



St. Alban's Parish Newsletter
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24th December to 1st January 2017

Christmastide

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 24th December 6.00pm Mass	4th Week of Advent Mary Rogers
Sunday 25th December 10.00 am Mass	The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ – Christmas Day Theresa Molcher
Mon. 26th December 9.00am to 10.00am 10.00 am Mass	St. Stephen, the First Martyr Adoration in the Chapel Pauline Hawkins
Tues. 27th December 9.30am Mass	St. John, Apostle & Evangelist DM of the Mullane Family
Wed. 28th December 7.00 pm Mass	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs DM of the Xiberras & Bird Families
Thurs. 29th December 9.30 am Mass	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Maureen Downton & Anita Meredith
Friday 30th December 8.30 – 9.30 am 9.30am Mass 11.45am Requiem Mass	6th Day within the Octave of Christmas Adoration in the Chapel DM of the Hollow & Meighan Families Mary Chichester
Sat. 31st December 6.00pm Mass	St. Sylvester, Pope Jean Webb & Marion Dixon
Sunday 1st January 10.00am Mass	Mary, the Holy Mother of God David Symons

What's on this Week

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Legion of Mary Function	No Meeting this week	
Union of Catholic Mothers	No Meeting this week	
Divine Mercy Group	Tuesday 7pm	Presbytery
RCIA Meetings	Next Meeting January 11 th	St. Joseph's Chapel

PEACE:

The angels greeted the coming of the Messiah with a hymn of Peace. To all Parishioners, to all those especially who for whatever reason have drifted away from the Church, a greeting of Peace and an invitation in Jesus's name and in His words: "Come back to Me with all your heart; do not be afraid."

At our Christmas Mass and in our own homes, let us plead with Jesus to pour out on our violent and divided world, His gift Peace, not just for one day but into the months that lie ahead. May our Parish rejoice and grow in the hope which will be ours when we all commit ourselves once again to His way.....

THANKS

A big THANK YOU from Frs. Philip and Michael for the many cards and gifts received, but more importantly, thank you for the way in which a relatively few hands have done so much in the past few weeks to prepare for Christmas. No names, but without their efforts and time, there would have been no Crib, no decoration of the Church, no Parish Prize Draw, no decoration of the Hall, no Parish Carol Service, no Children's Liturgy Nativity, no cleaning of the Church and Presbytery, no care of the Parish finances, nobody to serve at Mass even for funerals, nobody to bring the priceless gift of Holy Communion to the sick and housebound, nobody to minister to the needs of the Bereaved, nobody to respond to the cries of the real poor. "Thank you" always seems an inadequate response, but it is sincere and all is much appreciated.

Our Sick

Ethan & Ray 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, Henry Burns, Tina Price, David Bateman, Anna Sueref, Pat Kiever, John Cowhey, Jack O'Leary.

Anniversaries

Mary Eccles, Margaret Reardon, Michael Brown, William Stallard, William Legge, Sandra Walentin, Catherine James, Pauline Collier, Sheila Heath, Charles Brice, Margaret Thomas, Francis Thomas, Mary Gee, George Houlston, Catherine Whelan, Alice Edwards, Victor Dimech, Catherine Chamber, Ninian Finn, Charles Anderws, Dorthy Gay, Albert Tanetta, Charles Cocks, Catherine Rowe.

Church Offerings, 17th & 18th December 2016

Offertory Collection	£ 593.57
Of which	£ 297.07 was Gift Aided

MASS Times

Next Sunday, being the first of January is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Masses will be at the usual time for Sundays - 6.00pm on Saturday and 10.00am on Sunday. Then, again, on Monday January 2nd which is a Bank Holiday, the Mass will be at 10.00am.

The usual first Sunday of the month evening service will take place this month on January 8th when we will be celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord.

Recently Dead – Please remember in your prayers, Christopher Coles & Mary Chichester who have died. Mary's Requiem is on Friday at 11.45am, Christopher's Funeral Service is on Wednesday January 4th at 11 am.

Billy Graham the Evangelist tells a story about getting lost while looking for the Post Office in a small town where he was due to speak. Eventually, a young boy gave him a lift on the back of his bike. Billy Graham thanked him and told him to bring his family that evening to hear his sermon. "I will tell you how to get to Heaven" he told the boy. The boy looked at him derisively and said "I don't think so. You don't even know the way to the Post Office."

Christmas Mass Leaflets.

Please return the Special Christmas Mass Leaflets to the back of the Church so that they can be re-used.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

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.

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

Christmas Offerings

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

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.

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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