



St. Alban's Parish Newsletter
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27th October to 4th November

Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 27th October 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	Votive Memorial of Our Lady Confessions Mary Rogers
Sun. 28th October 10.00am Mass	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Angelika Spiteri
Mon. 29th October 9.00am – 10.00am 10.00am Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel Bernadette Tingle
Tues. 30th October 9.30am Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time Tony Maunder
Wed. 31st October 1.15pm Funeral Service 7.00pm Mass	All Saints – Vigil Mass Kathleen Ford DM Stimpson & Bodman families
Thurs. 1st November 10.00am Mass	All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation) Michael & Theresa Collins
Friday 2nd November 9.00am to 10.00am 10.00am Mass 7.00pm Mass	All Souls Day Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel Hugh Lynch Faithful departed
Sat. 3rd November 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	Votive Memorial of Our Lady Confessions Pauline Hawkins
Sun. 4th November 10.00am Mass	31st Sunday of Ordinary Time Eric Helkvist

What's on this Week

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Legion of Mary	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

“I WANT THEM TO BE WITH ME....”

If we were to try to work out what might be the all-consuming desire in the heart of Jesus for us, these swords convey exactly what that desire is. Prayed the night before His own death, He gave vent to this consuming longing that we, each and every one, would be with Him in that vision by which we shall not only see Him, face to face, but in so doing, would experience the total and eternal fulfilment of the deepest longings of the human heart. This is why we pray, not just in one month, but every day, asking for this blessing for those who have gone before us, for ourselves and for those who will follow us.

“ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM; MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.”

Anniversaries

Christopher Biggs, Richard Donovan, Frances Driscoll, Brian Sampson, David Edwards, Desmond Bolger, Linda Curtis, Jean James, Josephine Hooley, Trevor Donovan, Mary D'Abreu, Jane Welch-Rollason, Robert Ellery, Thomas McMahon, John Bodenham, Patrick Eccles, Jennifer Coles, Lawrence Eley, Nellie Doolan, William Cullen, John Cox, Doris Sendell, Eileen Hill, Maureen Evans, Christina O'Sullivan.

Not only, but especially in November, our thoughts and prayers turn to the Dead, especially our loved ones but also others who we have partly known and those we do not personally know at all. At this special time we are united in a common prayer by which we plead with God to grant them eternal peace and happiness in the glory of His Kingdom. For this reason we shall celebrate the **Feast of the Faithful Departed** on Friday at 10.00am and also at 7.00pm.

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, Anthony Millar, Beatrice Rajanayagam, Elle Fine, Jack O'Leary, Iris Murphy.
 To add to this Sick List please leave names in the Sacristy, or at back of Church

ALL SAINTS

This great feast of ALL SAINTS is on November 1st and we need to understand the real meaning of the Feast which is a far cry from the money-making tactics which are nothing to do with the Church's intention to praise God for the blessedness and witness of all the Saints who are in His Kingdom. "Halloween" is simply a words which refers to the 'Eve of all Hallowed ones' and we all need to tell our children what this Feast is all about and get them away from the false ideas of 'trick or treat' and dressing up as witches and demons!

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.

Please remember in your Prayers

Kathleen Ford whose Funeral service is at 1.15pm on
 Wednesday 31st October
 Also Mary Williams who has died
 May they rest in peace

Church Offerings 20th and 21st October

Offertory Collection:- £654.24
Of which:- £289.65 was Gift Aided
World Mission Retiring collection £190.19

Also on Wednesday we shall celebrate at 7.00pm the vigil Mass for the **Feast of**

All Saints which falls on Thursday. As the feast of All Saints is a day of Obligation we shall also celebrate the Mass for All Saints at 10.00am on Thursday.

S.V.P Collection 3rd and 4th November.

To carry out vital work within the local community we need your help, especially around Christmas time. Our aim is to help the needy families and the elderly people to have at least a glimmer of hope and not despair. Thank you from the S.V.P Group.

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.

Christmas raffle tickets

Tickets go on sale after Mass for £1.00 a book. Please support the raffle which raises money for repairs to the church.

Helpers for Children's Liturgy

We are looking for helpers for the weekly Children's Liturgy Group that takes place on Sunday mornings as part of the Sunday morning Mass. If you are interested in helping out on a regular basis, please come along and see what we do and have a chat with either Theresa, Maggie or Fr Philip. You don't need any special qualifications, other than to enjoy the company of young, joy-filled children and possess a desire to share your love of Jesus with them.

Mass Intentions 2019

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

"Why did Mary and Joseph take the infant Jesus to Jerusalem with them?" asked the Sunday School teacher.

"Was it because they couldn't get a babysitter?"

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Sacrament of Confirmation

Preparation classes are now running for this amazing Sacrament, but it's not too late to join in this year. If you are interested, please come along to the Church Hall at 6.00pm on Sunday to have a chat with Theresa or Maggie and to find out all about it.

On Wednesday of this week we shall hold the funeral service for **Kathleen Ford** at 1.15pm. Please remember her in your prayers.

200 Club Winners – September 2018 Draw

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

On Monday we shall be sharing the farewell Mass for Fr. Ambrose at St. Joseph's at 7.00pm. This means a change in our own timetable for that day – our hour of adoration will begin at 9.00am and will be followed by Mass at 10.00am. Clearly, the usual times for Monday evenings will not operate this week.

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