



St. Alban's Parish Newsletter
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16th September to 24th September

24th Week in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

What's on this Week

Sat. 16th September 12.00 to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	Sts Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop & Martyr Confessions George & Emanuel Camilleri
Sun. 17th September 10.00am Mass	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Carmo Rodrigues
Mon. 18th September 6.00pm – 7.00pm 7.00pm Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel GE of Len Reece
Tues. 19th September 9.30am Mass	St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr GE of Fr. Graham Francis
Wed. 20th September 7.00pm Mass	Sts Andre Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chang Ha-Sang, & Companions, Martyrs Blandina Rodrigues
Thurs 21st September 9.30am Mass	St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist Kevin O'Shea
Friday 22nd September 8.30 am to 9.30am 9.30 am Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel Kath Helkvist
Sat. 23rd September 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00 pm Mass	St. Pius of Petricina, Priest Confessions Mary Rogers
Sun. 24th September 10.00am Mass	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Walentin Family

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Legion of Mary	Monday 7.30pm	Presbytery
Union of Catholic Mothers	Monday 7.30pm	Presbytery
Bereavement Group	Tuesday 6.00pm	Presbytery
Divine Mercy Group	Tuesday 7.30pm	Presbytery
Unravelling the Gospels	After 7.00pm Mass	Chapel
SVP Group Meeting	Wednesday 6pm	Presbytery
Come & Join Us	Saturday after Mass	In the Hall

THE DEBT THAT WAS CANCELLED

Following Jesus's words about forgiveness, Peter asks if he should forgive seven times. To arrive at this figure he had taken Jewish law which required three-fold forgiveness, doubled it and added one more for good measure, probably expecting or hoping for some commendation from Jesus for his wonderful mercy! But Jesus clearly reminds Peter that there is to be no limit to our forgiveness of those who offend us: 'Not seven times, but seventy-seven times!!' In telling this parable, Jesus tells us a wonderful truth, that when He forgives a repentant sinner He CANCELS the debt due for the offence to God's love and holiness by any sin. The debt owed by the first servant was so enormous that it would have been impossible to pay it. But the Master (God) cancelled that debt totally. God, in His love, and through the life, death and Resurrection of His Son, has cancelled the awesome debt due to our sins. Usually He does this in and through the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) and thus gives to repentant sinners the chance of a completely fresh start in their relationship with Him and on their journey to the gates of His Kingdom. With this wonderful mercy in mind perhaps we should resolve to come to Him more often in this beautiful Sacrament so that He can cancel the debt we all owe by our sins.

Anniversaries

Kathleen Picton, Terrence Thomas, Donal O'Donovan, Carl Robinson, Constance Brandt, Donald Hodgetts, Bridie Scanlon, Joan Tumelty, William McDonald, Nony Hardy, Mary Gibbon, Winifred Connelly, Frances Preece, Teresa Boyd, Peter Finn, Francis Gooding, James O'Shea, William Price, Henry Gallivan, Bernard Smith, Mary Griffiths, John Sheehan, Angela Prance .

Our Sick

Ethan Chichester, Lesley Barnett, Bernard Toft, Maria Jones, Colin & Michael Kingston, Gareth & Ethan Woodberry, Christian Babu, Val Kenealy, 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, Barbara Murphy, David Jones, Paul Burns, Barbara Hurley, Patrick O'Rourke, Audrey Bodenham,.

"COME TO ME".

A reminder that every Tuesday the Church is open at 9.00am and Mass is at 9.30am. The Church is then open all morning until 12.00pm to allow time for visits to the Blessed Sacrament and time to pray, especially for our world in its great need of peace and justice.

COME AND JOIN US...

Today, Saturday evening, after Mass, in the Bar in the Hall for a drink and a chat

Church Offerings 9th & 10th September 2017

Offertory Collection - £688.56
 Of which £342.00 was Gift Aided

200 Club Winners, August 2017 Draw

1st No. 95 Mike Xuereb £50.00
 2nd No. 102 A. Pavia £25.00
 3rd No. 54 Theresa Hurley £15.00

CHURCH WORKS

Following a Church inspection on behalf of the Diocesan Architect a comprehensive list of external works to be carried out has been produced, and all work planned on the Church interior will be put on hold pending a further assessment.

THIS WEEK

Following the 7.00pm Mass we shall continue the weekly meetings to '**Unravel the Gospels**' to discover together some of the hidden meanings of the words of the Gospels we hear so often. All Parishioners are welcome.

This Saturday, September 16th, there will be get-together in the Hall, after the evening Mass for a drink and a chat.

The Bereavement Group will meet next Tuesday September 19th at 6.00pm in the Presbytery.

This weekend there will be a **retiring collection** to mark **Home Mission Sunday**. This is the fund by which the Church in England and Wales is largely financed to carry out so many of its works of Charity and Evangelisation which are fundamental to its mission given by Jesus Himself.

QUIZ THANKS

Following the very enjoyable Quiz night last Saturday we give sincere thanks to Gareth for the long work required to prepare the quiz, to the Parishioners who prepared and served the food and the bar...To all, many thanks, and 'here's to the next time'.

A.P.F. RED MISSIO BOXES

With the coming phasing out of the old £1 coins on the 6th October all the Red Missio Boxes need to be emptied now. 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.

Anyone interested in looking more closely at our Catholic Life and Faith (or even thinking about becoming a Catholic) please have a word with Fr. Philip as soon as possible.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please remember in your Prayers Fr. Bogdan Wera (Polish Parish Priest at St. Patrick's, Grangetown) who died suddenly. No Funerals details yet.

PARISH OUTING –On Saturday 25th November we will have a coach trip to Gloucester Quays Victorian Christmas Market. Departing 9am from St. Albans leaving Gloucester at 6pm. Cost £10.00 (Non-refundable). Names and full payment will be taken on the weekend of 30th September – 1st October.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2018

There will be an enrolment meeting in the Hall, for all prospective candidates who wish to enrol for this year's sacramental preparation course this Sunday 17th September immediately after the 10am Mass.

CALLING CATECHISTS

A Catechist is a person who is commissioned to communicate to children or adults the faith of the Catholic Church in preparation for the sacraments or when someone wishes to be received into the Church. This work is so important to enable the Church to fulfil its purpose and mission and we are very lucky in this Parish that this work is carried out by Maggie and Theresa. Now that the Church is emphasising its role of Evangelisation, we need more Catechists and there will be a day of reflection and sharing of experience for all present catechists and anyone who might be interested in taking on this role or who might just want to know more about the nature of this work and commitment. This day will be at St. Davids Sixth Form College on Saturday, September 30 starting at 10.00am and finishing at 4.00pm. To book, or for more information phone 02920 365965 and speak to Madeline Page or email her on madeline.page@rcadc.org

"Remember my friends", said the vicar summing up a Sermon on the dangers of drinking and driving , "Whisky and petrol don't mix".

"They do," said someone knowingly at the back of the church, "but it tastes terrible!"

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