



St. Alban's Parish Newsletter
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17th March to 25th March

Fifth Week of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

What's on this Week

Sat. 17th March 12.00 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
Mon. 19th March 6.00pm to 7.00pm 7.00pm Mass	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel Phyllis Houlston
Tues. 20th March 9.30am Mass	Weekday, 5th Week of Lent GE of Tom Marshall
Wed. 21st March 9.30am Mass 2.00pm Funeral Service 7.00pm Service	Weekday, 5th Week of Lent Royston Savoury Royston Savoury Lenten Penitential Service
Thurs. 22nd March 9.30am Mass	Weekday, 5th Week of Lent Tom Downey
Friday 23rd March 8.30 am to 9.30am 9.30am Mass 12.15pm Funeral Service 7.00pm	Weekday, 5th Week of Lent Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel DM of the James & Evans Families Janice Toft Stations of the Cross
Sat. 24th March 10.45pm to 12.15pm 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	Weekday, 5th Week of Lent First Confessions Confessions Michael & Theresa Collins
Sun. 25th March 10.00am Mass After 10.00am Mass	Palm Sunday Anne Miles Children's Stations of the Cross

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Legion of Mary	Monday 7.30pm	In the Presbytery
Union of Catholic Mothers	Monday 7.30pm	In the Presbytery
Divine Mercy Group	Tuesday 7.00pm	In the Presbytery
Our Faith, Step by Step	Will restart April 4th	St. Joseph's Chapel
Stations of the Cross	Friday 7.00pm	In the Church

PASSOVER SUPPER
 As already announced, we shall be holding a Passover Supper in the Hall at 7.00pm on the Tuesday of Holy Week, March 27th. In order to make the necessary arrangements we need to have names and payment (£6.00 each which includes a glass of wine) this weekend, if possible. It is also important to remember why we celebrate in this way: To the Jews, Passover was the most important day in the whole year, recalling as it did the Covenant made between God and His people at Mount Sinai and to which agreement the Jews dedicated themselves every year at Passover. Every part of the celebration had a significance for the Jews and for us each part of the celebration is explained and confirmed by the relevant Scripture quotations. Our celebration of Passover will be for us a reminder that at Mass, we do the same by committing ourselves to the Covenant of Mount Calvary instead of that of Mount Sinai. We hope that many will come to make this celebration a valuable moment in the last few days before the horror of Calvary which leads us to the glory of Easter morning. The enactment of the Passover will be followed by a light supper.

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)
 On Wednesday evening of this week we shall celebrate the Parish penitential service for Lent at 7.00pm. For this reason the usual evening Mass of Wednesdays will take place this week at 9.30am.

On Saturday of this week the children will come into the church to celebrate their **First Confessions**. This service will begin at 10.45 and end at 12.15pm and we hope that parents will also take advantage of this wonderful gift to these children by coming and sharing in that celebration – possibly by receiving the sacrament of reconciliation themselves (??!!)

Next Sunday, March 25th, is **PALM SUNDAY** and the blessing of palms will be given at the beginning of each Mass. Also, the children will celebrate their own version of the Stations of the Cross immediately after the 10.00am Mass on that Sunday.

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

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 Busutti, Paul O'Brien.

Anniversaries Nellie French, Veronica Todd, Kathleen Barrett, Kenneth Bird, John Hoy, Barbara Gallivan, Jack Farrell, Sharon Roberts, Colin Hurley, Lily Evans, Mary Pesticcio, Phyllis Houlston, John White, Patty Richards, Mary Driscoll, David Thomas, Mary Morrissey, Hannah Savoury, Margaret Ellis, Norma O'Connor, Derek Evans, Margaret Bradley, William Smith, Derek Black, Joseph Barry, Mario Lamberti, Flur Driscoll, David Cross, Peter Cocks, Winnie Rich.

Church Offerings 10th & 11th March

Offertory Collection -	£898.64
Of which	£389.50 was Gift Aided
Cafod Fast Day (additional)	£22.00

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 this coming 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:-

James O'Donoghue and **Terry Oak**, whose Funerals were held last week.

also

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

and

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

and **Margaret Britton**, whose Requiem will be at 11.00am on Thursday April 5th

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

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human being because even though it was a large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human: it was physically impossible.

The little girl said "When I get to Heaven I will ask Jonah"

The teacher asked "What if Jonah went to Hell?"

"Then you can ask him" the girl replied.

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Gift Aid Envelopes for 2018-2019

Existing members of the St. Alban's Gift Aid Scheme can collect their new pack of envelopes from the Church porch at weekend masses over the next couple of weeks. The new envelopes will come into use on the weekend April 7th & 8th

The weekly "**Faith step by step**" meeting will not take place this week, nor in Holy Week, but will restart on Wednesday, April 4th.

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.

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.

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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