



St. Alban's Parish Newsletter
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29th December to 6th January

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat. 29th December 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass | Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas Confessions Jean and Peter Webb |
| Sun. 30th December 10.00am Mass | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Kitty Flynn and family |
| Mon. 31st December 6.00pm-7.00pm 7.00pm Mass | 7th Day within the Octave of Christmas Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel GE of Joyce Keniry |
| Tues. 1st January 10.00am Mass | Mary, Holy Mother of God Anita Meredith & Ray Hagland |
| Wed. 2nd January 7.00pm Mass | Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church. Jean Davies |
| Thurs. 3rd January 9.30am Mass 1.00pm Requiem | Weekday before Epiphany Shirley Edwards Gerald Verallo |
| Friday 4th January 8.30am to 9.30am 9.30am Mass | Weekday before Epiphany Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel Maggie & Christi Keane |
| Sat. 5th January 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass | Weekday before Epiphany Confessions Terry O'Brien |
| Sun. 6th December 10.00am Mass | The Epiphany of the Lord Angelika Spiteri |

Week before Epiphany

What's on this Week

| WHAT | WHEN | WHERE |
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| Legion of Mary | Monday, 7.30pm | In the Presbytery |
| Divine Mercy Group | Tuesday 12.15pm | In the Presbytery |
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TIME PASSES.....

A constant lament one hears nowadays is that "the time is passing so quickly" and here we are already some steps along the road marked 2019! For some, this is a cause of worry or concern; for others this is a moment when we can look back over the past year with great gratitude for so many graces we have received (often unknowingly) and for which we now give thanks to God. But there are for some memories of sadness at the loss of loved ones, of family breakdown and even of the painful wounds of sin within the body of the Church. Divisions seem to break out constantly within communities, families and between nations across the world; political changes inevitably require us respond to new ideas in an uncertain future. And yet, in all this uncertainty and challenge, we are reminded very powerfully by the Church that we have just celebrated the most momentous event in the whole of human history when God lowered Himself to share in every aspect of our humanity, except sin. As we look back at the past year and no doubt try to look forward to the coming year, this must be for all of us an opportunity to grow in our personal lives and in our world and to do so with utter trust and unwavering hope as we approach that all-important moment when we shake off the limits of time and place to hear that greeting from the Lord of all time and creation: "Well done, good and faithful servant; come now, enter into the joy of your Lord."

Anniversaries Margaret Thomas, Francis Thomas, Gerald Goodall, Mary Gee, George Houlston, Christopher Brown, Catherine Whelan, Alice Edwards, Victo Dimech, Catherine Chambers, Ninian Finn, Charles Andrews, Alan Edwards, Robert Edwards, Dorothy Gay, Albert Tanetta, Charles Cocks, Catherine Rowe, Christopher Harrington, Angela Horwood, Brian Slocombe, Arthur Loveless, Terence O'Halloran, Ian Murphy, Ellen O'Donovan, Mary Viney, Winifred Nealon, Neil Regan.

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, Elizabeth Sitole, Paul Burns, David Burns, Shelagh O'Donoghue, Julie Cale.

To add to this Sick List please leave names in the Sacristy, or at back of Church.

Church Offerings 22nd and 23rd December

Offertory Collection:- £646.53
 Of which:- £250.20 was Gift Aided
 Christmas offerings to the Clergy:- £1,357.10

Christmas is a time to give **THANKS to God** for the gift of our Faith, but also to **THANK** those wonderful people of this parish who give so much time and effort to support the life of our Community, especially at this time of year. We recall the Quiz Night, the Mass for the Beareaved, the trip to Worcester, the wonderful carols evening by the St. Alban's Band and the children of our Primary School and the singers of the Tenovus Cancer Care group. We don't forget the Advent Mass and their Carol concert celebrated by the children. All of these events require a great commitment of time and skill by so many people and we must remember that when we hold an evening of thanks for ALL our volunteers in late January. No names given, but God knows who they are and how they give so much to Him in the life of the 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.

On **Friday January 18th** there will be a **Parish Meeting** in the hall at 7.00pm. This is to share, discuss and to suggest ideas and reactions about all aspects of Parish life – spirituality, liturgy, maintenance, finance, care of the sick, contact with families and especially our young people. We hope that this will be fruitful for the future growth of our Parish in every way. Please note the date and time.

THANKS: Fr. Philip and Fr. Michael wish to thank so many Parishioners and friends for the many cards and presents we received over the Christmas period. Each one is very much appreciated and we can only say a heartfelt **THANK YOU** and in so doing we pray for every one of you the gifts of God's Peace and growth in the Gospel values by which we wish to live our lives. **BLESS YOU!**

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.

Please remember to check the times of Masses over the New Year.

MASS TIMES at the NEW YEAR

Monday Dec. 31st, New Years Eve. Mass at 7.00pm
Tuesday January 1st, New Years Day, Mass at 10.00am
Wednesday Jan. 2nd, Mass at 7.00pm

Family Prayer Group

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

*Here Lies Fred
Who was alive and is dead
Had it been his Father,
I had much rather;
Had it been his brother,
Still better than another:
Had it been his sister,
No one would have missed her;
Had it been the whole generation;
Still better for the nation;
But since it is only Fred,
who was alive and is dead-
There's no more to be said.*

*Anonymous, quoted by Horace Walpole on Frederick,
Prince of Wales and House of Hanover, 1751*

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

Gerald Verallo, whose Requiem is on Thursday Jan. 3rd at 1.00pm

Also Helen Vickery, Anthony Millar and Maria Copeland who have died recently.

May they rest in peace.

200 Club Winners – November 2018 Draw

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

PILGRIMAGE TO GARABANDAL has been arranged for next year, May 5th -9th. 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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