



St. Alban's Parish Newsletter
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8th April to 16th April

Holy Week

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat. 8th April 12.00 to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass | Weekday, 5th Week of Lent Confessions Michael and Theresa Collins |
| Sun. 9th April 10.00am Mass After Mass | Palm Sunday Angelica Spiteri Children's Stations of the Cross |
| Mon. 10th April 6.00pm to 7.00pm 7.00pm Mass | Monday of Holy Week Adoration in the Chapel Mary & Ray Chichester |
| Tues. 11th April 9.30am Mass | Tuesday of Holy Week May Savoury |
| Wed. 12th April 9.30am Mass | Wednesday of Holy Week For the Xuereb Family |
| Thurs. 13th April 7.00pm Mass of the Last Supper | Maundy Thursday For All Parishioners |
| Friday 14th April 9.30 am 3.00pm 7.00pm | Good Friday Church Open Solemn Liturgy Stations of the Cross |
| Sat. 15th April 12.00 to 12.30pm 8.00pm Mass | The Easter Vigil Confessions Easter Vigil |
| Sun. 16th April 10.00am Mass 12.00pm Baptism | Easter Sunday Mary Chichester Adriana |

What's on this Week

| WHAT | WHEN | WHERE |
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| Legion of Mary | Monday 7.30pm | Presbytery |
| Union of Catholic Mothers | Monday 7.30pm | Presbytery |
| Divine Mercy Group | Tuesday 7.30pm | Presbytery |

Hosanna!

This Sunday we relive the wonderful event of Jesus's entry into the Holy City of Jerusalem. But this joyful entry was accomplished in the knowledge that He was heading for the Cross and death. For now, the crowds are overjoyed and welcome Him with the name of the great King David, an acceptance that He is the King who was promised centuries ago. But there were also voices raised in opposition and condemnation. The Apostles must have sensed that this would be the moment when He would proclaim Himself as King and assume the power to rid the people of the hated Romans and set Israel as the leader among all nations. Where would this happen? Surely at the Temple, the most sacred place in the land. They followed in the expectation that they were about to witness the day of triumph for Him and for them. But when He reached the Temple He saw that the money changers and merchants were using the sacred precincts of the Temple to make money and power. "My house is a house of prayer and you have made it into a den of thieves." And He drove them out. The leaders were outraged, and met to plan His final destruction. In spite of their great welcome to Jesus on that day when He entered the city, in just five days, some of those same people were calling out "Crucify Him, crucify Him". We might well be shocked by such a turn-around in the attitude of some of the people in those days, but we also change and are too often inconsistent in our attitude to Jesus and His way. Can we in these days of Holy Week especially, make this resolution that we will try, with His grace, to remain loyal and faithful to Him, come what may, and even if we sometimes fail, we will then come back to ask His pardon and stay close to Him Who is our Way, our Truth and our life.

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, Fr. John Bland IC.

Anniversaries

John Silva, Costa Psaila, Amme Shioda, Rosario Tannorella, John Hawkey, Jerry Shanahan, Dorothy Ledsam, Lana Hooper, Vincent Verallo, Constance Brega, Kathleen Russell, William James, Matilda McMahon, Rosanna Williams, Patrick Murphy, Mary Thomas, Ray Cronick, Malcom Coleman, Leo Farrell, Maria Young, Ellen Richards.

Church Offerings, 1st and 2nd April 2017

Offertory Collection - £ 674.27
 Of which £298.50 was gift aided

This Sunday, April 9th is **PALM SUNDAY** and the Blessing of Palms will take place in the Hall at the start of the Mass, followed by the procession of the congregation into the church.

The unique celebrations of Holy Week are all noted in the Newsletter and we hope that many Parishioners will put aside time to come to share in the Church's solemn commemoration of the most important events in the history of the world.

COMING DATES TO NOTE

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| Mass of Palm Sunday | April 8th | 6.00pm |
| Mass of 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, followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm |
| Good Friday | April 14th | Church open at 9.30am Solemn Liturgy at 3.00pm; Collection for Holy Places Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm, followed by Confessions |
| EASTER SATURDAY | April 15th | Confessions, 12.00 to 12.30pm Easter Vigil at 8.00pm |
| EASTER SUNDAY | April 16th | Mass of the Resurrection 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

Children's Liturgy Service

At 3pm on Good Friday the Children's Liturgy Team will be running a Good Friday Workshop for children in the Church Hall until 4pm. This is an opportunity for children to watch the Brother Francis dvd "He is Risen" which tells the Easter story in child friendly terms.

There will also be activities for the children to participate in and some light refreshments

The Workshop will run until 4pm

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 admission as soon as possible, in order that catering requirements can be finalised.

Lately Dead

Please remember in your prayers

Fred Ridout

whose Funeral Mass was on Tuesday, and

Patricia Richards

whose Funeral Mass was on Wednesday

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

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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