



St. Alban's Parish Newsletter
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24th March to 1st April

Holy Week

MASS INTENTIONS

What's on this Week

Sat. 24th March 12.00 to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	Weekday, 5th Week of Lent Confessions Michael & Theresa Collins
Sun. 25th March 10.00am Mass Following Mass	Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord Anne Miles Children's Stations of the Cross
Mon. 26th March 9.30am Mass	Monday of Holy Week The Rodrigues Family Intention
Tues. 27th March 9.30am Mass 2.00pm Mass	Tuesday of Holy Week For All Parishioners School Mass, in Church
Wed. 28th March 7.00pm Mass	Wednesday of Holy Week Maria & Peter Grima
Thurs. 29th March 7.00pm Mass, followed by Adoration until 9pm	Maundy Thursday For All Parishioners
Friday 30th March 3.00pm 7.00pm	Good Friday Solemn Liturgy Stations of the Cross
Sat. 31st March 12.00pm to 12.30pm 8.00pm	Holy Saturday Confessions Easter Vigil
Sun. 1st April 10.00am Mass	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord Angelika Spiteri

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
Coffee Morning	Next Tuesday 3 rd Apr	In the Hall

PASSOVER SUPPER

As already announced, we shall be holding a Passover Supper in the Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday of Holy Week. 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.

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

David Cross, Peter Cocks, Winnie Rich, Bertie Price, Pablo Ryan, Wilfred Read, Carmen Hegarty, Olive Bevan, Josephine Tubis, Thomas Bowden, Margaret Hill, Patricia Evans, Edward Forster, Ivor Thomas.

This Sunday, March 25th is **PALM SUNDAY** and the blessing of the palms will be given in the Hall 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.

FOR LENT...

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

The **Mass of the Last Supper** on Thursday at 7.00pm is followed by Adoration until 9.00pm

EUCCHARISTIC FAITH CELEBRATION

Following last week's day of Adoration in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool in September we are asked to remind those wishing to attend the Congress to contact Christian Mahoney on 07764515864 as soon as possible. This invitation is open to all, but there is an expectation that Eucharistic Ministers from our parishes would be among those wishing to attend and that each Parish would try to send two delegates to Liverpool. Material to help everyone to deepen our faith especially for this historic occasion of the Congress will be available soon after Easter and we hope that when we arrange for Eucharistic services in this Parish this will be for all of us a time to deepen our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

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

The weekly **"Faith step by step"** meeting will not take place during Holy Week, but will restart on Wednesday, April 4th.

Lately dead

Please remember in your prayers:-

Royston Savoury & Janice Toft, whose Funerals were held last week.

and **Jane Nuttall-Morton**, whose Funeral Service will be at 10.15 am on Monday April 4th.

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

and **Bernadette Samuel**, whose Funeral Service will be at 11.15 am on Monday April 16th

May they Rest in Peace

A NEW WAY TO CELEBRATE

On April 21st and 22nd **CELEBRATE WALES** will take place at Mary Immaculate High School in Cardiff. This is a Catholic Charismatic Family weekend designed to bring together families of all ages to celebrate the Faith we share and to experience something different in our worship and praise of God. This weekend will include inspired teaching by expert communicators (including David Wells), creative liturgies, workshops on many subjects of faith and ministry. This weekend has provision for all ages and especially provides a packed programme for children as young as 3 and up to teens. Parents, too, can join in or take time to consider their own lives and their relationship with God. For more information and details of booking procedures for this fantastic weekend of faith, contact Michael Coyle on 01952 5417223

TAKE CARE!

South Wales Police have received a number of reports from people after they have been contacted by phone by someone purporting to be a police officer who then attempts to get the victim to hand over significant amounts of money and/or credit card or bank card details. In Cardiff at least eight reports were received in two days. **Never** provide any details of cards, account numbers or personal details to any caller, even if they ask you to call another number to prove their identity. All calls of this nature are a scam. Hang up ASAP! If you think you have been duped, report it via 101, or call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040

COLLECTIONS OVER THE EASTER PERIOD

The collection on **Good Friday** (30th March) is to support Holy Places in the Holy Land.

Your **Easter Offerings for the Clergy** on Saturday 31st March and Sunday 1st April will be for the formation and maintaining of the Rosminian Priests. There will only be one collection on these days.

If you are a **Tax Payer** and would like your offerings to be gift-aided, please put your donation in the white Institute of Charity envelopes at the back of the Church.

Parishioners who are **members of the Gift Aid Scheme** will find the white Institute of Charity envelopes in their envelope packs.

Easter Flowers

Donations for Easter Flowers may be left in the boxes at the back of the Church

Church Offerings 17th & 18th March

Offertory Collection - £414.80
Of which £180.50 was Gift Aided

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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

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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