



St. Alban's Parish Newsletter
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31st December to 8th January 2017

Week before Epiphany

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 31st December 12.00 to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	7th Day within the Octave of Christmas Confessions Jean Webb & Marion Dixon
Sunday 1st January 10.00 am Mass	Mary, the Holy Mother of God David Symons
Mon. 2nd January 9.00am to 10.00am 10.00 am Mass	St. Basil & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church Adoration in the Chapel GE Wendy Feder
Tues. 3rd January 9.30am Mass	The Most Holy Name of Jesus Kitty & Mike Flynn
Wed. 4th January 11.00 am Service 7.00 pm Mass	Weekday before Epiphany Christopher Coles Jean Davies
Thurs. 5th January 9.30 am Mass	Weekday before Epiphany For All Parishioners
Friday 6th January 8.30 – 9.30 am 9.30am Mass	Weekday before Epiphany Adoration in the Chapel For All Parishioners
Sat. 7th January 12.00 to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest Confessions Terry O'Brien
Sunday 8th January 10.00am Mass 6.30pm Service	The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ DM of the Ryan & Chamberlain families Prayers, Hymns & readings followed by Benediction

What's on this Week

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Legion of Mary Function	No Meeting this week	
Union of Catholic Mothers	No Meeting this week	
Coffee Morning	10am Tuesday	Hall
SVP Group	6.00pm Tuesday	Presbytery
Divine Mercy Group	7pm Tuesday	Presbytery
RCIA Meetings	Next Meeting January 11 th	St. Joseph's Chapel

The Gift of Life

Jesus came among us to make it possible for weak and sinful humanity to live a new life, a share in the divine life of God Himself. But God's gift of life is also shown in that awesome moment of creation when He brings into existence a new human person whom He has known since before the world was created and whom He now brings to life in the womb.

Today, members of SPUC (the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) will be here to prepare for the annual White Flower collection in aid of the society and which will be taken at both Masses next weekend, January 8th. As we adore the Infant of Bethlehem can we bring to our prayer all unborn babies, their mothers (and fathers, of course) those soon to have their child, and those who have lost a child for whatever reason. In our prayer of thanksgiving for the gift of life, we turn instinctively to the Mother whose Child is her creator and God. May the Immaculate Virgin Mary intercede with her Child at this time and help those whose work is to proclaim the sanctity of all human life.

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

Victor Dimech, Catherine Chamber, Ninian Finn, Charles Anderws, Dorthy Gay, Albert Tanetta, Charles Cocks, Catherine Rowe, Christopher Harrington, Michael Price, Angela Horwood, Brian Slocombe, Ray Noman, Arthur Loveless, Terence O'Halloran, Ian Murphy, Ellen Donovan, Mary Viney, Winifred Neaton, Neil Regan, Julia Burns, Mary Driscoll, Karl Lane, Barrie Thomas.

More THANKS

To all who gave so much time and effort to prepare for the reverent and devotional celebration of Christmas which was a credit to the whole Parish.

Special thanks to those who gave so generously to those in need, particularly the large number of hampers sent to the poor by the pupils of St. Illtyd's High School.

MASS Times

This 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, with Adoration at 9am to 10am.

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

Church Offerings, 25th & 26th December 2016

Christmas Offerings to the Rosminians - £1,418.08

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

Next weekend

We shall be celebrating the Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord, with the appropriate readings and prayers for that Feast.

At 6.30pm next Sunday there will be a special service for that Feast with readings, prayers and ending with Benediction

Coffee Morning

Our next Coffee Morning is on this coming Tuesday at 10am in the Hall, come along for Bingo, tea, coffee and a chat. Also we will hold the 200 Club Draw for December

Fr. Michael

Will be away from Tuesday of this week until Thursday January 12th.

A vicar in Leicestershire was called at very short notice to take a service at the crematorium, as the officiant who had been booked had phoned to say he was ill.

The vicar drove furiously and arrived to see the mourners assembling, ready to enter the Church.

Having only spoken to the crematorium manager on the phone, he knew only that the name of the deceased was Lesley.

In the rush he'd forgotten to ask whether he was burying a male or a female.

He parked his car and quickly moved to the front of the procession as it was time for the service.

He turned to the nearest mourner and asked for help.

'Father, mother sister or brother' would describe the sex of the person he was cremating.

"I'm so sorry," he said to the mourner, "what relation was Lesley to you?"

"Cousin" came the reply`

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.

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 Reconciliation and Holy Communion will start again on 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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