



**St. Alban's Parish Newsletter**  
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**8th December to 16th December**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Sat. 8th December</b> 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	<b>First Week of Advent</b> Confessions Michael & Theresa Collins
<b>Sun 9th December</b> 10.00am Mass 3.00pm Benediction	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> Kevin Bush Followed by LOM Function in the Hall
<b>Mon. 10th December</b> 8.30am to 9.30am 9.30am Mass 7.00pm	<b>St. John Roberts, Priest &amp; Martyr</b> Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel Michael Browne Parish Carol Service
<b>Tues. 11th December</b> 9.30am Mass	<b>St. Damasus I, Pope</b> Philip Rajanayagam
<b>Wed. 12<sup>th</sup> December</b> 7.00pm Mass	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> Angela Thomas
<b>Thurs. 13<sup>th</sup> December</b> 9.30am Mass	<b>St. Lucy, Virgin &amp; Martyr</b> Helena Braithwaite
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>  8.30am to 9.30am 9.30am Mass	<b>St. John of the Cross, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel Maggie & Christie Keane
<b>Sat. 15th December</b>  12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Confessions The Dixon Family
<b>Sun. 16th December</b> 10.00am Mass	<b>Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudate Sunday)</b> Page Family Intention

**What's on this Week**

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
LOM December Function	Sunday 3pm	Church/Hall
Parish Carol Service	Monday 7.00pm	In the Church
Legion of Mary	No meeting this week	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
"Jesus, The Nativity" film	Friday 7.00pm	In the Hall
Parish Christmas Raffle	Saturday 7.00pm	In the Hall

**COMING EVENTS**

On **Monday** of this week we shall hold the three-fold celebration of Christmas carols, and readings provided by the children of our Primary School, by the Tenovus Cancer Care singers, and by St. Alban's Band. The evening will begin at 7.00pm and there will be a retiring collection for those who wish to support the work of the Tenovus Cancer Care group.

On **Friday December 14<sup>th</sup>** we shall show the first part of the film "Jesus of Nazareth" which deals with the events leading up to the birth of Jesus. This will be in the Hall and will start at 7pm, and ALL are invited to come, but especially we hope to see our young people coming to see this very powerful and inspiring presentation of the events we are about to celebrate.

**Also on Saturday Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>** The annual Nazareth House Christmas Fayre will take place opening at 11.00am. Details of other times are on our notice board.

**On Thursday December 20<sup>th</sup>** the Parish Advent Penitential Service will begin in the Church at 7.00pm

**PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD**

More than once during Advent we hear these words because they are the summary of the whole period of preparation in the time of Jesus but also in each succeeding year as we try to prepare ourselves to enter more deeply into the real meaning of the events we are about to celebrate. The events to take place in our Parish are designed to help us to respond to this invitation more deeply and effectively, so let us ask ourselves how we can respond to these words but also can we have the faith and openness to invite others to come with us, especially those who might have been away from the Church for some time (for whatever reason) and also to encourage our young people to make the Church an important part of their celebrations this year.

**Anniversaries**

Ethel McDonald, Peter Kenefick, Pauline Walsh, Mary Hounsell, Michael Browne, Christine O'Sullivan, Honora Gooding, William Morgan, Joseph Galea, Christopher Long, Mary Williams, John Wilson, Patrick O'Donovan, Maggie Keane, John Fitzgerald, Mary Finn, Stephen Goulding, Jean Ellery, Mary Chichester.

**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.

**This coming FRIDAY DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>** 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.

**Church Offerings 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

Offertory Collection:- £ 647.42  
 Of which:- £ 302.50 was Gift Aided

### 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.

**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.

### 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.

### MASS TIMES at CHRISTMAS & THE NEW YEAR

Monday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> The First Mass of Christmas at 6pm  
Tuesday Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day, Mass at 10.00am  
Wednesday, Dec 26<sup>th</sup> Boxing Day, Mass at 10.00am  
Monday Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, New Years Eve. Mass at 7.00pm  
Tuesday January 1<sup>st</sup>, New Years Day, Mass at 10.00am  
Wednesday Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mass at 7.00pm

### Family Prayer Group

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

### 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.  
The Raffle will be held next Saturday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> after the evening Mass.

### 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.

### 200 Club Winners – November 2018 Draw

1st.	No 171	Pat Xuereb	£50
2 <sup>nd</sup>	No. 7	Collin Kingston	£25
3 <sup>rd</sup>	No. 188	Verna Jeffries	£15

### Please Note

That **Adoration on Monday** is between 8.30am and 9.30am with Mass at 9.30am due to the Carol Service being held in the evening at 7.00pm

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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

**Maria Windmill** and **Raymond Stimpson** who have both died, no funeral details for them as of yet, also  
**Teresa Sidoryk**, Requiem on Monday Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 12.00pm and **Gerald Verallo**, Requiem on Wednesday Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12.45pm

### COOK REQUIRED

Fr. Saji, now at St. Peter's, wants to appoint a cook to provide midday meals on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.(hours are 10am to 1pm) For more information and to discuss terms please contact Fr. Saji on 20483394

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup>. 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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