

NEWS BULLETIN FROM THE PARISH OF SS ALBAN & STEPHEN

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15th July 2018

Being a follower of Jesus means to be ‘sent out’.

Our spiritual lives ought to be visible on the outside through our actions and dealings with others. The disciples are sent in twos for companionship but also as a team; one person cannot have all the gifts and there is support in working with another.

We might interpret the many demons that they cast out as all those things in the world that are not of the Spirit, the injustices in our world.

Jesus sends the disciples out to work for a better world, to bring more love, compassion and peace to those that they encounter. They go and urge people to repent, to turn around.

This is one of the goals of their mission and Jesus’ mission: to turn the world around. Jesus’ instructions to shake the dust from their feet when they feel unwelcome may seem harsh at first.



We too may fear rejection and when we experience it, it can leave us feeling exhausted and upset. Perhaps the message here is to free ourselves and move on; to not let that disappointment and upset control our lives because if we do, we lose our freedom, it holds us back and it starts to define us.

In the midst of that experience, our true mission can become lost. Let us go out and bring joy and hope to those we encounter.

‘You might be the only gospel which people read.’

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(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 stephenpickard@gmail.com
or any of our priests on 01727 853 585 or e-mail
stalbans@rcdow.org.uk

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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died recently including **Agnes Maher, Michael McConville, Mary Delahunty, Sr. Fabian White of Maryland and Diana Martin** for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including Michael Feeny.

Please pray for all those who are ill at this time including Philomena Lines, 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, Vertina Fernandes, 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

15.8.2018

6pm Conal Boyle RIP
8am People of the Parish
9am M'wick Tom Williamson RIP
9.30am Patrick Keegan Anniv.
11.30am Bill & Pat Franklin
and June Denvir Anniv.
7pm Marian and Joanna Hoscilowicz Anniv.

Monday – Our Lady of Mount Carmel

10am Sheila Aylward RIP
7pm Anna Meyer-Hophan Anniv.

Tuesday - Feria

10am Andrea Ezcurra RIP
NO EVENING MASS

Wednesday - Feria

10am Norah O'Flynn RIP
7pm MSC Benefactors

Thursday – Feria

10am Nicolas Cabezas RIP
NO EVENING MASS

Friday – St. Apollinaris

10am Priests' Intentions
7pm Paolo Grelli RIP

Saturday – St. Lawrence of Brindisi

10am Marie Noella Amadis RIP
6pm Deceased relatives and friends
of Marion Miller

Next Sunday

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Michael Anthony Murphy & Deceased
members of the Murphy Family
9am M'wick Kevin Barry Anniv.
9.30am Alice Gallagher RIP
11.30am Renee White RIP
4pm Polish Mass - CANCELLED
7pm People of the Parish

**Please note that there will be
no Polish Mass on 22nd July 2018**

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

Last week's offertory amounted to £2,604.88
The second collection for Missionary Sisters of England
and Wales amounted to £1,239.80.
Many thanks for your generosity.

Next weekend, 21st / 22nd July, there will be a second
collection for St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)

First Holy Communion 2018

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 St. 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.**

Sr. Fabian White of Maryland RIP

Requiem Mass at St. Michael's convent, Clacton on
Wednesday 1st August at 11.30am. Anyone wishing
to attend would need to contact the Convent for
catering: Sr Catherine on 01255 423 688.

A small group of Parishioners might be organising
a coach, depending on number of people interested.
Please see a notice at the back of the church
for more details

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

As the experience of Amos shows, a prophet is
someone to whom God says 'Go and speak,' and to
whom the people say 'Go away'.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Prayerful, poetic, precise – this passage from St. Paul
to the Ephesians manages to reveal in very simple
sentences, the mind, heart and purpose of God the
Father, the mission of Jesus Christ and the salvation
won for us his people, made effective by the Holy
Spirit.

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:7-13

Sending the Apostles out on mission is the focus of
today's gospel. Authority over unclean spirits,
simplicity of life, pastoral advice for difficult
circumstances – these are offered by the master to
the twelve who are now undertaking their first steps
in ministry.

Reading for the Week:

Mon: Is 1:10-17; Ps 49:8-9.16-17.21.23; Mt 10:34-11:1
Tue: Is 7:1-9; Ps 47:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
Wed: Is 10:5-7.13-16; Ps 93:5-10.14-15; Mt 11:25-27
Thu: Is 26:7-9.12.16-19; Ps 101:13-21; Mt 11:28-30
Fri: Is 38:1-6.21-22.7-8; Ps Is 38:10-12.16; Mt 12:1-8
Sat: Mic 2:1-5; Ps 9:1-4.7-8.14; Mt 12:14-21

Dates for July

Saints Helping Us Today Week 6 - St Thérèse of Lisieux: Simplicity of Faith



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).



Life Ascending (Ascent)

Meeting **17th July** at 10.30am 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. A party will be held on **Saturday 21st July** from 5pm - 9pm at the school.

There will be food and music provided but guests are asked to bring their own drinks. We ask that anyone planning to attend please let the school office know: retirement@stadrians.herts.sch.uk



Family Club Day

St. Colmicilles Gealic Athletic Club celebrates its 80 Anniversary on **Saturday 21st July** at the Irish Club, Cotlandswick, London Colney AL2 1DW
Free entry. 11am for all the family - 'till late.
Sporting and fun events / live music
Enquiries: 07764 534 938



St James the Apostle Feast Day Wednesday 25th July

Fancy a walk round things linked to St James in London? Meet at St Albans City station at 0930.
Bring a rail card if you have one to buy a travel card.
Walk from All-Hallows-by-the-Tower [1100] to Museum of London [1515] - free entry.
Lunch/picnic [1430] en route. Ends with evening service at St James, Spanish Place. The walk will be lead by the Confraternity of St James. Infomation from Stan - 765549, grabecki@hotmail.com.

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: Mon - Fri, 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



Holy Hour For Men

2nd August 2018

In the prayer room at 8pm

Come join us for this Holy Hour. The Holy Hour includes Rosary, a Gospel reading, meditation and silent prayer, and is followed by refreshments

For more information please contact Michael Crabtree on 07510 140759 or via email michael.crabtree@hotmail.co.uk



Parish Friends - Film

Parish Friends will be showing the film **Paddington 2** on **Sunday 12th August from 2.30-5pm**. Popcorn, biscuits, squash, tea and coffee will be served.

This is a charming family film and admission is free but we will be having a raffle. All are welcome. If you require a lift or further details please contact

Helen Bassill phone 01727 852 250
email helen.bassill@ntlworld.com



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. 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

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Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteer(s) to wash small pieces of linen weekly or on a rota basis and to wash the Altar cloth occasionally. If you are able to help, please contact the Parish Secretary during the office hours, Mon - Fri, 9am - 1pm on 01727 853 585 or via e-mail stalbands@rcdow.org.uk



Please use these new e-mail addresses in future for parish business

To comply with General Data Protection Regulations, are now using e-mail addresses provided by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster (RCDOW):

Parish Office / Bulletin: stalbands@rcdow.org.uk

Sr. Anita O'Leary, Youth Coordinator:
anitaoleary@rcdow.org.uk

*Please note that our previous e-mail addresses:
alban_stephen@lineone.net
and sister.anita@albanstephen.com
will be in use for the next few weeks only.*

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.

A Call to end Indefinite Immigration Detention in the UK

To help raise awareness, several parishioners walked the first 15 miles of a 4-day walk to Westminster with those who have experienced detention in the UK & befrienders from the Gatwick detainees welfare group - gdwg.org.uk "refugee tales" enables accounts of detainees in the UK to be heard these were shared on the walk. See - refugeetales.org "

(Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation group-JPIC)

Growing in Faith Campaign

The parish's involvement in this diocesan campaign ends in July 2018 after 5 years. Very many thanks to all parishioners who contributed in any way to making it so successful. Parishioners need to check that their banks have cancelled any standing orders or direct debits either in July or at the end of their pledged period of time. Full financial details will be provided when the campaign has ended

Players needed for St Albans Romans FC

The parish men's football team need some more players (aged 16 - 40) to join their squad. The club has two teams playing 11 a side matches in the Herts churches league on Saturday morning. The first team won the double last season and We also play in the Herts county cup, reaching the semi finals last year.



For more details see our website, <http://www.stalbansromans.com>, or contact Massimo at stalbandsromans@gmail.com

Helpers needed for Alpha Course

The Mission group are planning to run an Alpha course commencing **Thursday, 11th October** at 7.30pm for 11 weeks.



Could you help us to run this course? If you have previously attended an Alpha course would you be interested in helping as a Leader or Helper in a small group? Training would be provided.

We also need help in the following areas:
Preparing/serving a light meal on a rota basis;
setting up **Audio-visual** equipment,
Welcoming/registration/admin, Setting up/clearing away. If you think you could help or would like more information, please contact Ann Hill (07901 957054 anncarmelhill@gmail.com) or Sylvia White (854596 sylviawhite@talktalk.net)

Parish of Ss Alban & Stephen

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

