



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

Fourth Week of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

What's on this Week

Sat. 10th March 11.30 to 12.30 12.00 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
Mon. 12th March 6.00pm to 7.00pm 7.00pm Mass	Weekday, 4th Week of Lent Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel UCM Intention, Quarterly Mass
Tues. 13th March 9.30am Mass	Weekday, 4th Week of Lent For Refugees, Worldwide
Wed. 14th March 2.00pm Requiem Mass 7.00pm Mass	Weekday, 4th Week of Lent James O'Donoghue Pattie Wheeler
Thurs. 15th March 9.30am Mass	Weekday, 4th Week of Lent Winifred Page
Friday 16th March 8.30 am to 9.30am 9.30 am Mass 11.00am Funeral Service 4.00pm Baptism 7.00 pm	Weekday, 4th Week of Lent Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel Davidson Family Terry Oak Mylee Patrick Sullivan Stations of the Cross
Sat. 17th March 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	St. Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland Confessions G.E. of Pat Jennings
Sun. 18th March 10.00am Mass	5th Sunday of Lent Kevin Bush & John Bodenham

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Legion of Mary	Monday 7.30pm	In the Presbytery
Divine Mercy Group	Tuesday 7.00pm	In the Presbytery
Our Faith, Step by Step	After 7.00 pm Mass	St. Joseph's Chapel
Stations of the Cross	Friday 7.00pm	In the Church

NICODEMUS
 This man appears suddenly in the Gospel story and was one of the leading figures in Jewish society as a Pharisee and a member of the Jewish Council of the Sanhedrin. Perhaps this is why he chose to approach Jesus at night when there would have been few people around to see what he had done, bearing in mind that Jesus was already suspected by many powerful people of dangerous teachings and a threat to their own power and authority. But Jesus spoke to him in terms which were very confusing; He spoke about 'eternal life' and 'being born again' and Nicodemus took these words literally and asked how could this be. Jesus summed up His answer by telling Nicodemus (and us) that His teaching involved a transformation as radical as that awesome moment when a child is born. Appropriately in this second part of the season of Lent we are asked about this change which He wishes to see in His disciples. We ask what do we need to change? what do we need to do better? what does Jesus hope for from those who bear the name of Christian? How can this Lent make such a difference, not just up to Easter Sunday, but in the weeks and months which follow the Resurrection?

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.

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

Anniversaries Kevin Trevett, John Harrington, Dorothy Ledsam, Pauline O'Sullivan, Charles Caruana, Ricky Ormonde, Lawrence Steer, Helena Hurley, Stanley Harding, Thomas Ryan, Fred Ridout, Maria Babbage, Pattie Wheeler, Ida Battisto, Frederick McCarthy, Nellie French, Veronica Todd, Kathleen Barrett, Kenneth Bird, John Hoy, Barbara Gallivan, Jack Farrell, Sharon Roberts, Colin Hurley,

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION
 As a first preparation for the Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool in September there is a day of celebration of the Eucharist next Saturday, March 17th at St. David's Sixth Form College starting at 10.30am and finishing at 3.00pm. This day is designed to help us to deepen our Faith and love of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and will include discussions, time for prayer and for adoration. This event is free of charge and open to all. Lunch will be provided, so to book your place please contact Christian Mahoney on 07764515864 or email him on christianmahoney2@gmail.com

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.

On Monday of this week the **Union of Catholic Mothers** will hold their quarterly celebration with Mass in the church at 7.00pm followed by a social gathering in the Hall. All mothers are very welcome to join us even if not members of the U.C.M.

Church Offerings 3rd & 4th March

Offertory Collection -	£412.53
Of which	£300.25 was Gift Aided
Cafod Family Fast Day	£283.93

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.

Lately dead

Please remember in your prayers:-

Heather Hooper and **Ryan O'Sullivan**, whose Funeral Services were held last week.

also

James O'Donoghue, 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

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.

200 Club Winners, for February 2018 Draw

1 st	No. 55	Maria Escorsio	£50.00
2 nd	No. 146	Anne McConkey	£25.00
3 rd	No. 242	Mrs. Burke	£15.00

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

At Middleton Parish church the priest noticed during the christening of a baby girl that there was no godfather standing nearby.

"Who's the godfather?" he asked.

The mother blushed and there was a long silence as members of the family looked and whispered to each other.

In the end the grandmother leaned over the font, and looking the vicar in the eye she said "If you knew the trouble we had getting the name of the father you wouldn't be bothered about the name of the godfather."

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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.

CALLING ALL TAXPAYERS

The new tax year starts on April 6th, and all parishioners who are taxpayers are encouraged to seriously consider paying their offerings through the Gift Aid Scheme. All Gift Aid offerings are topped up by 25% courtesy of the Tax Man

AT NO EXTRA COST TO YOU!

All you need to do is to sign a simple declaration form stating you are a taxpayer and we will do the rest – the forms are available at the back of the Church.

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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