



St. Alban's Parish Newsletter
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29th September to 7th October

Twenty Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 29th September 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels Confessions Mariza & Kathleen Camilleri
Sun. 30th September 10.00am Mass 12.00pm Baptisms	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Fr. John Doman Caitlin Simons & Ella-Mae Sullivan
Mon. 1st October 6.00pm to 7.00pm 7.00pm Mass	St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel G.E Ashleigh Calcina
Tues. 2nd October 9.30am Mass	The Holy Guardian Angels Marie Harris
Wed. 3rd October 7.00pm Mass	Weekday in ordinary time G.E. Josie Wellington
Thurs. 4th October 9.30am Mass	St. Francis of Assissi Clara Fernando
Friday 5th October 8.30am to 9.30am 9.30am Mass	Weekday in ordinary time Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel Joseph Ascroft
Sat. 6th October 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	St. Bruno, Priest Confessions Terry O'Brien
Sun. 7th October 10.00am Mass 12.00pm Baptism	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Page Family Intention Rio Millard

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
Coffee Morning	Tuesday 10.00am	In the Hall
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

ROSMINIAN CHAPTER

This week, in Italy, elected members from each area of the Rosminian Institute of Charity will meet for what is called the General Chapter of the Order. This two week meeting will consider many aspects of the living of Religious Life in the world of today but especially within the Rule and Constitutions of our own Order. Please pray each day for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on this meeting and its decisions so that God's will may be done as the Order fulfils its mission in so many parts of the world. Ask for this grace through the prayer and intercession of the Founder of our Order, Blessed Antonio Rosmini.

FOR HIM OR AGAINST HIM....?

Jesus uses one of God's greatest gifts to mankind, the gift of freedom and the freedom of choice that we all share. We are not forced to do what He wants - He calls, He asks, He pleads, He shows us how to do it but leaves us free to decide whether we will obey or not. This means that, probably every day of our lives, we have to make decisions, we have to decide how we will act – for or against Him, and by those decisions we will determine our eternal future.

THE CHILDREN AND THE MASS

Following the wonderful celebration of the Childrens Mass last Thursday, may we ask all our parents to encourage and guide the children in sharing in the Mass as often as possible so as to build and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, on which our whole lives should be based, Thank you to the teachers and staff at our Primary School who do so much to create a truly Catholic ethos in which the children can grow and find values by which to live the rest of their lives.

HUGE THANKS to those who gave so much time and effort to prepare last Saturday's day of celebration in the Hall which was so greatly enjoyed by all who attended. We know that this event could not have happened without such an effort from the organisers and for that the Parish needs to be very grateful.

Anniversaries

Michael Pearce, Mary Dobbs, Ian Brown, Rose Lewis, Peter Verallo, Christine Fagg, Bernadette Mills, Denis Smith, Raymond Farrell, Bernard O'Brien, Charles Falkingham, John Hull, Margaret Pringle, Ellen O'Connell, Peter Sullivan, Margaret Fisher, Frances Marks, Ann Creamer, Ellen Johnson, Patrick Kehoe, Phyllis Daw.

Our Sick

Ethan Chichester, Christian Babu, Pat Xuereb, Colin, Shirley & Michael Kingston, Audrey Bodenham, Paul O'Brien, Gareth and Ethan Woodberry, Don & Dorothy James, Barbara Hurley, Michael McCauliffe.
 To add to this Sick List please leave names in the Sacristy, or at back of Church

Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning is on Tuesday at 10 am in the Hall. Come along and join us for tea, coffee and a chat. Also Bingo and the September 200 Club draw.

CAFOD FAST DAY

On Friday we shall celebrate the annual Cafod Family Fast day and this means that at the Masses on the Saturday and Sunday (6th and 7th) we shall take the annual Cafod family fast appeal for the hungry of the world.

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 22nd and 23rd September

Offertory Collection:- £ 637.42
Of which:- £316.50 was Gift Aided

MARRIAGE CARE

"Do you have relationship problems?" If so, Marriage Care have a team of voluntary counsellors trained to help you. We are a nationwide group with over 65 years of experience. Don't struggle alone...make an appointment for help on 0800 389 3801, www.marriagecare.org.uk

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).

Mass Intentions 2019

Please note that the diary for 2019 Mass Intentions is now available in the Sacristy. Book early to avoid disappointment!

Chistmas market trip to Worcester

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

*"Here lies my wife: here let her lie!
Now she's at rest and so am I."*

- John Dryden 1631-1700

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Please remember in your Prayers

Vera Kelleher, Gerald O'Sullivan and Enid Sage whose Funerals were held last week.

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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