



St. Alban's Parish Newsletter
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25th November to 3rd December

34th Week in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

What's on this Week

Sat. 25th November 12.00 to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr Confessions Matty Wheeler Also Maggie and Christie Keane
Sun. 26th November 10.00am Mass During Mass, A Baptism	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe GE of Faye Simpson Jack Forest Wintle
Mon. 27th November 6.00pm – 7.00pm 7.00pm Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel Louis Escorsio
Tues. 28th November 9.30am Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time G.E. John Family
Wed. 29th November 7.00pm Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time DM O'Shea & Finnegan Families
Thurs 30th November 9.30am Mass	St. Andrew, Apostle Jean Davies
Friday 1st December 8.30 am to 9.30am 9.30 am Mass	Weekday in Ordinary Time Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel Tony Donovan
Sat. 2nd December 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00 pm Mass	Votive Memorial of Our Lady Confessions Terry O'Brien
Sun. 3rd December 10.00am Mass 6.30 pm Service	1st Sunday of Advent John Harris Prayers, Adoration & Benediction

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
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
Coffee Morning Party	Next Saturday, after Mass	In the Hall
Service	Sunday 6.30 pm	In the Church

“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:

December 2nd: Coffee Morning 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.

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

Agnes Faulkenham, Colin Garland, Frances Mackenzie, Anthony Thomas, John Tanetta, Vaino Roomus, Winifred Brown, Mary Prynne, Margaret Jones, Charlotte Barry, Phylis Barnes, William Evans, Arthur Gould, Grave Regan, Sheila Coles, Terence Thomas, Violet Bartley, Prescilla Ceshion, Patrick Sugrue, Elizabeth Ryan, John Harris, Dennie Emmott, Lillian Wheeler, Patrick McCann, Eileen Debono.

Church Offerings 18th & 19th November

Offertory Collection -	£603.58
Of which	£266.50 was Gift Aided

CHRIST THE KING

While the idea of 'Kingship might be foreign to some in our modern world, the notion of Kingship was so widespread at the time of Jesus and the beginnings of the Church that the concept of His dominion over all that He created and over all that He died for, is perfectly consistent with the revealed truths of our Faith. His title of Universal King means that He should enjoy the obedient trust and reverence of all whom He has created; this reinforces the idea that He rightfully expects that total obedience and reverence throughout the world He created and died for. In the world of today with all its violence and divisions this truth must be the inspiration of our daily prayers and our faithful service of Jesus the King: "YOUR KINGDOM COME".

A GREAT ORGANISER...

This weekend marks a notable date in the history of this Parish. This is because today Paul O'Brien will end his immense period of service as the regular organist at Sunday Masses and other liturgical celebrations. For 35 years he has given unflinching service in a role which can too often go unnoticed by those who benefit from it. This time of service has come to an end only because of health issues which have affected his availability to continue in this role. We can only say a very inadequate 'thank you' to Paul and hope that he will quickly overcome his health needs and be restored very soon to full health and vigour.

CHARITY BEGINS...

Last weekend we united ourselves as a Parish community with the commitment made by the "Home4U" community in their all-night sleep-out in aid of those they serve and this raised a total of £513.00 from this Parish (which included some outside donations). Today we turn our heart to the wonderful work of the S.V.P. within this Parish and especially through the charity shop in Tweedsmuir Road. We acknowledge that this time of the year brings many - almost daily - appeals for financial and material help for those in real need. But we are brave enough to ask yet again that we can find a little bit extra for the S.V.P. Collection in aid of their great work of Christian Charity.

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

Children's Christmas Play – Rehearsals

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

S.V.P Annual Christmas Collection

The S.V.P at St.Alban's, through the generosity of the Parishioners each year, have provided local needy families also elderly and vulnerable people with food vouchers.

To fund this effort there will be a retiring collection for the S.V.P after each of the Masses this weekend.

A parked car had this text on the back window:

'Trust in the Lord.'

Underneath, it said,

'This car is fitted with a crook lock.'

Sign in a church read 'The Preacher for next week will be found hanging in the porch'

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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.

Next Sunday is the **First Sunday of Advent** and at **6.30pm**, there will be a service of prayers, readings and adoration on the theme of Advent and preparation for Christmas. The service will end with Benediction.

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