



St. Alban's Parish Newsletter
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1st December to 9th December

First Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

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
Mon. 3rd December 6.00pm to 7.00pm 7.00pm Mass	St. Francis Xavier, Priest Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel Tony Donovan
Tues. 4th December 9.30am Mass	St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church For All Parishioners
Wed. 5th December 7.00pm Mass	Weekday in Advent Charles Mathews
Thurs. 6th December 9.30am Mass	St. Nicholas, Bishop For All Parishioners
Friday 7th December 8.30am to 9.30am 9.30am Mass	St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel Rodrigues Family Intention
Sat. 8th December 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	Weekday in Advent Confessions Michael & Theresa Collins
Sun. 9th December 10.00am Mass 3.00pm Benediction 6.30pm Service	Second Sunday of Advent Kevin Bush Legion of Mary function Prayers, Readings & Benediction

What's on this Week

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Children's 1 st Confession	Saturday 10am	In the Church
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
Legion of Mary function	Sunday 3.00pm	Hall/Church
Readings, prayers & Benediction	Sunday 6.30pm	In the Church

Anniversaries

Sheila Coles, Terence Thomas, Violet Bartley, Prescilla Ceshion, Patrick Sugrue, Elizabeth Ryan, Hazel Jones, Dennie Emmott, Lillian Wheeler, Patrick McCann, Eileen Debono, Juliet Blair, Mary Rogers, Pauline Mahoney, Michael Bridgeman, James Boyle, Thomas O'Callaghan, Joyce Mountjoy, George Sweeney, Florence Webber, Arthur Thomas, William John, John Williams, Daniel Murphy, Ethel McDonald, Peter Kenefick, Pauline Walsh, Mary Hounsell, Michael Browne.

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.

THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH

From the beginning of their unique relationship with God, the Jews had been expecting the future coming of the One who would lead them to glory and to the final victory over all of their enemies. Most people saw that hope in terms of political and military leader who would restore Israel to its role of leadership among the nations. The idea that the long awaited Messiah might be a carpenter from Nazareth was very difficult for many people to accept, for their prophecies and scriptures spoke of a period of suffering because of sin but which would lead to a time of great glory and power. The period in between these two ages would be marked by disasters and sufferings but that these would give way to a time of great glory when the Messiah would be revealed in the fullness of divine glory to finally establish His eternal Kingdom of love and peace. But they – and us – are all reminded that we do not know WHEN this will happen, so – "Prepare the way of the Lord".

THE IMMACULATE ONE

As this Sunday is the first Sunday of the month, at 6.30pm, we shall hold a special service of prayers, readings and adoration, concluding with Benediction. But as next Saturday, December 8th, is usually celebrated as the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady, our service this Sunday will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

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.

Church Offerings 24th and 25th November

Offertory Collection:- £ 576.35
 Of which:- £ 259.00 was Gift Aided

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.

CHRISTMAS WITNESS

Can we bear Witness by only sending cards which show the Religious meaning of Christmas AND ask at the Post Office for Christmas stamps.

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.

On Wednesday of this week (Dec 5th) the children of St. Alban's Primary School will come to the Church at 10.00am to celebrate a special Advent Mass. Parents and all other Parishioners are very welcome to join us.

Family Prayer Group

The Family Prayer Group will **NOT** meet next Monday, 10th December. Their meetings will restart in the New Year.

On **Saturday, December 8th** at 10.00am our children will celebrate their first reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Please remember them and their families in your prayers and pray also for the Catechists who spend so much time preparing our children for their first Sacramental meeting with Jesus, after their Baptism.

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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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.

Recently Dead

Please remember in your prayers:-

Sheila Downey whose funeral was on Tuesday

And

Maria Windmill who has died – No funeral details as of yet

May she rest in peace.

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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