



St. Alban's Parish Newsletter
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6th May to 14th May 2017

4th Week of Eastertide

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 6th May 12.00 to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	Weekday 3rd Week of Eastertide Confessions Terry O'Brien
Sun. 7th May 10.00am Mass 6.30 pm Service	4th Sunday of Eastertide Joan and Ron Alderman Prayer Service and Benediction
Mon. 8th May 6.00pm – 7.00 pm 7.00 pm Mass	Weekday 4th Week of Eastertide Adoration in the Chapel Pauline and Gerard Walsh also Helen Dummet
Tues. 9th May 9.30am Mass	Weekday 4th Week of Eastertide Joseph Corsi-Miles
Wed. 10th May 12.30 pm Requiem Mass 7.00pm Mass	Weekday 4th Week of Eastertide Requiem Mass for Michael Thomas For All Parishioners
Thurs. 11th May 9.30am Mass 12.30 pm Requiem Mass	Weekday 4th Week of Eastertide For Persecuted Christians Requiem Mass for Rita Eley
Friday 12th May 8.30 am to 9.30am 9.30 am Mass	Weekday 4th Week of Eastertide Adoration in the St. Joseph's Chapel For Families
Sat. 13th May 12.00 to 12.30pm 1.00 pm Wedding 6.00pm Mass	Our Lady of Fatima Confessions Wedding of Cerri Johnson and Peter Braccintyre Assunta and Michael Camilleri
Sun. 14th May 10.00am Mass	5th Sunday of Eastertide The Simpson family Intention

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
Unravelling the Gospels	Wednesday (After Mass)	St. Joseph's Chapel
Service This Week	Sunday 6.30pm	Church

“FOLLOW ME”

Following the miraculous catch of fish, Simon Peter tells Jesus to leave him as he is a sinful man. Jesus, who knows Simon totally, says: “I will make you into a fisher of men. Follow Me.” And we know that, astonishingly, Simon, Andrew, James, John and then the others did just that - they left all to follow this Man whom they hardly even knew. They gave up their work, their families, their security, their future – with no idea of why or what their choice might mean for them in the future. For three years their commitment led them to a completely new way of life with many unexpected twists and turns, even to the crisis of the Master's Crucifixion but then to His Resurrection. Then as He was about to leave them, He gave them their mission which was to be fulfilled not only by them but by a countless throng of people until the end of time: “Go, teach all nations about Me. I am with you always”.

For 2000 years this Mission has been granted to His Church to enable the nations to commit themselves to Him in the Mass, to receive the forgiveness of sins poured out and the assurance of divine help to the sick and to those near to death.

Besides the Priests who responded to this call, men and women have been called since the earliest times, to respond to His invitation in a life of total commitment in a form of Religious Life by which to complete their response to His invitation “Follow me”.

Jesus has asked us to obtain by our daily prayers and sacrifices, the graces necessary for each individual to respond to His invitation. Each day we pray in our Parish for vocations to the Priesthood and to the Religious Life.

We give thanks that in our Archdiocese, two students are soon to be ordained Priest, two will be ordained Deacons, two continue their studies at the Seminary and a further student hopes to begin his studies this year. Pray for them.

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, Barbara Murphy, Tracey Price.

Anniversaries

Margaret Williams, Michael Salter, Ellen Green, Angela Ramos, Margaret Isaac, James Davies, Helen Coles, Veronica Slade, Sydney Richards, Michael Donaldson, James Kelleher, Renee O'Sullivan, Martyn Edwards.

On **Tuesday** of this week there will be a Coffee Morning at 10.00am in the Hall and all Parishioners are very welcome, especially those who live alone or can't get out easily and so might need a lift...

Please remember that this weekend (May 6th and 7th) we shall celebrate at both Masses the **First Holy Communion** of some of our children. (This will be repeated next weekend of May 13th and 14th). We hope that these celebrations will be the beginning of a life-long relationship with Jesus in Holy Communion and that children and parents will derive from these celebrations a deepening realisation of the supreme importance of this Sacrament in our daily lives as Catholics.

Please remember these children in your prayers.

FATIMA: With the centenary of Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima in 1917 due to fall on May 13th, we emphasise the importance and value of the following events in Cardiff: Saturday and Sunday May 6th and 7th, at St. David's Cathedral, Charles Street, the enthronement of the Pilgrimage statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the veneration of the relics of Blessed Jacinta and Francisco. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Stack and devotions based on the Fatima revelations will take place. For details of times phone 20231407 or email cardiff.met.cath@btinternet.com

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.

DISCERNING THE FUTURE

Two weekend seminars are to take place this year to help young men to discern whether God might be calling them to the Priesthood or to Religious Life.

The first is at the Rosminian Prayer Centre at Ratcliffe in Leicestershire on May 5-7 (further details are available from Fr. Binu on 01509 813078).

The second Seminar is at St. Beuno's in North Wales on September 15 – 17th and details are available from the Cardiff Archdiocesan Director of Vocations, Fr. Paul Millar on 02920 778631.

A.P.F. RED MISSIO BOXES

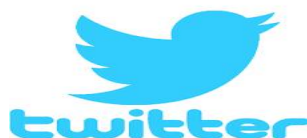
The red 'Missio' Boxes are now due to be emptied, so could all those who have a box please leave them in the Presbytery. The empty boxes can be collected from the Church Shop the following Saturday/Sunday. Many thanks to those who have taken a box. Anyone who needs a box collected please ring Peter on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

Please make sure that your name is on the bottom of the box.

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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.

This weekend we celebrate the annual day of **Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life**. There will be a Retiring Collection to support the Archdiocese in training our future Priests over a period of six years.

Lately Dead – Please remember in your Prayers; Michael Thomas and Rita Eley.

Michael's Requiem is at 12.30pm on Wednesday May 10th.

Rita's Requiem is at 12.30pm on Thursday May 11th.
May They Rest in Peace

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