



**St. Alban's Parish Newsletter**  
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**6<sup>th</sup> October to 14<sup>th</sup> October**

**Twenty Seventh Week in Ordinary Time**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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| <b>Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> October</b><br>12.00pm to 12.30pm<br>6.00pm Mass                             | <b>St. Bruno, Priest</b><br>Confessions<br>Terry O'Brien  |
| <b>Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> October</b><br>10.00am Mass<br>12.00pm Baptisms                              | <b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>Page Family Intention<br>Rio Millard                              |
| <b>Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> October</b><br>6.00pm to 7.00pm<br>7.00pm Mass                               | <b>Weekday in ordinary time</b><br>Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel<br>GE Donovan family                            |
| <b>Tues. 9<sup>th</sup> October</b><br>9.30am Mass  | <b>Blessed John Henry Newman, Priest</b><br>Eric Markland RIP   |
| <b>Wed. 10<sup>th</sup> October</b><br>7.00pm Mass  | <b>Weekday in ordinary time</b><br>John Dunleavy  |
| <b>Thurs. 11<sup>th</sup> October</b><br>9.30am Mass  | <b>St. John XXIII, Pope</b><br>Alcide Rodrigues   |
| <b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b><br>8.30am to 9.30am<br>9.30am Mass<br>12.15pm Funeral service | <b>Weekday in ordinary time</b><br>Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel<br>DM Calcina & Markus families<br>Brian Cusack |
| <b>Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> October</b><br>12.00pm to 12.30pm<br>6.00pm Mass                            | <b>Votive Memorial of Our Lady</b><br>Confessions<br>Bruno Carpanini  |
| <b>Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> October</b><br>10.00am Mass<br>12.00pm Baptism                              | <b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>Trish Jones<br>Kevdon De Freitas                                  |

**What's on this Week**

| WHAT                                   | WHEN                   | WHERE                  |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| Prayer Service                         | Sunday 6.30pm          | In the Church          |
| 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 |

**TILL DEATH US DO PART...**

When Jesus was challenged with the trap question about divorce and remarriage He responded by quoting the DIVINE commandment: "You must not commit adultery" and remarriage after divorce was seen in His time as an act of adultery, punished by death. We are therefore reminded that in this complex and emotional matter of divorce and the unbreakable bond of marriage we have the clear statement of God's word on this awesome and sometimes difficult ideal of a bond that endures as long as life shall last. It reminds us also that in the world and the culture in which we live, many voices are raised to challenge this divine law and ridicule those who proclaim it. We will need the strength of God's grace to persevere in our proclamation of the truth, whatever others might say or do. This also means that we need to pray for those we might know whose marriage has broken and, like Jesus (read John 8.1-11), to think and speak of them with compassion and understanding of the human frailty and weakness which marks all our lives.

At **6.30pm on Sunday** this weekend we shall celebrate the monthly service of prayers, readings and adoration concluding with Benediction. Following the recent emphasis of the Eucharistic Congress we hope that many will come to pray in the Presence of Our Lord.

On Monday of this week, from 1.30 until 2.30pm there will be an hour of prayer and adoration in St. Joseph's chapel focused on the needs of families and family life in general. All Parishioners are very welcome to join us in this response to the needs of our families.

This weekend we mark the annual **Family Fast Appeal** in aid of the work of the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development (CAFOD) with a retiring collection at both Masses.

**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.

**Anniversaries** Ellen Johnson, Patrick Kehoe, Phyllis Daw, Les Russ, Ann Price, Peter Russ, Mary Spencer, Edith Bowden, Philip Keane, Doreen Sullivan, Doris Dacey, Anthony Donovan, George Samuel, Mary Hexter, James French, Jacob Abraham, Mary Higgs, Albert Green, Emma Owen, David Powell, Geranio San-Martin, Trish Jones.

**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

The PARISH COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, October 16th at 6.00pm in the Presbytery.

The funeral service for Brian Cusack will take place here on Friday at 12.15pm.

**CAFOD FAST DAY** On Friday we shall celebrate the annual Cafod Family Fast day and this means that at the Masses on Saturday and Sunday (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>) 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

### **Church Offerings 29th and 30th September**

Offertory Collection:- £739.85  
Of which:- £299.50 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](http://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!

### **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.

*Nuns in a convent called one of their number who had a wooden leg, "Hopalong Chastity"*

### **Follow us on Twitter and Facebook!**

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### **Please remember in your Prayers**

**Brian Cusack** whose funeral service is on Friday at 12.15 pm.

Also **Peter Chapman** whose funeral service is on Tuesday October 16<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am

Today (Sunday) is the **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**. In October we are invited to pray the Rosary every day if we do not do so already.

### **200 Club Winners – September 2018 Draw**

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|-------------------------|----------|----------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize - | No.118 - | P.Hawkins - £50      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize-  | No.217 - | Phyllis Clarke - £25 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize-  | No.206 - | Ann McCarthy - £15   |

### **Marriage preparation volunteers**

The Archdiocese is seeking to increase the availability of its 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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