



St. Alban's Parish Newsletter
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12th May to 20th May

Seventh Week of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS

What's on this Week

Sat. 12th May 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	Weekday, Sixth Week of Easter Confessions Private Intention
Sun. 13th May 10.00am Mass	7th Sunday of Eastertide Kevin Bush
Mon. 14th May 10.30am Funeral Service 6.00pm to 7.00pm 7.00 pm Mass	St. Matthias, Apostle Anna Sueref Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel G.E. Paul O'Brien
Tues. 15th May 9.30am Mass	Weekday, 7th week of Easter Helen Dummet
Wed. 16th May 7.00pm Mass	Weekday, 7th week of Easter Olive Thomas
Thurs. 17th May 9.30am Mass,	Weekday, 7th week of Easter John Goode
Friday 18th May 8.30am to 9.30am 9.30am Mass	Weekday, 7th week of Easter Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel Nancy & Family
Sat. 19th May 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Vigil Mass	Weekday, 7th week of Easter Confessions Kathleen & Leo Stimpson, also Janice Hayes
Sun. 20th May 10.00am Confirmation Mass	Pentecost Sunday John Bodenham & David Symons

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	Wednesday after Mass	St. Joseph's Chapel

DATA PROTECTION – A CHANGE IN THE LAW

On May 25th 2018 a major change in the data protection laws will be initiated. This will mean that even in our Parishes, it will be necessary to destroy all existing information regarding Parishioners and a new system started. In the next few weeks we shall have to inaugurate a new system by which all Parishioners will have to complete a new census form (one for each person) and a new consent form by which you will authorise the Parish to use the information collected. This new system will include the lapsed, the sick and the housebound. More information will be available in the next few weeks.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS – SEPT 7th - 9th at Liverpool.

Details have been published on this major event in September and we have asked Parishioners who wish to attend the Saturday September 8th programme to get in touch with the Diocesan Co-ordinator, Christian Mahoney on 07764515864 as soon as possible to make sure that places on the coach are booked in good time.

To help our Parishes to prepare more deeply for the meaning and purpose of the Congress, the Diocese has arranged that on Sunday July 1st, Parishioners will be encouraged to invite a friend, relative or neighbour to come to St. Alban's to share with us in the central act of our Catholic life which is the Mass. For this reason a booklet is being prepared which will enable visitors to follow exactly what is going on and what it means. These booklets will be made available in good time for July 1st and we hope that many will take advantage of this opportunity to invite non-Catholics (or lapsed Catholics) to share with us this most important act of our lives.

The Mass on July 1st will be followed by some light refreshments in the Hall.

At the 10.00am Mass next Sunday, May 20th, Archbishop Stack will be here to give the **Sacrament of Confirmation** to six of our young Parishioners. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

On Saturday, June 30th the Archdiocese will hold a course for those interested in supporting the bereaved. This will be from 10.00am until 4.00pm at the Pastoral Resources Centre on Newport Road and is for those who might be interested in forming a group which would be available to give help across the Diocese. Our own **Parish Bereavement Group** will meet on Tuesday of this week at 6.00pm, in the Presbytery.

On the Feast of **Corpus Christi**, June 3rd, we shall not only celebrate the **first Holy Communion**s for our children but will also hold a special service of thanksgiving for the whole Parish at 6.30 that evening.

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, 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, Don James.

Anniversaries

Eva Cummins, Sydney Richards, Malcolm Donaldson, James Kelleher, Renee O'Sullivan, Martin Edwards, Anthony Gould, Mavis McMahan, Edward Shields, Margaret O'Connor, Mary Price, Leslie Powell, Margaret Partridge, Carol Churcher, Florence Williams, William Carey, Olive Thomas, James Huntley, Alfred Brown.

A.P.F. RED MISSIO BOXES

The red 'Missio' Boxes are now due to be emptied, so could all those who have a box please leave them in the Presbytery. The empty boxes can be collected from the Church Shop the following Saturday/Sunday. Many thanks to those who have taken a box. Anyone who needs a box collected please ring Peter on 20216481. Please make sure that your name is on the bottom of the box

200 Club Winners, April Draw

1 st	No. 188 V. Jeffries	£50.00
2 nd	No. 183 P. Botto	£25.00
3 rd	No. 145 M. O'Leary	£15.00

SOME SPECIAL EVENTS AND FEASTS

On Sunday May 20th at 10.00am we shall celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** for eight of our young people.

On Wednesday, May 23rd at 7.00pm we shall celebrate the **Sacrament of the Sick** in the church for those Parishioners who are able to be there.

On Sunday June 3rd which is the **Feast of Corpus Christi**, we shall celebrate the First Holy Communion for our children at the 10.00am Mass.

Also at both the weekend Masses the Parish **Ministers of the Eucharist** will renew their commitment to their wonderful Ministry of the Eucharist.

Lately dead

Please remember in your prayers:-

Anna Sueref, whose Funeral Service will be at 10.30am on Monday May 14th

May she Rest in Peace

The Retiring collection at both Masses this weekend is for the Catholic Communications Media which provides professional outreach to the world of today.

Parish Magazine

One of the topics discussed at the Parish Advisory Committee meeting held recently was the possibility of publishing a Quarterly Parish Magazine to report on and promote the various activities which occur within our Parish Community and the surrounding area.

For this to become a reality means that we need people with the necessary expertise to put it together.

If you think that this is something that interests you and you feel you could contribute something to this initiative please contact Fr. Philip.

We have one parishioner who expressed an interest in the venture. Anyone else?

The head of Corus steel company died, and went up to the pearly gates.

St. Peter met him and said: "I'm not sure you can come in here. You've caused so much heartache and despair with all the people you've made redundant. I think you should go down to the other place"

So St. Peter sent him down to Hell

A few days later the Devil was banging on the gates and he said to St. Peter: "I think you should have that Corus guy in Heaven."

"Oh no," said St. Peter, "he's definitely one of yours."

"The trouble is, he's only been in Hell for four days and he's already closed down seven furnaces."

(I know we've had this joke before, but it's worth repeating)

Church Offerings 5th & 6th May

Offerory Collection:- £645.87
Of which £279.50 was Gift Aided

CALLING ALL TAXPAYERS

It's never too late to join the Gift Aid Scheme.

The new tax year started 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.

The numbers in the scheme are dropping, due to mainly older parishioners passing away.

Despite our appeals we did not have a single parishioner join the scheme for the current tax year.

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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