



**St. Alban's Parish Newsletter**  
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**16<sup>th</sup> December to 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**What's on this Week**

<b>Sat. 16th December</b> 12.00 to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent</b> Confessions Maggie & Chistine Keane
<b>Sun. 17th December</b> 10.00am Mass	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday</b> Page Family Intention
<b>Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> December</b> 6.00pm – 7.00pm 7.00pm Mass	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel Terry O'Neill
<b>Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> December</b> 9.30am Mass	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> Powell Family Intention
<b>Wed. 20th December</b> 10.30am Funeral Service 7.00pm Mass	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> Hazel Jones Joan and Ron Alderman
<b>Thurs. 21st December</b> 9.30am Mass	<b>St. Peter Canisius, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> Tom Tadman
<b>Friday 22nd December</b> 8.30 am to 9.30am 9.30 am Mass	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent</b> Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel G.E Rita Phillips
<b>Sat. 23rd December</b> 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	<b>St. John of Kanty, Priest</b> Confessions Jimmy Craddock
<b>Sun. 24th December</b> 10.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> Angelika Spiteri For All Parishioners

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Parish Social & Christmas Draw	Saturday after Mass	In the Hall
Children's Nativity Play	Sunday after Mass	In the Hall
Carol Service	Monday 7.00pm	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	Resumes on January 10th	In the Chapel

**THE SEARCH FOR UNITY**

We have been approached by members of St. German's and St. Saviour's Churches with the intention and desire to deepen the spirit of unity between the different denominations of Splott and Tremorfa. This has led to a commitment to observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity by holding a service for Unity here at St. Albans at 6.00pm on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> 2018. The service will be followed by some light refreshments in the Hall. We ask all Parishioners to make a note of this date and time, to give time to attend this service but also to the ideal of unity and co-operation between the churches of this area.

**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.

**Retiring Collection**

Due to the inclement weather and the resulting low attendance last weekend, we have extended the retiring collection taken last weekend for the retired and sick of the Archdiocese, so that those unable to contribute last week can do so this weekend.

**Anniversaries** 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.

**Crib Offerings**

The Crib offerings this year will be sent to support Welfare Charities for children in Wales which help children at risk and in need of physical, emotional and spiritual support. The Archdiocesan Directory and Year Book for 2018 is now available at the shop in the porch.

**Church Offerings 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Offertory Collection -	£599.39
Of which	£321.50 was Gift Aided
Sick and retired Clergy	£384.52

**Christmas Carol Concert**

On Monday of this week the Children of St. Alban's School, St. Albans Band and the choir of the Tenovus for Cancer group will be here to celebrate Christmas in a joint concert of Christmas music. The evening will include a raffle by and for the Tenovus Charity. Please join us.

On Thursday of next week the children of our Primary School will come to the church at 1.45pm to celebrate their Carol Service for Christmas. All parents and Parishioners are very welcome to join us.

**Ponsiettas**

Please bring in Ponsiettas this week starting Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Lately dead**

Please remember in your prayers;

**Hazel Jones** whose Funeral Service is at 10.30am on Wednesday.

### **Parish Christmas Social**

This Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December there will be the Christmas Prize Draw and Race Night. Also, for those who wish, we will be ordering food from the chip shop. All Welcome!

### **CHRISTMAS ALONE**

Some people will observe Christmas alone this year, not seeing anyone nor talking with anyone. This fact means that we can possibly transform this situation - if we know of anyone nearby in this situation can we knock the door to see if they are well or if they need food, if they need someone to speak to. In this way we can bring the light of Christmas into lives that might otherwise be lonely and depressed.

### **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.

### **Retiring Collections this weekend**

Gift Aid envelopes will be available at the back of the Church for these collections after both Masses to support the sick and retired Priests in our Diocese.

### **200Club Prize Winners, November Draw**

1 <sup>st</sup>	No.	114	S. Kingston	£50.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	No.	181	Julia Upcott	£25.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	No.	162	Phyllis Clarke	£15.00

### **Children's Nativity Play**

Please come along and support our Children's Liturgy Group as they present this year's Nativity Play after the Sunday morning Mass. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be available, together with TOY SALE and PARTY REFRESHMENTS for the youngsters. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our helpers, parents and parishioners who continue to support our little group. Merry Christmas!

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### **"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 to one of the Advent Masses, but especially at Christmas when Masses will be:

Saturday December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6.00pm

Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am and 6.00pm (the first Mass of Christmas Day)

Monday December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am

Tuesday December 26<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am

Invitation cards to send are available at the back of the church.

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