



**St. Alban's Parish Newsletter**  
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**22nd September to 30th September**

**Twenty Fifth Week in Ordinary Time**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Sat. 22nd September</b> 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	<b>Votive Memorial of Our Lady</b> Confessions Joyce Keniry
<b>Sun. 23rd September</b> 10.00am Mass 12.00pm Baptism	<b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Paul and Martin Edwards Benjamin Phillips
<b>Mon. 24th September</b> 10.30am Requiem Mass 6.00pm to 7.00pm 7.00pm Mass	<b>Our Lady of Walsingham</b> Vera Kelleher Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel For All Parishioners
<b>Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> September</b> 9.30am Mass	<b>Weekday in ordinary time</b> For the unborn
<b>Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> September</b> 7.00pm Mass 11.00am Requiem Mass	<b>Sts Cosmas &amp; Damian, Martyrs</b> Frank Turvey Gerald O'Sullivan
<b>Thurs. 27th September</b> 9.30am Mass 10.30am School Mass	<b>St. Vincent de Paul, Priest</b> Catherine Nugent In the Church
<b>Friday 28th September</b>  8.30am to 9.30am 9.30am Mass	<b>Sts. Wenceslaus, Martyr, also St. Lawrence Ruiz &amp; Companions, Martyrs</b> Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel Valery Spittle
<b>Sat. 29th September</b>  12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	<b>Sts. Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael, Archangels</b> Confessions Mariza & Kathleen Camilleri
<b>Sun. 30th September</b> 10.00am Mass 12.00pm Baptisms	<b>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Fr. John Doman Caitlin Simons & Ella-Mae Sullivan

**What's on this Week**

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
Next week's Gospel, What does it mean?	Wed. after 7.00pm Mass	In St. Joseph's Chapel

**“AFRAID TO ASK HIM...”**

Not surprisingly, the Apostles found it very difficult to accept or understand what Jesus meant when He spoke about going to Jerusalem where He would be put to death but would rise again. Possibly even to blot out this terrible warning about His and their imminent futures, they turned their thoughts and discussion to other things - “who among us is the greatest?” Knowing full well what they had been talking about, Jesus uses the moment to remind them all that their future must be built on humility, simplicity and service - just like a child. In doing so He reminds them and us that the standard by which the Gospel should be lived would almost always be contrary to the standards of the world in which we live. His words are a warning that we need to examine our own standards and how we live by them - or fail Him.

**FROM S.P.U.C.**

Did those who received our bulletin write to their MP as we asked? Please let us know (at 79 Splott Road, Cardiff CF24 2BX) if you did write. This is a vital time to write to your MP when the pro-abortion campaign is trying to persuade Parliament to pass a Bill which would decriminalise all abortion procedures, thus making it likely to increase the present figure of 500 abortions every day. If you have not yet written, there is still time. Do remember that all 4 Cardiff M.P.s support the campaign to decriminalise abortions.

**Anniversaries** Peter Finn, Francis Gooding, James O'Shea, William Price, Henry Gallivan, Bernard Smith, Mary Griffiths, Jean Alderman, Tom Downey, William Robinson, John Sheehan, Angela Prance, Albert Leach, Catherine Charles, Peter O'Sullivan, Herbert Whitty, Maureen Mercer, Paul Falkingham, Beatrice Watkins, Michael Pearce, Mary Dobbs, Ian Brown, Rose Lewis, Peter Verallo.

**Our Sick**  
 Ethan Chichester, Christian Babu, Pat Xuereb, Colin, Shirley & Michael Kingston, Audrey Bodenham, Paul O'Brien, Gareth and Ethan Woodberry.

**Sick List Amendment**  
 Please note that the sicklist has been reduced. If you would like somebody to go on the revised sick list please leave their name in the Sacristy.

**School Places**  
 There are a few places unoccupied at our Primary School, in the Reception Class and also in year 6. For more information ring the school on 20462915

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION COURSE**

Preparation sessions for parents and candidates for Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation have commenced on Sundays in the Hall, at the following times: Reconciliation and Holy Communion at 5.30pm and Confirmation at 6.30pm. Each meeting will last about one hour and will cover the dates, times and programmes for these sacraments and the details of parental involvement in this vital period of preparation.

### **Church Offerings 15th and 16th September**

Offertory Collection:- £ 681.00  
Of which:- £307.50 was Gift Aided  
Home Missions £162.51

### **Gift-Aid Tax Certificates**

Parishioners who are in St. Alban's Gift-Aid scheme can collect their tax certificates for the year ending 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018 from the Church porch after the weekend Masses over the next couple of weeks.

### **MORE CATECHISTS NEEDED**

The very full timetable for the preparation of our children for the Sacraments indicates the heavy call upon the time and effort and skills of the two catechists who have carried out this task for many years and who are now asking to retire very soon. If anyone is interested in finding out how the programme works and what is involved in running it, please contact Fr. Philip or Maggie or Theresa as soon as possible.

### **THE RAINBOW OF HOPE**

The Rainbow of Hope is a Christian Charity which with the assistance of volunteers from over 60 churches of all denominations working together as the Body of Christ, feeds homeless people and anyone in need every night of the year on the streets of Cardiff. It also provides essential food supplies to asylum seekers and other families in real need by way of over 300 food parcels every month. Clothing is also given to those in need and there is a drop-in centre open five and a half days per week. It is open for fellowship and Bible study and provision of essential advice on housing benefits and immigration.

There is a bin in the porch of the Church provided by The Rainbow of Hope in which you are invited to donate any items of dry food or tins of food which you are able to spare. These will be collected each week and any contribution you are able to make will be gratefully received and used. The inspiration for the charitable work of The Rainbow of Hope and all volunteers who give their time, love and commitment is the word of the Lord;

*"Whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine you did for me"*

(Matthew 25 verse 40).

On Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> we shall celebrate a "Welcome Back" Mass for the school children in the church at 10.30am. All parents and grandparents are very welcome to join us!

### **Christmas market trip to Worcester**

This year's Christmas Market trip will be on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018. The cost will be £15 per person. Please give names and monies to Tina. More details later.

*Letter from Church organist to the Vicar "I'm sorry to say that my wife died last night. Please could you find a substitute for me for the next few weeks?"*

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### **ETERNAL REST...**

Requiem Masses will be celebrated for Vera (Mary) Kelleher at 10.30am on Monday September 24<sup>th</sup> and for Gerald O'Sullivan at 11.00am on Wednesday September 26<sup>th</sup>.

May they rest in peace.

### **GOSPEL ENQUIRY**

On Wednesdays, after the 7.00pm Mass we continue the new series of Gospel enquiries designed to help us all to find out more about what the words of the Gospel really mean and how we can enable that sharing to help us to grow into a deeper and more personal awareness of Jesus in our daily lives. These meetings are open to EVERYONE who wishes to grow in this way.

### **Marriage preparation volunteers**

The Archdiocese is seeking to increase the availability of it's Preparation Programme for those couples preparing for marriage. If any parishioner is interested in training to become a part of this Programme please see Fr. Philip as soon as possible.

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