



St. Alban's Parish Newsletter
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18th March to 26th March

Third Week of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 18th March 12.00 to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and doctor of the Church Confessions Paddy Elliott
Sun. 19th March 10.00am Mass 12.00pm Baptism	3rd Sunday of Lent Phyllis Houlston also Bill and Joan Kerrigan Natan Alexander Felusz
Mon. 20th March 1.00pm Requiem Mass 6.00pm to 7.00pm 7.00pm Mass	St. Joseph Michael O'Brien Adoration in the Chapel Julia and Henry Burns
Tues. 21st March 9.30am Mass	Weekday, 3rd Week of Lent Sts Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs Veronica McCarthy
Wed. 22nd March 7.00 pm Mass	Weekday, 3rd Week of Lent St. John of God, Religious Rini Whyte
Thurs. 23rd March 9.30 am Mass 7.00 pm	Weekday, 3rd Week of Lent DM of James and Evans Families Lenten Penitential Service
Friday 24th March 8.30 – 9.30 am 9.30am Mass 6.30pm Stations of the cross	Weekday, 3rd Week of Lent Adoration in the Chapel Maria and Peter Grima Followed by Mass
Sat. 25th March 9.30 am Mass 12.00 to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	The Annunciation of the Lord Confessions Leo and Kathleen Stimpson
Sun. 26th March 10.00am Mass	4th Sunday of Lent Helen Wheeler

What's on this Week

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Legion of Mary	Monday 7.30pm	Presbytery
Union of Catholic Mothers	Monday 7.30pm	Presbytery
Parish Council Meeting	Tuesday 6.00pm	Presbytery
Divine Mercy Group	Tuesday 7.30pm	Presbytery
RCIA Meetings	Wednesday After Mass	St. Joseph's Chapel
Penitential Service	Thursday 7.00 pm	Church

Jesus and the Samaritan woman

When they met at Jacob's Well near the town of Sychar, Jesus had a number of reasons to justify His completely ignoring the Samaritan woman: She was a Samaritan and, as St. John explains, "Jews have no contact with Samaritans"; she was a woman, and for a Jew to start a conversation with a woman who was a complete stranger, was contrary to all accepted Jewish practice; she had had five husbands but her present partner was not her husband. And yet in this situation Jesus asked her to give Him a drink of water. There then followed this awesome conversation in which Jesus opened her heart step by step, to the moment when she shared with Him her belief in the future coming of the long-awaited Messiah:

"I know that Messiah, - that is, Christ - is coming and when He comes He will tell us everything." Responding to His inner desire to reach out to this woman and lead her to the transforming waters of Faith, Jesus makes the astonishing claim "I who am speaking to you; I am He." It is to form and then deepen our personal and familiar awareness of the presence of this Man Who is our God and who walks with us at every step of our earthly journey, that our Lent takes on an urgent and special meaning. Let our Prayer be that He may be free to achieve in us that transformation which He achieved in the Samaritan woman.

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 Kiiver, John Cowhey, Jack O'Leary, Mike McCauliffe, Tom and Sheila Downey, Chloe Price, Jean Alderman, Daniel Young.

Anniversaries

Barbara Gallivan, Jack Farrell, Sharon Roberts, Lily Evans, Mary Pesticcio, Phyllis Houlston, John White, Mary Driscoll, David Thomas, Mary Morrissey, May Savoury, Margaret Ellis, Norma O'Connor, Derek Evans, Margaret Bradley, William Smith, Derek Black, Joseph Barry, Mario Lamberti, David Cross, Peter Cocks, Winnie Rich, Bertie Price.

Church Offerings. 11th and 12th March 2017

Offertory Collection -	£717.71
of which	£308.65 was gift aided
CAFOD Lent Fast Day	£377.36

DURING LENT

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

COMING DATES TO NOTE

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

“I was hungry and you fed me”.

Next weekend the entire Offertory collection raised at both Masses will be sent to the DEC Appeal for the starving people of Africa and the Middle East.

Note two important celebrations this week:

Monday, March 20th is the Feast of St. Joseph; Mass will be at the usual time at 7.00pm;

Saturday, March 25th is the solemnity of the Annunciation; there will be Mass at 9.30am to mark this important Feast.

Penitential Service

On **Thursday**, at 7.00pm in the church, we shall celebrate the Lenten Penitential service. This will consist of an examination of conscience based on St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, followed by the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) either in the face-to-face form or in the confessional. We hope that many Parishioners will use this opportunity to prepare in depth for the mysteries of Holy Week and Easter, which are now very close.

Please remember in your prayers our children who will be receiving their First Reconciliation at 10.00am on Saturday, April 1st.

The **Parish Council** will meet this Tuesday at 6.00pm in the Presbytery. If any Parishioner has some particular point or suggestions they want discussed, please inform Fr. Philip before Tuesday morning.

Lately Dead

The following funeral has been arranged:

Requiem Mass for **Michael O'Brien**,

Monday March 20th at 1.00pm

Fred Ridout – No details of his funeral at this time.

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

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LENT FOR LIFE

Appropriately in this season of repentance and a personal re-assessment of the values of our society and of our world, a peaceful and non-confrontational action is taking place in Cardiff in support of the sanctity and holiness of all human life.

Where? On St. Mary Street, opposite Elgin House, facing the abortion facility.

When? From now until Palm Sunday (April 9th)

What for? To pray for an end to abortion and for the growth of a universal reverence for all human life.

Contact Janet Thomas on 07901713077 or email to

jelthomas@btinternet.com

COMBONI FATHERS APPEAL

This weekend we welcome to St. Albans Father John Downey who will be making an appeal on behalf of the Missionary work of the Comboni Fathers.

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

Calling all Taxpayers

The new tax year starts on the 6th April and all Parishioners who are tax payers 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 Taxman **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.

Envelope packs for the new tax year for existing members will be available for collection from the Church porch after the weekend Masses.

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