



St. Alban's Parish Newsletter
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30th March to 7th April 2019

Fourth Week of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 30th March 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	Weekday, 3rd Week of Lent Confessions For All Parishioners
Sun. 31st March 10.00am Mass	4th Sunday of Lent (Laetere Sunday) Blandina Rodriguez
Mon. 1st April 6.00pm-7.00pm 7.00pm Mass	Weekday, 4th Week of Lent Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel Eric Thomas
Tues. 2nd April 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Service	St. Francis of Paola, Hermit Cira Noto Ecumenical Lenten Service
Wed. 3rd April 7.00pm Mass	Weekday, 4th Week of Lent DM of the O.Shea & Finnegan Families
Thurs. 4th April 9.30am Mass	St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Jean Davies
Friday 5th April 8.30am to 9.30am 9.30am Mass 7.00pm	St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest Adoration in St. Joseph's Chapel For All Parishioners Stations of the Cross
Sat. 6th April 12.00pm to 12.30pm 6.00pm Mass	Weekday, 4th Week of Lent Confessions Terry O'Brien
Sun. 7th April 10.00am Mass 6.30pm Service	5th Sunday of Lent Michael & Phyllis Walentin Prayers, Readings & Benediction

What's on this Week

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Legion of Mary	Monday, 7.30pm	In the Presbytery
Coffee Morning	Tuesday 10am	In the Hall
Divine Mercy Group	Tuesday 12.15pm	In the Presbytery
Ecumenical Lenten Service	Tuesday 7.00pm	In the Church
SVP Group Meeting	Wednesday 6.00pm	In the Presbytery
Stations of the Cross	Friday 7.00pm	In the Church

SEEKING TO RETURN HOME

Tax collectors were hated by the Jews because they took money from other Jews to pay into the coffers of the hated Romans. But it was these who, with others who broke the Jewish law, who now came to Jesus to seek some hope and purpose in their lives. The parable of the Prodigal Son tells us about the son who thought he could find pleasure and happiness by spending all his money and enjoying himself. But he found that things did not work out as he had expected and in what we could describe as a moment of grace he was suddenly able to step back and see what he had become and resolved to return to the house of his father. When he reached his home there was no word of accusation from his father, no condemnation, no punishment - only a deep joy because "my son who was lost, is found; my son who was dead, is alive." And his father arranged a great celebration to mark the return of his son. Jesus is telling us that when a sinner returns to the house of the father in the sacrament of confession (reconciliation) there is a great celebration in heaven, with no condemnation, no accusation. Every time a sinner acknowledges their sin and sincerely repents, the same mercy is poured out upon him or her and the angels rejoice in Heaven.

Anniversaries

Paul Hooper, Thelma Gunstone, Michael Hill, Patricia Evans, Ivor Thomas, Cornelius Driscoll, David Hewitt, Ann Barry, Thomas Heirene, Claire Mitchell, Jacob Evans, Joan Tanetta, William Dance, Maria Rodd.

Our Sick

Ethan Chichester, Christian Babu, Pat Xuereb, Colin, Shirley & Michael Kingston, Audrey Bodenham, Gareth and Ethan Woodberry, Don & Dorothy James, Barbara Hurley, Michael McCauliffe, Beatrice Rajanayagam, Elle Fine, Jack O'Leary, Iris Murphy, Dennis Caine, Elizabeth Sitole, Paul Burns, David Burns, Shelagh O'Donoghue, Julie Cale, Phyllis Clarke, Betty Millar, Fr. Anthony Furlong.
 To add to this Sick List please leave names in the Sacristy, or at back of Church.

Today being **Mothers Day**, we are reminded that the Parish is supporting the work of a leprosy clinic in Africa and to do this we are collecting used postage stamps. As this has been done already with great effect we ask for a special effort to bring in the stamps from those many Mothers Day cards received this weekend, a wonderful way to celebrate our mothers by helping those stricken with this terrible disease. The box is on the table at the back of the church.

On April 9th at 7.00pm there will be a **Parish Penitential** service in the church and this is a wonderful opportunity to come to confession in preparation for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter. For those who have not been to confession for a while, this is a great opportunity to put everything right and make a fresh start, so do not be afraid.

Church Offerings 23rd and 24th March 2019

Offertory Collection:-	£654.31
Of which:-	£274.60 was Gift Aided
Cafod Family Fast Day	£20.00
Final Total	£343.70

SHARE THE FAITH

On Wednesday of this week we will continue the weekly meetings for those seeking a deeper knowledge of their faith, those who might be thinking of becoming a Catholic (this is NOT a commitment to do so), or those who simply want to rekindle their faith from the past. The meeting will be in the St. Joseph's Chapel and will start at 7.30pm, following the 7.00pm Mass. ALL are very welcome.

CALLING ALL TAXPAYERS

The new tax year starts on April 6th and all parishioners who are tax payers are encouraged to seriously consider 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 the tax payer and we will do the rest – the form are available at the back of the Church.

SPUC – The Annual Pro-Life Kerbside Chain will take place on Saturday 27th April, 11am-1pm outside Whitchurch High School, near traffic lights on Manor Way, Whitchurch, Cardiff. Your attendance could save an unborn baby's life and a mother from the mental trauma of abortion. Laundered language e.g. 'A woman's right to choose' is used to hide the truth of abortion. St. Pope John Paul said in his Encyclical letter 'The Gospel of Life', "We must look truth in the eye and call things by their proper name".

On **Tuesday** of this week the monthly **Coffee Morning** will be held in the hall at 10.00am. Come along for tea, coffee and a chat. Also Prize Bingo and March 200 Club draw.

TURIN SHROUD

An exhibition on the Shroud of Turin will be held at the University Chaplaincy, Nazareth House from April 6th to the 20th and is open from 10.30am until 6.30pm, Monday to Saturday. Details are on the notice board.

Note that the **Stations of the Cross** will continue to be prayed every Friday in Lent at 7.00pm.

Also on Tuesday we shall be hosting an **Ecumenical Service** for Lent and Easter in the church at 7.00pm and we hope that many of our parishioners will join members of the other churches in the area to celebrate our shared faith in the meaning of Lent and Easter.

The **Easter Bonnet Parade** and **Race Night** will now take place in the hall at 7.00pm on the Saturday after Easter, April 27th.

FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES

Sherry Weddell is visiting the Diocese for a conference on 15th June and is working with Clergy and Laity on approaches to Evangelisation. A study group is planning to meet each Tuesday from 30th April at St. Peter's from 7pm lasting about 1 ½ hours each. Sessions will run til early June. If you are planning to be involved in the Sherry Weddell conference this will be ideal preparation. Further details from Frank Callus (St. Peter's) focallus@aol.com.

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Please pray for

John Reynolds Recently Dead. No Funeral details at this time.

May he rest in peace

GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR TAX YEAR 2019/2020

Existing Members of the St. Alban's Gift Aid Scheme can collect their new pack of envelopes from the Church porch at weekend Masses over the next couple of weeks. The new envelopes will come into use on the weekend April 6th & 7th 2019.

A ONE-DAY RETREAT FOR LENT

has been arranged at St. David's Sixth Form College on Saturday, April 6th, 10.30am until 3.00pm. The theme of the day is "How do we listen to the Word of God?" There is no fee and lunch will be provided, but in order that full arrangements can be made in good time, if you wish to attend, please contact Christian Mahoney on 07764515864.

PASSOVER SUPPER

Those who wish to attend the Passover Supper on the Tuesday of Holy Week (April 16th) are asked to sign up on the list at the back of the church, but by April 6th at the latest.

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