



St. Alban's Parish Newsletter
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2nd December to 10th December

1st Week of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

What's on this Week

Sat. 2nd December 12.00 to 12.30pm 6.00pm 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
Mon. 4th December 6.00pm – 7.00pm 7.00pm Mass	St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel Jean Alderman
Tues. 5th December 9.30am Mass	1st Week of Advent Charles Mathews
Wed. 6th December 12.00pm Funeral Service 7.00pm Mass	St. Nicholas, Bishop Matthew Sheehan Tom Downey
Thurs 7th December 9.30am Mass	St. Ambrose, Bishop and doctor of the Church Winifred Page
Friday 8th December 8.30 am to 9.30am 9.30 am Mass	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel Mo Jones, Mary Carey & Theresa Molcher
Sat. 9th December 11.30 to 12.30pm 12.00 to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin Advent Penitential Service Confessions Michael & Theresa Collins
Sun. 10th December 10.00am Mass	2nd Sunday of Advent Rodrigues Family Intention

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Coffee Morning Christmas Dinner	Saturday after Mass	In the Hall
Prayers, Adoration & Benediction	Sunday 6.30pm	In the Church
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

“COME BACK TO ME”

We all know of baptised Catholics who, for one reason or another, have abandoned or just drifted away from Mass, the Church and even from God. That so many are in this situation is a tragedy, since it means that so many people no longer have that sense of belonging - whether that is to God or to the Church or to the Parish community where they live. During this Advent, all of us in our Parish are asked to extend to anyone in this situation an invitation which comes from Jesus Himself “Come back to Me with all your heart; do not be afraid”. In extending this invitation, we remain uncritical and non-judgemental but openly rejoice for anyone who responds to His words and returns to share with us the joy of Christmas and the continuing awareness that we have come home.

Let us invite them to come, either alone or with us (!) to the advent Penitential celebration of Confession on December 9th from 11.30 to 12.30pm or to one of the Advent Masses, but especially at Christmas when Masses will be:

- Saturday December 23rd at 6.00pm
 - Sunday December 24th at 10.00am and 6.00pm (the first Mass of Christmas Day)
 - Monday December 25th at 10.00am
 - Tuesday December 26th at 10.00am
- Invitation cards to send are available at the back of the church.

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, 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

John Harris, 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, Christine O'Sullivan, Honora Gooding, William Morgan, Joseph Galea.

Next **Wednesday** at 10.00am the schoolchildren will celebrate an Advent Mass in the church.

Next **Saturday**, December 9th, from 11.30 until 12.30pm, there is an Advent Penitential service with Sacramental Confession for those who wish to avail of this great gift in good time for Christmas.

Next **Saturday** also, Nazareth House will hold their annual Fayre starting at 1.30pm.

Next **Sunday**, the Legion of Mary will hold their annual Function, starting at 3.00pm

On **December 15th** at St. Mary's, Canton, a concert by the Welsh Camerata Singers of Advent Latin liturgical music will start at 8.00pm, and tickets at the door cost £12.

Church Offerings 25th & 26th November

Offeratory Collection -	£703.16
Of which	£368.50 was Gift Aided
SVP Collection	£314.71

Lately dead

Please remember in your prayers;

Michael Sheehan, David Bateman, Eunice Savoury and Sarah Frampton.

Michael's Funeral Service is on Wednesday at 12 pm.

David's Requiem Mass is on Monday December 11th at 1pm.

Eunice's Requiem Mass is on Wednesday 13th December at 11pm.

No details are available for **Sarah's** Funeral at this time.

Homes4u sleepout

We did our sponsored sleepout last Friday at 7pm till 7am on Saturday. It was the coldest sleepout in 9 years but we survived and were safe. It is always interesting to watch life through the night in all it's variety!

We had many visitors, past and present residents, some stayed with us all night. A constant stream of well wishers, some sober and others not and just a little abuse. Homeless people are always protective of us and what was striking this year was the number of young people who came to tell us their grandparents had been refugees.

Thank you for your support and your wonderful contribution of £513. I will tell you ASAP how much we raised in total.

Sister Ruth

SVP Collection – The SVP would like to thank everyone for their generosity enabling us to help our local vulnerable people.

SVP Meeting – The SVP group will meet at 6pm on Wednesday 6th December in the Presbytery.

Retiring Collection

There will be a retiring collection next week after both Masses to support the sick and retired Priests in our Diocese. Gift Aid envelopes will be available for this collection.

Later on in His ministry, the vicar announced in the Parish magazine that "The May Queen will be drowned on the village Green" at the village school May Day festivities. The young lady in question survived the ordeal unscathed!

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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.

This 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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