



St. Alban's Parish Newsletter
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17th December to 25th December

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 17th December 6.00pm Mass	3rd Week of Advent Michael and Theresa Collins
Sunday 18th December 10.00 am Mass	4th Sunday of Advent Bridie Scanlon and Tony Maunder
Mon. 19th December 8.30 am to 9.30 am 9.30 am Mass 11.15am Funeral Service	4th Week of Advent Adoration in the Chapel John Bodenham Phyllis Barnes
Tues. 20th December 9.30am Mass	4th Week of Advent Michael Browne
Wed. 21st December 11.00 am Requiem Mass 7.00 pm Mass	St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church John Harris Peter O'Brien
Thurs. 22nd December 9.30 am Mass	4th Week of Advent Mike and Kitty Flynn
Friday 23rd December 8.30 – 9.30 am 9.30am Mass	St. John of Kanty, Priest Adoration in the Chapel Mr & Mrs Bowen
Sat. 24th December 6.00pm Mass	4th Week of Advent Mary Rogers
Sunday 25th December 10.00am Mass	The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ – Christmas Day Theresa Molcher

Our Sick

Ethan, Ray & Mary Chichester, Lesley Barnett, Bernard Toft, Maria Jones, Colin Kingston, Gareth & Ethan Woodberry, Bob Molcher, Christian Babu, Val Kenealy, Veronica McCarthy, Kath Helkvist, Pat Xuereb, David Burns, Jacob Meighan, Julie Cale, Sue Ryan, Henry Burns, Jean Alderman, Tina Price, David Bateman, Anna Sueref, Pat Kiever, John Cowhey, Jack O'Leary.

Anniversaries

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, Mary Eccles, Margaret Reardon, Michael Brown, William Stallard.

Church Offerings, 10th & 11th December 2016

Offertory Collection £ 644.09
 Of which £ 285.50 was Gift Aided

4th Week of Advent, Year A

What's on this Week

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Legion of Mary Function	Monday at 7.30	Presbytery
Union of Catholic Mothers	Monday at 7.30	Presbytery
Divine Mercy Group	Tuesday 7pm	Presbytery
RCIA Meetings	Next Meeting January 11 th	St. Joseph's Chapel
Film 'Jesus of Nazareth'	Sunday 18 th at 3pm	Hall

AT LAST, HE HAS COME.....

To only a small number of people, the events of that night were made known. To Mary and to Joseph, to their families and other friends and relatives, the news of the coming Child would have brought a variety of reactions - amazement, fear, doubt, expectation, criticism, hope. Then, apart from the first weeks and months, there was nothing – only memories of the strange events of that night. Until, some thirty years later, rumours began to spread that a Preacher was going through the land with a message of hope, of joy and of a new awareness of God. And this Preacher was confirming His message with signs and wonders and a claim to be the long-awaited Messiah. For three years, this message, the Good News, challenged the people to accept Him and His message, or to reject and mock Him. We know that the events of His birth and of His preaching, even to our own times, challenge all peoples to accept or reject Him. In these last days of preparation, we ask God to grant us the grace to be able to say to Him with utter sincerity and unwavering hope and trust: "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

REMINDERS

This Sunday at 3.00pm in the Hall there will be a showing (90 minutes) of the wonderful Zefirelli film "Jesus of Nazareth" which deals with the Birth and Infancy of Jesus. We strongly recommend and hope that many of our families and younger Parishioners will take this opportunity to share in this inspiring account of the mysteries we are about to celebrate. Please note the times of Masses at Christmas and over the New Year weekend. Details are in the Newsletter. Also note that there will be confessions on Saturday December 24th at the usual time of 12.00pm.

CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

One simple way by which to restore Christ to Christmas is to send only religious cards to our friends and relatives.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sun. Dec. 18 th	Film "Jesus of Nazareth" Part 1 at 3.00pm
Tues. Dec. 20 th	Residential Home Party: 1.30 – 6.00pm
Sat. Dec. 24 th	VIGIL MASS for Christmas at 6.00pm
Sun. Dec. 25 th	CHRISTMAS DAY Mass at 10.00am
Mon. Dec. 26 th	Mass at 10.00am
Sat. Dec. 31 st	VIGIL MASS for the New Year at 6.00pm
Sun. Jan. 1 st	MASS for the NEW YEAR at 10.00am
Mon. Jan. 2 nd	Mass at 10.00am

Recently Dead – Please remember in your prayers, Phyllis Barnes, John Harris and Christopher Coles who have died. Phyllis' Funeral Service is on Monday at 12.30. John's Requiem is on Wednesday at 11 am. Christopher's Funeral Service is Wednesday January 4th at 11 am.

Thank You - We thank very sincerely all those who were involved in the Parish Carol Service last Monday – the St. Alban's Band, the Choir of St. Alban's Primary School and the Tenovus Singers. It was a wonderful evening and we are grateful for the hard work put in to make it so.

Crib Collection – In co-operation with statutory authorities the Archdiocese is trying to accommodate a Syrian refugee family. To provide some funding for this family and in response to the terrible suffering in Aleppo and in The Yeman, the Archbishop has asked that all crib offerings, this year, will be designated for the 'Syrian family Refugee Fund'.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

There have been some changes affecting the Chaplaincy provision at the Heath Hospital. Two Chaplaincy Volunteers (Simone Strinati and Benny Augustian) have been appointed to work with Bro. Brian Butler, from St. Joseph's. If you know of a Catholic patient who would like Sacramental support or even just a visit, please contact the UHW Chaplaincy Department on 02920 743230.

On Monday December 19th members of the Chaplaincy department are planning to visit some of the wards to sing carols, starting from the Chapel at 6.45pm. If anyone would like to join that group please contact the Chaplaincy office on 02920 743230.

Copies of the **Archdiocesan Directory and Year Book** for 2017 are now on sale at the shop, price £3.00.

Christmas Offerings

Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th – Normal Collections.
Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th – There will only be one collection on each of these days for the support of the Rosminian Priests and Brothers.

If you are a tax payer and like your offering to be Gift Aided please use a buff 'Rosminian' envelope at the back of the Church. Please complete the details and sign the declaration. If you are a member of the Gift Aid Scheme you will find a Rosminian envelope in your pack.

Children's Liturgy Christmas Performance

This year's performance will take place today, Sunday 18th December at 11 am in the Church hall. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available. Please come along and support our young parishioners.

Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy Group will be taking a 2 week break over the Christmas period from today and will start up again on Sunday 8th January 2017.

Sacramental Preparation Class

The Preparation Class for Reconciliariotn and Holy Communion will start again o Sunday 15th January at 11 am in the Church hall. Please ensure that all candidates bring along their books and Mass attendance sheets for review at the first lesson after the break.

Confirmation Preparations

These will start again on Sunday 22nd January 2017 at 12 noon in the Church hall.

Baptism Preparation Meetings

Any parent(s) who wishes to have their child/ren Baptised in St. Alban's in 2017 should speak to Theresa, Maggie or Father Phillip in the first instance. Meetings take place at the start of every month and need to be booked in advance.

Signs and Wonder

"The lesson next Sunday will be the 20th Chapter of Exodus – The Ten Commandments. You've seen the film – now come and hear the book"

"Sign on the front door of a Church undergoing extensive repairs: 'This is the gate to Paradise' (will all visitors please go round and use the back entrance)."

SVP Thank You – SVP would like to thank everyone for their generosity towards the SVP collection.

SVP Appeal – A father (who has Cancer) would like pillows and other bedding, plus a new bed for his 14 year old boy who is 5'10" Tall.

Thank you on behalf of all SVP members.

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