



**St. Alban's Parish Newsletter**  
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**25th March to 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Fourth Week of Lent**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Sat. 25th March</b> 9.30am Mass 12.00 to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	<b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b> Confessions Leo and Kathleen Stimpson
<b>Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> March</b> 10.00am Mass	<b>4th Sunday of Lent</b> Helen Wheeler
<b>Mon. 27<sup>th</sup> March</b> 6.00pm to 7.00pm 7.00pm Mass	<b>Weekday, 4th Week of Lent</b> Adoration in the Chapel Matthew Evans intention
<b>Tues. 28th March</b> 9.30am Mass	<b>Weekday, 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b> Jean Davies
<b>Wed. 29th March</b> 11.00 am Requiem Mass 7.00 pm Mass	<b>Weekday, 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b> Colin Hurley Eccles Family Intention
<b>Thurs. 30th March</b> 9.30 am Mass	<b>Weekday, 4th Week of Lent</b> Veronica McCarthy
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b> 8.30 – 9.30 am 9.30am Mass 6.30pm Stations of the cross	<b>Weekday, 4thWeek of Lent</b> Adoration in the Chapel Marie Lynch Followed by Mass
<b>Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> April</b> 12.00 to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	<b>Weekday, 4thWeek of Lent</b> Confessions Terry O'Brien
<b>Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b> 10.00am Mass 12.00 pm Baptism 3.00 pm 6.30 pm Service	<b>5h Sunday of Lent</b> Blandina Rodrigues Elijah James Robert Sacrament of the sick Readings, Prayers and Benediction

**What's on this Week**

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Legion of Mary	Monday 7.30pm	Presbytery
Union of Catholic Mothers	Monday 7.30pm	Presbytery
Divine Mercy Group	Tuesday 7.30pm	Presbytery
RCIA Meetings	Wednesday After Mass	St. Joseph's Chapel
Readings, Prayers and Benediction	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April at 6.30 pm	Church

**THE GOSPEL OF CONTRASTS**

Black and white, night and day, good and evil, God and Satan – the Gospel uses contrasts many times to drive home its lessons. Today we see Jesus giving sight to a man who was blind from birth but also the different reactions of the Pharisees to what He had done - some to rejoice, others to criticise. Ever since He walked this earth, Jesus's message has demanded a reaction from those who have heard what He said and saw what He did – for or against, there is no middle way. During this season of Lent we are challenged yet again to make our choices regarding His message and the way of life to which He calls us: for or against. If we decide for Him, then we know that He is going to ask of us a change in many of the reactions and values by which we live our lives. If we reject Him and His message or try to create a different and easier way of life, then we only have to look around our world to see the chaos which results when His Word is rejected or ignored. It is easy to imagine the total transformation in the life of the blind man when Jesus gave him the gift of sight. But to us He gives a greater gift, which is nothing less than a share in His own divine life, the gift of Grace, by which He empowers us to rise above the human and natural and sometimes the sinful, to live His way.

**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, Shelagh O'Donoghue.

**Anniversaries**

David Cross, Peter Cocks, Winnie Rich, Bertie Price, Wilfred Read, Carmen Hegarty, Olive Beavan, Josphine Tubis, Thomas Bowden, Margaret Hill, Thelma Gunstone, Michael Hill, Patricia Evans, Ivor Thomas, Mostyn Guerin, David Hewitt, Ann Barry.

**Church Offerings, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19th March 2017**

Offertory Collection -	£521.89
of which	£270.50 was gift aided
Comboni Fathers Appeal	£388.43

**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 12<sup>th</sup> – 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

Sunday	April 2nd	Sacrament of the Sick in Church at 3.00pm
Thursday	April 6th	Deanery Station Mass at 6 <sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup> will be the First Holy Communion Masses

CONFIRMATIONS will be on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm

PENTECOST June 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>

### 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 9<sup>th</sup>)

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](mailto:jelthomas@btinternet.com)

**THANKS** - We have received a letter of thanks from Fr. John Downey, the Comboni Missioner who preached the appeal last weekend. He sends sincere thanks for the warm welcome he received from the Parish community and especially for the practical response of charity to his appeal which raised a total of £398.43. Many thanks to all!

### 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

### "I was hungry and you fed me".

This 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.

**The Sacrament of the Sick** will be administered in the church at 3.00pm on Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> and all who are sick and those unable to get to church are very welcome to come to join us. The Service will include the Sacrament of the sick with Holy Communion but will not be Mass.

Also on April 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be the usual monthly service at 6.30pm with Readings and Prayers and ending with Benediction. Again, all Parishioners are invited to join us as part of our Lenten observance.

**The Lenten Deanery Station Mass** will be celebrated on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm at St. David's Sixth Form College.

### First Reconciliation

Please remember in your prayers our children who will receive their First Reconciliation at 10.00am this Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Lately Dead

The following Funerals have been arranged; Requiem Mass for **Colin Hurley** will take place on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am.

Requiem Mass for **Fred Ridout** will take place on Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10.45am

May They Rest in Peace. Amen.

An Invitation to a **LENTEN RETREAT**, to be held at St. David's Catholic College Cardiff on Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> from 10.30 am to 3.00 pm. To book please contact Christian Mahoney on 07764515864 or email [christianmahoney2@gmail.com](mailto:christianmahoney2@gmail.com)

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### Calling all Taxpayers

The new tax year starts on the 6<sup>th</sup> 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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