



St. Alban's Parish Newsletter
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20th May to 28th May 2017

6th Week of Eastertide

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 20th May 12.00 to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	St Bernardine of Siena, Priest & Religious, Missionary Confessions DM of the Bodman & Stimpson Families
Sun. 21st May 10.00am Mass	6th Sunday of Eastertide Stephen Murray & Tony Maunder
Mon. 22nd May 6.00pm – 7.00 pm 7.00 pm Mass	St. Rita of Cascia, Religious Adoration in the Chapel For all Parishioners
Tues. 23rd May 9.30am Mass	Weekday 6th Week of Eastertide Margaret McDonald
Wed. 24th May 7.00pm Mass	Weekday 6th Week of Eastertide For all Parishioners
Thurs. 25th May 9.30am Mass	St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church Jeremy O'Sullivan
Friday 26th May 8.30 am to 9.30am 9.30 am Mass	St. Philip Neri, Priest Adoration in the St. Joseph's Chapel Stephen Murray
Sat.27th May 12.00 to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop Confessions Michael & Theresa Collins
Sun. 28th May 10.00am Mass	The Ascension of the Lord Kevin Bush

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
Unravelling the Gospels	Wednesday (After Mass)	St. Joseph's Chapel

“And they laid their hands upon them...”

Among the Jews, it was common practice that, when a person met up with another who was greatly admired and revered, the touching of the one by the other communicated a very real impression of goodness and inspiration in the recipient. The Apostles, even in the very early days, were held in such reverence and respect that, to be touched by them became a deeply spiritual experience. Following their experience at Pentecost, it soon became the expectation that the 'laying on of hands' would be the sign of a special spiritual grace, nothing less than the outpouring of the Spirit of God. The Church in time took this act as the visual sign of the Spirit's special graces, as shown at the 'laying on of hands' at the Ordination of a Priest. The 'laying on of hands' in any of the Church's sacramental liturgy is a sign, therefore, of the unique and powerful act of grace exerted by the Spirit of God at those precious moments.

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, Tracey & Chloe Price, David Bateman, Anna Sueref, Pat Kiiver, John Cowhey, Jack O'Leary, Mike McCauliffe, Tom and Sheila Downey, Jean Alderman, Daniel Young, Shelagh O'Donoghue, Fr. John Bland IC, Barbara Murphy, Frank Fenlon, David Jones.

“Thy Kingdom Come”

All Parishioners are invited to take part in a prayer initiative sponsored by the Catholic & Anglican Bishops of England & Wales to begin on May 25th and end on the eve of Pentecost, June 3rd. This time of prayer set aside each day of this period will focus on various needs of our lives and of our nations at this time. Please take one of the prayer cards from the back of the Church and try to set aside at least ten minutes of each day to offer these prayers to God in a time of great need

Anniversaries

Alfred Brown, Norma Gallivan, David Samuel, Shewila Gauci, Dennis Hopper, Annie Farren, Helen Dummett, William Geasley, Charles Hopkins, Sarah Sendell, Eileen Griffiths, Edward Turner, Charles Spencer, Tony Price, Louisa Jacobsen, Sophie Young, Patrick Gallagher, Muriel Horton, Helen Bellamy, Derek Collins, Mary Kerin, Wilfred Thomas, Alicia Vega, Kazimierze (Jimmy) Kicinski, John Jennings, Stephen Murray, Jeremiah O'Sullivan, John Howe, John Rogers.

Parking Problems

It has become increasingly clear that our neighbours in Swinton Street are experiencing real difficulties due to the blocking effect of some of the cars parked in the street during Mass times. This has led at times to residents having to hire a taxi in order to leave their homes because their space was blocked. PLEASE can we ask all motorists coming to Church to respect the privacy of our neighbours and their right to park at or near their own homes. This might well mean having to find other places to park during Mass but it is surely a matter of courtesy and consideration. It might help in this matter if more drivers were prepared to share their cars with other Mass goers in order to reduce the number of cars in a limited space.

Sincere thanks to all those who have been so involved in the preparation for First Holy Communions and of Confirmation in the Parish. Special thanks to Archbishop George for celebrating Confirmation for our young people, such an important step on their life's journey.

Church Offerings 13th and 14th May 2017

Offertory Collection -	£796.72
Of which	£360.50 was Gift Aided
Priest Training Fund (Additional) -	£199.49

SPUC/Life Petition.

Over one hundred St. Alban's parishioners signed the petition to withdraw the Licence of the Marie Stopes Abortion Clinic for serious irregularities. Many thanks to all those who signed the petition,
God Bless, SPUC Cardiff/Penarth Branch Committee

FORTHCOMING CHURCH FEASTS

May 27th/28th The Ascension of Our Lord.
(This is also Communications Sunday on which there will be a retiring collection)

June 3rd/4th Pentecost
June 10th/11th The Blessed Trinity
June 17th/18th Corpus Christi
June 29th Sts. Peter and Paul

JOIN A SING-ALONG

A young Catholic teacher has formed the JP School of Song – a group of singers from 11 – 17 year-olds who perform at events around Cardiff and the Vale. The group rehearses at St. Cadoc's Church Hall, Llanrumney, every Friday from 6.15 to 7.30pm. Please ring James on 0752156598 or email jpschoolofsong@hotmail.com

Lately Dead

Please remember in your prayers:-
Lillian Marriot and Fr. Giovanni Benvenuti, a Rosminian Priest, who have died.
No date has been arranged yet for Lillian's funeral

LIFE-SUPPORT: Two of the major Pro-Life support groups in the country have united in a campaign to urge the Government to withdraw from the Marie Stopes International Abortion service their licence to perform abortions. This is because a recent commission of enquiry found in the MSI practice serious violations of the required care levels which, in turn, created serious life risk for the women concerned. A summary of this campaign and its reasons can be found at the back of the church together with petition forms to be filled in.

The next meeting of the Parish Council

will take place this coming Tuesday May 23rd at 6.00pm, in the Presbytery. Any Parishioner wishing to join the P.C. is welcome to approach Fr. Philip to discuss that possibility.

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.

Calling all Taxpayers

Over the past few years there has been a reduction in the membership of the St. Alban's Gift Aid Scheme. The main reasons for this are that quite a few Parishioners have moved to other Parishes, others have become non-tax payers, and unfortunately several scheme members have died.

We have made appeals for new recruits through the newsletter during the last few weeks but so far only three have come forward to join the Scheme. We could do with at least a dozen new members to make up the shortfall of income from the Gift Aid tax refunds. Therefore we are asking again for all Parishioners who are tax payers 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.

REPEAT S.O.S.

A young Catholic man, Jose, from South America, now working in the caring services, is still desperately seeking accommodation for three months until he can find a permanent home. To discuss his needs or for further information, ring Jose on 07545704297.

HEADTEACHERS WANTED! The positions of Head Teacher at two of our Catholic Primary schools are now vacant. Details are on the notice board regarding these posts which are at St. David's Primary School, Newport and St. Mary's Primary School, Newport.

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St. David's Catholic Sixth Form College

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