



St. Alban's Parish Newsletter
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24th November to 2nd December

Thirty Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 24th November 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	Votive Memorial of Our Lady Confessions Manuel & George Camilleri
Sun. 25th November 10.00am Mass	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe For all Parishioners
Mon. 26th November 6.00pm to 7.00pm 7.00pm Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel G.E. of Tony Spring and Family
Tues. 27th November 9.30am Mass 10.45am Funeral Service	Weekday in Ordinary Time Kathleen Helkvist Sheila Patricia Downey
Wed. 28th November 7.00pm Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time G.E. of Sally Hiles
Thurs. 29th November 9.30am Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time In Thanksgiving, Jean & David Burns
Friday 30th November 8.30am to 9.30am 9.30am Mass	St. Andrew, Apostle & Patron of Scotland Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel Markus and Calcina Families
Sat. 1st December 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	Votive Memorial of Our Lady Confessions Terry O'Brien
Sun. 2nd December 10.00am Mass 6.30pm Service	First Sunday of Advent John Harris Prayers, Readings & Benediction

What's on this Week

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Legion of Mary	Monday 7.30pm	In the Presbytery
Divine Mercy Group	Tuesday 12.15pm	In the Presbytery
Next week's Gospel, What does it mean?	Wed. after 7.00pm Mass	In St. Joseph's Chapel

THE FEAST OF JESUS CHRIST THE KING and UNIVERSAL YOUTH SUNDAY.

Today we celebrate the culmination of the divine plan of salvation when Jesus will be revealed in all his glory as the King of Creation.

As we reach this final Sunday of the Church's year, it is not surprising that the Church uses this Feast to reach out to our young people. In doing so, the Church uses the example of a filter which can be used when taking a photograph but which changes the final image to be what we want it to be and not always as it really is. Do we sometimes create an image of ourselves which we want others to see but which is not always showing the reality of what and who we are? Today, the Church reminds us ALL that there is only one filter that helps us to stay true to ourselves, and urges us to measure our lives against the filter of God's love and His divine Word which is Jesus Christ. When we see our lives through this filter of God's love, we see ourselves as God sees us, truly loved, valued and so important to Him that He sees us worth dying for. Young people especially are exposed to the influences and values of the world and in this way are often led astray to live by standards and values which are contrary to God's way and that of the Gospel. Today, therefore, we invite all our young people to come to share with us in the worship of Jesus in the Mass but also to come to the meetings we hope to arrange over the next few weeks.

PARENTS, please help and encourage your children - especially teenagers - to use this opportunity to live lives of hope and purpose within the community of His church.

Anniversaries

Helen O'Sullivan, Philomena Evans, Agnes Falkenham, Colin Garland, Frances McKenzie, Anthony Thomas, John Tanetta, Vaino Roomus, Winifred Brown, Mary Prynne, Margaret Jones, Charlotte Barry, Phyllis Bames, William Evans, Arthur Gould, Grace Regan, Sheila Coles, Terence Thomas, Violet Bartley, Prescilla Ceshion, Patrick Sugrue, Elizabeth Ryan, Hazel 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, Anthony Millar, Beatrice Rajanayagam, Elle Fine, Jack O'Leary, Iris Murphy, Dennis Caine.
 To add to this Sick List please leave names in the Sacristy, or at back of Church.

On FRIDAY DECEMBER 14th we shall be showing the first part of the wonderful film 'Jesus of Nazareth' which deals with the events leading up to the birth of Jesus. This showing will start at 7.00pm in the Hall and will last for just over one hour. We hope that as many as possible will come to see this powerful presentation of the events leading up to Christmas and in this we especially invite our young people to come to see this visual help to understand the real meaning of Christmas.

AFTER LIVERPOOL

Following the great success of the Eucharistic Congress there will be a Day of Retreat (10.30am until 3.00pm) on December 8th at St. Davids College, Ty-Gwyn Road, as a follow-up to Liverpool but also to inspire those who could not get to the Congress. To attend, contact Christian Mahoney on 07764515864.

A.P.F. RED MISSIO BOXES

The red 'Missio' Boxes are now due to be emptied, so could all those who have a box please leave them in the Presbytery. The empty boxes can be collected from the Church Shop the following Saturday/Sunday. Many thanks to those who have taken a box. Anyone who needs a box collected please ring Peter on 20216481.

Please make sure that your address is on the form on the bottom of the box.

Church Offerings 17th and 18th November

Offertory Collection:- £ 645.65
 Of which:- £ 301.00 was Gift Aided
 Sick and Retired Clergy Fund;- £561.73

ADVENT PRAYERS A book of Advent prayers and reflections is available to buy (cost £1.00) at the shop in the church porch and is highly recommended by the Welsh Bishops.

ADVENT MUSIC The choir and musicians of St. David's Cathedral will give a concert of Advent music and song at St. David's Hall, Cardiff at 1.00pm, on Tuesday of this week, November 27th. For tickets, please contact the St. David's Hall Box Office on 02920 878444.

We are about to put together the Christmas hampers as part of the Christmas raffle. If anyone would like to donate an item please see Tina after Mass.

PRISON VISITORS

Anyone who might be interested in finding out about this small group of Parishioners who attend the Prison Mass every Friday, please have a word with Fr. Philip. We need some more to make up this group which attends the 3pm Mass and then chats with the 'residents', getting to know them and give whatever encouragement they can. This is a very good sign of the Church's care for all God's children, wherever they are or whoever they are.

MANY THANKS to all concerned for last weeks collection in aid of the Diocesan Fund for the Sick and Retired Priests and which raised no less than £561.73!

WORCESTER TRIP: Those who have booked seats for this trip on Saturday December 1st, please note that the coach will leave Carlisle Street at 8.30am. This is due to the increased parking problems at these special events.

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 are on sale, after the weekend Masses, 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.

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Please remember in your prayers:-

Patricia Gill whose requiem was on Friday

Also **Sheila Patricia Downey** whose Funeral Service will be on Tuesday at 10.45am
May they rest in peace.

Family Prayer Group

The Family Prayer Group will meet next Monday, 10th December, 1.30pm to 2.30pm in the Presbytery

Thank you to those children who attended Mass last week and sang so beautifully in the choir!

Christmas Draw Prizes

Any Christmas Draw prizes would be gratefully accepted, please leave them in the Sacristy or Presbytery, many thanks for your generosity.

PILGRIMAGE TO GARABANDAL has been arranged for next year, May 5th -9th. Cost is £449.00 and a deposit of £150 is required to start. For details and for booking please ring Philip Illsley on 01443 203 305.

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