

NEWS BULLETIN FROM THE PARISH OF SS ALBAN & STEPHEN

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1st July 2018

Today’s gospel offers us two stories of the healing miracles of Jesus showing us something of how God’s grace can enter our lives and transform our situations.

We can all recall times when we were struggling, whether it be with a relationship or illness. We needed something to move us, to help us forgive, to help us walk away or to relieve us of physical pain. In the end it can be the simple gestures that save us: a kind word, someone praying for us, a gentle touch or we reach out to someone and like the woman with the haemorrhage we suddenly feel within ourselves that we are healed.

The woman is physically healed through her faith-filled action but Jesus reaches out to her in another way by calling her ‘Daughter’. He restores her status among the people. She would have been completely outcasted in society because of her illness and Jesus does not let social convention dictate who he should or should not acknowledge.

All are children of God. We are called to do the same, to reach out to those whom society declares ‘unclean’ and those with whom we would rather not be associated. Jesus reminds the people of this woman’s true identity as a child of God.

As Mark returns to the account of Jairus’ daughter we hear how Jesus restores the young girl to life with the simple words: ‘Talitha, Kum!’ (little girl, get up). God’s grace is gentle yet can bring life to situations of death. What do you need healing from today? Ask the Lord for what you need.



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Enrolment forms are now available at the back of the Church. If you have a child who will be in Year 3 or above in September and they would like to join the Parish Programme for First Holy Communion, please fill in the enrolment and consent forms and return them to the Parish office for the attention of Sr. Anita **on or before Sunday 26th August 2018**.

Please note: If your child was baptised outside our Parish you need to send in a copy of his / her baptismal certificate with the forms. If your child was baptised here there is no need to send in a copy of the certificate.

First Holy Communion - Table Leaders

A meeting for those who wish to be table leaders will be held on **Tuesday 10th July at 7.30pm**, in the Parish Hall. For more information, please contact Sr. Anita

Farewell Celebration Mass for Mrs. Dempsey

Sunday 8th July at 9.30am - special farewell celebration Mass for Mrs Dempsey, Headteacher at Ss Alban and Stephen Catholic Infant and Nursery School. This Mass will be led by the children from the Infant and Junior schools.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died recently including **Sr. Fabian White of Maryland, Diana Martin, Mary Delahunty, Francis McConnell and Alice Gallagher**, E and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please pray for all those who are ill at this time including Roger London, Francisco Diaz, Catherine Elkin, Avenal Jenkins, John Moloney, Rita Carter, Liz Smith, Bernadette Marron, Mark Norris, Patrick Foley, Jim O’Neill, Mike Smith, Jack O’Mahoney, Carmaline Xavier, Elisabeth Page, Kathleen Murphy, Jim O’Connor, Sr. Annie Bromham IBVM, Geraldine McBride, Becki Vousden, Martina Moloney, Veronica Hamilton, Claire Whitehead, Alice Daly, Sheila Doohan, Janet Szymczak, Noah Gregorio, Edie Hale, Gerry Smith, Edmond Mansfield, Teresa Hill, Ida Daswa, Catrin Rees-Doherty, John Rowland, Margaret Moloney, Jim Moss, Margaret Malloney, Ruth O’Gorman, John Baxter, Derita Whyte, Carmen Mincu & Teresa Virrueta; may the Lord comfort them.

Mass Intentions for the Week

1.7.2018

6pm Deceased members of
the Sheehan Family

8am Freda Clancy RIP
9am M'wick Fiona Wright RIP
9.30am People of the Parish
11.30am Patrick Curtis Anniv.
7pm Iain McCrossan RIP

Monday - Feria

10am Joseph Spudic RIP
7pm Margaret Galton RIP

Tuesday – St. Thomas

10am Priests' Intentions
NO EVENING MASS

Wednesday – St. Elizabeth of Portugal

10am FUNERAL OF FRANCIS McCONNELL
7pm MSC Benefactors

Thursday – St. Anthony Zaccaria

10am Claire Linton Anniv.
NO EVENING MASS

Friday – St. Maria Goretti

10am Eileen and Dick O'Neill RIP
7pm Mary Darby Ints.

Saturday - Feria

10am Freda Clancy RIP
6pm Nicolette and Giuseppe Barba Anniv.

Next Sunday

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Frank Rochford RIP
9am M'wick Anne Headley RIP
9.30am Mrs. B. Dempsey Ints.
Farewell Mass
11.30am Franceso & Maria Padormo Anniv.
4pm Polish Mass
7pm Freda Clancy RIP

*Mass Intentions are subject to change
if there is a funeral.*

Last week's offertory amounted to £1,772.01. Many thanks for your generosity. This weekend 30th June / 1st July, there will be a second collection for Peter's Pence.

Missionary Sisters of England and Wales

On the weekend of 7th / 8th July there is an appeal on behalf the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales. The Missionary Sisters, inspired by faith and a sense of compassion for the poor have travelled over the years to the four corners of the world. Sr Mary Sebastian Ogwuikwe IHM of the congregation of Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ, will represent the women religious at all Masses over the weekend.
We welcome sister Mary to our Parish.

Celebrating the Spirituality of the Heart



As we reach the end of the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart we hope you have drawn inspiration from some of the quotations displayed in Church over the past few weeks that bear witness to the tender and merciful love of Jesus for all, especially for those in greatest need. This remains the mission of the Chevalier family which has expanded hugely since its inauguration in 1854 by Fr Jules Chevalier. It now includes the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, as well as lay associates who, with the MSCs, now minister in more than 50 countries worldwide. This weekend we welcome three visitors from the Chevalier family of Europe, Rita, Hannie and Fr Hans. They are leading us on a prayerful reflection on the Spirituality of the Heart and helping us to plan for a whole parish event in the Autumn that will aim to build upon the great work already being done in this parish and thus further fulfil Fr Chevalier's vision of making God's love known wherever and whenever it is needed most.

We know that the MSCs welcome diversity and value the gifts of all and that Pope Francis has acknowledged their communion with the laity who participate in their apostolate. "Let the laity share in your ideals and projectstogether you will form an ever greater and stronger 'charismatic family', one that will better demonstrate the vitality and relevance of your founder's charism."

First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24

Death is an accepted part of life, but from where did it originate? The Lord has created us for eternity.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15

Community life based on faith and reason, self-regard and respect for other is the simple model St. Paul puts before the people of Corinth in his letter.

Gospel Reading: Mark 5:21-43

A little girl is restored to her family. A woman who has been ill for years is restored to health and to community. Jesus, our Saviour, is our restorer.

Reading for the Week:

Mon: Amos 2:6-10.13-16; Ps 49:16-23; Mt 8:18-22

Tue: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 116; Jn 20:24-29

Wed: Amos 5:14-15.21-24; Ps 49:7-13.16-17; Mt 8:28-34

Thu: Amos 7:10-17; Ps 18:8-11; Mt 9:1-8

Fri: Amos 8:6.9-12; Ps 118:2.10.20.30.40.131; Mt 9:9-13

Sat: Amos 9:11-15; Ps 84:9-11-14; Mt 9:14-17

Dates for July

Catholic Women's League

The CWL will be having their strawberry tea for members and friends on **Tuesday 3rd July** from 2.30pm at Mieke's, 34 Monks Horton Way. £5 including raffle.



Traidcraft Coffee Morning

Wednesday 4th July

9.30am until 12noon, 43 Avenue Road AL1 3PY. Everyone welcome. Any enquiries or orders please contact us on 01727 765 549

Traidcraft

This weekend after all Masses at the church. Next **Sunday 8th July** after 9am Mass at John Fisher School School, Hazelmere Road.

Saints Helping Us Today Week 4 St Catherine of Siena: Holiness in the Spirit

A series of 6 individual DVD talks exploring the lives of Saints Patrick, Benedict, Francis of Assisi, Catherine of Siena, Ignatius of Loyola, and Thérèse of Lisieux, and how their wisdom and teachings can be a practical help to us today.

The course will be held in the Parish Hall on **Thursdays from 14th June to 19th July from 11am to 12 and repeated in the evening from 8 to 9pm.**

Refreshments will be provided beforehand. Each talk lasts about 40 minutes with a mid-point break for group discussions. For more information contact Mike or Sylvia White (01727 854 596 whitemw@talktalk.net).

First Friday

24-hour adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **11am Friday 6th July till 11am Saturday 7th** in the Prayer Room. If you are able to attend, even if just for half an hour, please enter your name on the rota at the back of the church.



Men's Activities

We have a curry night on at 8pm **Friday 6th July** at the Spice Hut in Marshalswick. Please contact Richard on 07976 252309 or email d4dstalbans@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

FEED Collection Budgens Marshalswick Saturday 7th July 10am-noon

Volunteers for 30minutes slots, outside the shop and at the receiving trolley would be very welcome
Contact Maureen: molly_gus@yahoo.co.uk
07788 968 654

Pizza in the Park

Post-Confirmation Event

Clarence Park,

Sunday 8th July 5pm - 6.30pm.

Please ensure that consent form has been submitted to Sr. Anita by **5th July 2018.**



Mothers' Prayers

Mothers' Prayers will meet on **Monday 9th July** at 8pm in room 2.

Anyone wishing to pray for children is welcome.

Information from email;
office@mothersprayers.org

BINGO

In the Parish Hall on **Friday, 13th July at 8 O'Clock** to raise funds for the Knights of St. Columba. Admission is 50p towards refreshments, and everyone is welcome to come.



Life Ascending (Ascent)

Meeting **17th July** in Room 1.
Talk on "The Crusades".
New members are welcome.

St. Adrian's Catholic Primary School

Yvonne Hawkes is retiring after 19 years as Head-teacher at St. Adrian's Catholic Primary. The school is planning a few celebrations to mark her fantastic contribution to so many young people's lives. One of these celebrations is a party on **Saturday 21st July** from 5pm - 9pm to be held at the school.

The evening is an open invitation to all who know Yvonne or have been influenced by her hard work and dedication to Catholic education. There will be food and music provided but guests are asked to bring their own drinks. Of course you are welcome too to join too. We ask that anyone planning to attend please lets the school office know by email to retirement@stadrians.herts.sch.uk so they have an idea of numbers for catering purposes.

Baptism Course

The pre-baptism session will be held on **Saturday, 28th July at 10.30am, in Room 1 of the Parish Centre.** Parents who wish to baptise their **FIRST** child need to attend.



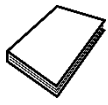
To book a place on this course, please call the presbytery on 01727 853 585 (Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9am - 1pm).

If you would like to baptise your **FIRST** child you will be unable to secure a baptism date before attending this session.

Baptisms are held on Sundays at 1pm. If you live outside our Parish you will need a letter from your Parish Priest giving permission to baptise here

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APF Magazines



The summer edition of Mission TODAY is now in the Church porch for APF promoters to collect. For any queries please call Tony Hughes 01727 862 087.

Finding Silence Weekend

19th - 21st October 2018, Walsingham, Norfolk

This retreat will be led by the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham in Dowry House and will include joining the community in their rhythm of prayer as well as Sunday Mass at the RC national shrine of Our Lady. Some walking will be involved and please note that none of the rooms have full disabled access. Rooms will be available from 3pm on Friday and the retreat will end with lunch on Sunday. The cost of either single or shared accommodation with full board is £110 per person for a standard room or £138 for an en-suite room. The community also ask for a separate minimum donation of £10 from individuals at the weekend for organising the talks. If there are enough people we will organise a coach, the cost of which will be from about £45 depending on numbers which we will need to know by 20th July. For further information and booking form pick up a leaflet from the back of the church or Marshalswick Mass Centre or contact Krystyna krystyna@faithknowledge.org Tel. 751094 or Mike whitemw@talktalk.net Tel. 854596

Parish Website

For a number of reasons, including GDPR, it has been decided that a new website is required for our parish. The new website will be compatible with mobile devices and will use a technology platform which minimises the maintenance burden on a single individual. Our current webmaster, Mike Walsh, has undertaken a huge amount of work over the years on the existing parish website, which received a number of awards. We have all benefited from Mike's creativity and his readiness to post our parish news and details of upcoming events. We have enjoyed the photos recalling happy parish times, and fondly remembered loved ones. A big thank you to Mike, for all his work on the website. Mike is standing down as webmaster and will act as a consultant as we transition to the new website. Inevitably we will face some challenges over coming weeks, and we may be without a website for a time after this month. We ask for your patience and support.

(R.C.I.A.) NEWS

Our adult journeying in faith programme will commence in September in the Parish Centre (Room 1), date to be agreed.

If you, a friend or relative: -

Want to complete your Catholic initiation e.g. to be Confirmed in your faith

Are the spouse / partner of a Catholic and would like to know more about joining our Catholic community Want to become a Christian e.g. Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation

Just curious about the Catholic Christian way of life

Want to share and know more about your faith as a Catholic

Please contact Deacon Steve Pickard on 01727 863 925 or e-mail stephenrpickard@gmail.com or any of our priests on 01727 853 585 or e-mail alban_stephen@lineone.net

Sponsored link www.life4seekers.co.uk (seeking, exploring, finding)

Trip to the Coast in September.

There are a few seats available on the coach going to Whitstable, Kent on Friday 7th September for the Parish Friends outing. The cost is £20 per person. If you are interested please leave your details at the parish office (between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday) or contact Cath White - 07961 364 922 / cathfhwhite@gmail.com

Rose Dedications - Thank You

Thank you to all of you who dedicated a rose to a friend, a family member or to a memory of a loved one. The list of all Rose Dedications will be displayed on the notice board at the back of the Church in July. If you would like your dedication stay anonymous, please contact the Parish Office: 01727 853 585, office hours: Mon - Fri, 9am - 1pm.



Parish of Ss Alban & Stephen

Confessions: Sat 10.30-11.30am
& 6.45-7pm.
Baptisms: by appointment

