



**St. Alban's Parish Newsletter**  
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**15th December to 23rd December**

**Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudate Sunday)**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Sat. 15th December</b> 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent</b> Confessions The Dixon Family
<b>Sun 16th December</b> 10.00am Mass	<b>Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudate Sunday)</b> Page Family Intention
<b>Mon. 17th December</b> 12.00pm Requiem Mass 6.00pm to 7.00pm 7.00pm Mass	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent</b> Teresa Sidoryk Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel Mary Grebby
<b>Tues. 18th December</b> 9.30am Mass	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent</b> Julia & Henry Burns
<b>Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> December</b> 1.30pm Carol Service 7.00pm Mass	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent</b> School Juniors, in Church Joan & Ron Alderman
<b>Thurs. 20<sup>th</sup> December</b> 9.30am Mass  7.00pm Confessions	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent</b> Mo Daunt, Mary Carey & Theresa Molcher Advent Penitential Service
<b>Friday 21st December</b> 8.30am to 9.30am 9.30am Mass 11.00am Advent Mass	<b>St. Peter Canisius, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel DM of the Keniry Family At St.Alban's School
<b>Sat. 22nd December</b> 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent</b> Confessions Maggie & Christie Keane
<b>Sun. 23rd December</b> 10.00am Mass	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> David Symons

**What's on this Week**

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Parish Christmas Raffle	Saturday after Mass	In the Hall
Requiem for Theresa Sidoryk	Monday 12pm	In the Church
Legion of Mary	Monday, 7.30pm	In the Presbytery
Divine Mercy Group	Tuesday 12.15pm	In the Presbytery
Junior Carols	Wed 1.30pm	In the Church
Next week's Gospel, What does it mean?	Wed. after 7.00pm Mass	In St. Joseph's Chapel
Penitential Service	Thursday 7.00pm	In the Church
Advent Mass	Friday 11am	In the School

**“WHAT MUST WE DO?”**

The question put to John the Baptist came from a mixed group of people, (tax-collectors and soldiers among others) all of whom had been struck by the power and radical goodness of John's preaching. John responds by referring them to their everyday circumstances and way of life – not only to root out sin (which was vitally important, of course) but also to do good things and so to allow the Good News to challenge but also to change the lives of individuals and communities and so to bring that change into the surrounding world. Perhaps we should ask Jesus the same question: “Lord, what must I do?” but be ready for the answer, which He will place in our hearts.

**Anniversaries**

Stephen Goulding, Jean Ellery, Mary Chichester, Maria Camacho, James Sullivan, Alan Gibbon, Gerald Debono, Dennis O'Keefe, Sheila Farrant, Margaret Hopper, Margaret Palmer, Guiseppe Olivieri, Robert Tamlin, Patrick O'Leary, Stephen Rees, John Cook, James Brooks, James Britton.

**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.

**Advance notice for the new year:**

It has been suggested that early in January we should begin a weekly provision of an RCIA course, which is for anyone who might be thinking of becoming a Catholic, or is just curious, or who might only want to deepen their own awareness of the Catholic life and Faith. If you know of anyone who might be interested in such a weekly informal get-together (but with no commitment to become a Catholic) keep an eye open in the newsletter for details of dates, time and place when we shall start the meetings, probably in the second week of January.

**Church Offerings 8th and 9th December**

Offertory Collection:- £ 656.84  
 Of which:- £297.50 was Gift Aided

**COMING EVENTS**

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

### 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.

Please note also that at 7.00pm next Thursday the **Advent Penitential service** will take place in the church, an ideal opportunity to prepare in the most spiritual way possible for the coming feast of Christmas. Those who have been away for a long time, do not be afraid - there is a warm welcome awaiting you.

**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.

### Junior carols

Next Wednesday, the junior classes of our Primary school will hold a carol service in the church at 1.30pm and, as always, we hope that many parents and Parishioners will come to join us.

*During an executive meeting of the Council of Churches there was a smell of burning in the hall where the meeting was being held. The Salvation Army officer leapt to his feet, shouting, "Fire, Fire!". The Presbyterian stood up and shouted, "Order, Order!". The Baptist got to his feet and said excitedly, "Water, Water!". The Anglican remained seated and said, "I think we should set up a sub committee to look into the matter".*

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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

**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

Also **Fr. John Owen**, Archdioces an Priest, **Helen Vickery** and **Anthony Millar**, details to follow

### 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

**Poinsetta flowers** can be brought into the Sacristy this Saturday and Sunday .

**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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### Corpus Christi High School

Pontpennau  
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### St. David's Catholic Sixth Form College

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