registered your child please speak to either Theresa or Maggie.

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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