



St. Alban's Parish Newsletter
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18th November to 26th November

33rd Week in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

What's on this Week

Sat. 18th November 12.00 to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	Blessed Antonio Rosmini Confessions Maggie & Christie Keane
Sun. 19th November 10.00am Mass	33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Angelika Spiteri
Mon. 20th November 6.00pm – 7.00pm 7.00pm Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel May Savoury
Tues. 21st November 9.30am Mass	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary For All Parishioners
Wed. 22nd November 1.30pm Funeral Service 7.00pm Mass	St. Cecelia, Virgin & Martyr Christopher Lane Ellen & Jack Hiles
Thurs 23rd November 9.30am Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time Tom Downey
Friday 24th November 8.30 am to 9.30am 9.30 am Mass	St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, Companions & Martyrs Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel The Powell Family Intention
Sat. 25th November 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00 pm Mass	St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr Confessions Matty Wheeler
Sun. 26th November 10.00am Mass	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe GE of Faye Simpson

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Come & Join Us	Saturday after Mass	In the Hall
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
Our Faith, Step by Step	After Mass Wednesday	In the Chapel

“PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD.”

Individuals and families, the world of commerce and finance, and the world of entertainment are all busy preparing already for the coming feast of Christmas. As disciples of the Child whose coming we will celebrate, we also are preparing and note here some of the main Parish events over the next few weeks:

November 18th and 19th Day of the Poor.
 November 19th: SPUC A.G.M. in the Hall at 3.00pm;
 November 25th: Parish Outing to Gloucester Christmas Market;
 December 2nd: Parish Christmas Party in the Hall after Mass;
 December 9th: Advent Penitential Service in Church, 11.30 – 12.30;
 December 10th L.O.M. December function from 2.00 until 5.00pm;
 December 16th: Social evening and Christmas Draw after Mass;
 December 18th: 7.00pm Carols in church with S.A.'s Band, school children and Tenovus Choir;
 December 21st: School Carols service in church at 1.45pm;

Mass times over Christmas and the New Year will be published nearer the date.
 The SVP collection will be taken on week ending 25th & 26th November.

Our Sick

Ethan Chichester, Lesley Barnett, Bernard Toft, Maria Jones, Colin 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, Sheila Downey, Daniel Young, Shelagh O'Donoghue, Barbara Murphy, David Jones, Paul Burns, Barbara Hurley, Patrick O'Rourke, Audrey Bodenham.

Anniversaries

Anthony Psaila, Catherine Wheelen, Kathleen McCarthy, Charles Preece, John Wheeler, Philomena Farren, Geoff Mungham, Colwyn Price, Thomas McGrath, Rita McMahon, Thomas James McGrath, Joseph Shanahan, Chuck O'Connor, Michael Downey, Leslie Cryer, Mary San-Martin, Thomas Williams, Barbara Lia, Jake Gee, Fr. Ted Cody I.C., Helen O'Sullivan, Philomena Evans, Agnes Faulkenham, Colin Garland.

On Wednesday after evening Mass we shall continue the weekly sessions of talks on the Faith entitled “**Our Faith, step by step**”. This is for those who wish to update their faith knowledge or also for those who might be thinking of becoming a Catholic, but with no obligation to do so.

Church Offerings 11th & 12th November

Offeratory Collection -	£659.23
Of which	£329.50 was Gift Aided

This weekend we shall share in the Universal celebration of the **Day of the Poor** which Pope Francis has decreed to be observed throughout the Church. This Mass will include a letter from Archbishop Stack about the meaning of this new celebration.

"HOME4U" is a group inspired by the S.V.P. Religious, led by Sister Ruth, and which have been established at the Trinity Church in 4-Elms Road, opposite St. Peter's School. The group exists to provide practical, financial and advisory support to refugees, homeless and often destitute men, women and children who have been driven from their homelands by war, violence and ethnic divisions. Members of "Home4U", by happy coincidence on this weekend when we are celebrating the world-wide 'Day of the Poor' as initiated by Pope Francis, have decided to share the reality of daily life for the real Poor by spending the night this weekend on the streets of Cardiff City Centre. To enable us, who have so much, to unite with 'The Poor' on this special weekend, financial donations to support this sponsored 'sleep-out' can be left in the box provided at the back of the church; if cheques are left in the box, they should be made payable to 'Home 4 U' and can be Gift Aided by using the envelopes provided alongside the collecting box. If Parishioners are reluctant to use cheques or to fill in details on the sponsor sheet, the final overall total will be donated under the name of the Parish. We hope that this gesture by "Home 4 U" and our involvement in this way, may help to make this 'Day of the Poor' effective for those who suffer and for us, who unite with them in compassion and oneness of heart.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION.

Candidates who have asked to be prepared to receive Confirmation next year are reminded that the next session is this coming Saturday 25th November and begins at 9.30am in the Hall.

A Time to Remember the loved ones we have lost

Wednesday 29th November
1100.am to 2.00pm

Mostyn Room

(Next to St. David's RC Cathedral, Charles Street,
Cardiff)

Tea/ Coffee and a chance to talk

Recently Deceased

Christopher Lane, Whose Funeral Service will be on Wednesday 22nd November at 1.30pm.

Please remember him in your prayers.

Children's Christmas Play – Rehearsals

The first rehearsal for this year's children's Christmas play will take place on Sunday 26th November immediately after the morning Mass and will last approximately 1 hour. ALL CHILDREN WELCOME.

Children's Liturgy Resources

The Children's Liturgy Group are in desperate need for some new PICTURE MASS BOOKS. If anyone is interested in helping to replenish these books, please have a chat with one of the Catechists.

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ADVENT ITEMS

Some little ways in which we can make Advent a real preparation for the awesome mystery of Christmas:

1. Send only Christmas cards which show the real meaning of Christmas;
2. Set up a small crib at home, especially where there are young children;
3. Establish the habit of daily prayers at the crib by and for the children;
4. Use the 'Come back to Me' cards which will be available in the Parish to send to those neighbours or relatives who have not been to church for some time and invite them to come (possibly with you) to one of the Christmas Masses.
5. Ask yourself what kind of present can you give to Jesus on His birthday.

Parish Christmas Raffle Tickets are on sale after the weekend Masses. Prize donations can be left in the Sacristy or the Presbytery.

Presentation Mass

Reconciliation & Holy Communion 2017

All children wishing to take part in the preparation classes for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion are expected to attend the Presentaion Mass that will take place at 10 am this Sunday 19th November 2017. Enrolment forms will be available in the Church hall after the Mass for those children who have not yet enrolled.

Christmas shopping Trip to Gloucester Quays

Those people who have put their names down for the Christmas shopping trip, on the 25th November, are asked to check the coach seating lists at the back of the Church. The coaches will leave St. Alban's Church at 9.00 am prompt.

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