



**St. Alban's Parish Newsletter**  
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**13th May to 21st May 2017**

**5th Week of Eastertide**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> May</b> 12.00 to 12.30pm 1.00 pm Wedding  6.00pm Mass	<b>Our Lady of Fatima</b> Confessions Wedding of Cerri Johnson and Peter Braccintyre Assunta and Michael Camilleri
<b>Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> May</b> 10.00am Mass	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Eastertide</b> The Simpson family Intention
<b>Mon. 15<sup>th</sup> May</b> 6.00pm – 7.00 pm 7.00 pm Mass	<b>Weekday 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide</b> Adoration in the Chapel Kathleen Camilleri
<b>Tues. 16<sup>th</sup> May</b> 9.30am Mass	<b>Weekday 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide</b> GE of Sibil Pailly
<b>Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> May</b> 7.00pm Mass	<b>Weekday 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide</b> Olive Thomas
<b>Thurs. 18<sup>th</sup> May</b> 9.30am Mass	<b>Weekday 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide</b> For the Powell Family
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b> 8.30 am to 9.30am 9.30 am Mass 7.00pm Mass	<b>Weekday 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Eastertide</b> Adoration in the St. Joseph's Chapel For All Parishioners Confirmation Mass
<b>Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>  12.00 to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	<b>St Bernardine of Siena, Priest &amp; Religious, Missionary</b> Confessions DM of the Bodman & Stimpson Families
<b>Sun. 21st May</b> 10.00am Mass	<b>6th Sunday of Eastertide</b> Stephen Murray & Tony Maunder

**What's on this Week**

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Legion of Mary	Monday 7.30pm	Presbytery
Union of Catholic Mothers	Monday 7.30pm	Presbytery
Divine Mercy Group	Tuesday 7.30pm	Presbytery
Unravelling the Gospels	Wednesday (After Mass)	St. Joseph's Chapel

**FATIMA**

Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup> 1917 was like any other Sunday – after Mass, three children Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, led their little flock of sheep to the local pasture for grazing. A sudden flash of what seemed like lightning made them decide to take the sheep back to their own village of Aljustrel. On the way, a second flash of lightning revealed the figure of a woman dressed in white hovering above a holm oak tree. To reassure the frightened children the woman said “Do not be afraid. I do not want to hurt you. I want you to come here on the 13th of the next four months and then I will tell you who I am and what I want you to do. Meanwhile, say the Rosary every day to bring peace to the world and an end to the war and offer sacrifices to God in reparation for the many sins committed by which He is so greatly offended.” Throughout the following months the children urged the people to obey the wishes of the Lady, to pray the Rosary every day for peace and to make sacrifices in reparation for sins.

This weekend we have celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima and her message. Like the children we have heard her urgent request to pray the Rosary and the practice of reparation and penance. Have we heeded Our Lady's request? Is our world in such turmoil because her message has been ignored or forgotten?

**Our Sick**

Ethan Chichester, Lesley Barnett, Bernard Toft, Maria Jones, Colin Kingston, Gareth & Ethan Woodberry, Bob Molcher, Christian Babu, Val Kenealy, Kath Helkvist, Pat Xuereb, David Burns, Jacob Meighan, Julie Cale, Henry Burns, Tina Price, David Bateman, Anna Sueref, Pat Kiiver, John Cowhey, Jack O'Leary, Mike McCauliffe, Tom and Sheila Downey, Chloe Price, Jean Alderman, Daniel Young, Shelagh O'Donoghue, Fr. John Bland IC, Barbara Murphy, Tracey Price.

**Anniversaries**

Sydney Richards, Malcom Donaldson, James Kelleher, Renee O'Sullivan, Anthony Gould, Mavis McMahon, Edward Shields, Margaret O'Connor, Mary Price, Leslie Powell, Margaret Partridge, Carol Churcher, Florence Williams, William Carey, James Huntley, Alfred Brown, Norma Gallivan, David Samuel.

**CONFIRMATIONS**

At 7.00pm Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> we shall celebrate the Confirmation of eight of our young Parishioners. This is a very important moment in their life's journey within the Church and we ask the Parish to pray for them that this grace-filled moment of commitment may inspire and guide them for the rest of their lives.

**Parking Problems**

It has become increasingly clear that our neighbours in Swinton Street are experiencing real difficulties due to the blocking effect of some of the cars parked in the street during Mass times. This has led at times to residents having to hire a taxi in order to leave their homes because their space was blocked. PLEASE can we ask all motorists coming to Church to respect the privacy of our neighbours and their right to park at or near their own homes. This might well mean having to find other places to park during Mass but it is surely a matter of courtesy and consideration. It might help in this matter if more drivers were prepared to share their cars with other Mass goers in order to reduce the number of cars in a limited space.

**Church Offerings 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Offertory Collection - £650.68  
 Of which £283.50 was Gift Aided  
 Priest Training Fund - £133.10

Please remember that this weekend we shall celebrate at both Masses the **First Holy Communion** of some of our children. We hope that these celebrations will be the beginning of a life-long relationship with Jesus in Holy Communion and that children and parents will derive from these celebrations a deepening realisation of the supreme importance of this Sacrament in our daily lives as Catholics.

*Please remember these children in your prayers.*

#### **JOIN A SING-ALONG**

A young Catholic teacher has formed the JP School of Song – a group of singers from 11 – 17 year-olds who perform at events around Cardiff and the Vale. The group rehearses at St. Cadoc's Church Hall, Llanrumney, every Friday from 6.15 to 7.30pm. Please ring James on 0752156598 or email [jpschoolofsong@hotmail.com](mailto:jpschoolofsong@hotmail.com)

**REPEAT S.O.S.** A young Catholic man, Jose, from South America, now working in the caring services, is still desperately seeking accommodation for three months until he can find a permanent home. To discuss his needs or for further information, ring Jose on 07545704297.

**LIFE-SUPPORT:** Two of the major Pro-Life support groups in the country have united in a campaign to urge the Government to withdraw from the Marie Stopes International Abortion service their licence to perform abortions. This is because a recent commission of enquiry found in the MSI practice serious violations of the required care levels which, in turn, created serious life risk for the women concerned. A summary of this campaign and its reasons can be found at the back of the church together with petition forms to be filled in.

#### **Priests Training Fund**

As can be seen from the details overleaf the retiring collection taken last week for this very important Fund was disappointing considering the number of people attending these First Holy Communion Masses. This may have been because the collection boxes were not prominent at the back of the Church, and there were no boxes at the exit doors. In view of the poor response last week we will repeat the collections this weekend in case you missed out last week.

#### **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 name is on the bottom of the box.

#### **Calling all Taxpayers**

Over the past few years there has been a reduction in the membership of the St. Alban's Gift Aid Scheme. The main reasons for this are that quite a few Parishioners have moved to other Parishes, others have become non-tax payers, and unfortunately several scheme members have died. We have made appeals for new recruits through the newsletter during the last few weeks but so far only three have come forward to join the Scheme. We could do with at least a dozen new members to make up the shortfall of income from the Gift Aid tax refunds. Therefore we are asking again for all Parishioners who are tax payers to seriously consider paying their offerings through the Gift Aid Scheme. All Gift Aid offerings are topped up by 25% courtesy of the Taxman **AT NO EXTRA COST TO YOU!** All you need to do is to sign a simple declaration form stating you are a taxpayer and we will do the rest – the forms are available at the back of the Church.

#### **200 Club Winners – April 2017 Draw**

**1<sup>st</sup>** No.110 – D.James - £50

**2<sup>nd</sup>** No.178 – N.Hardy - £25

**3<sup>rd</sup>** No. 123 – J.Picton - £15

**HEADTEACHERS WANTED!** The positions of Head Teacher at two of our Catholic Primary schools are now vacant. Details are on the notice board regarding these posts which are at St. David's Primary School, Newport and St. Mary's Primary School, Newport.

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