

# NEWS BULLETIN FROM THE PARISH OF SS ALBAN & STEPHEN

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## 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018

‘For he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd.’ The simple phrase in today’s gospel is striking. The Master is not just a teacher; he has deep feelings for his people.

He is the perfect shepherd; he is the model of shepherding that Jeremiah foretells. There is no mention of regulation or requirement. The active and outward love of God for his people is visible in action.

This is the one who will lay down his life for his sheep. This is the heart we are called to imitate. This is the energy and the desire that all who minister are asked to model.



The challenge of today’s scriptures is to honestly recognise in ourselves, the difference between opportunity and burden.

In the day to day and week to week life that is Christian living, sheep and shepherd alike are asked to be open to fresh understanding and energy.

Christian living is not a series of boxes to be ticked, fixtures to be filled, tasks to be completed, it is availability to the requirements of true witness, openness to the true shepherd’s heart.

To quote one rather well-known voice in today’s world – ‘*Espouse your community, be profoundly bounded to it!*’

(Pope Francis, speaking to Bishops in 2013)

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Friends will be showing the film **Paddington 2** on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:helen.bassill@ntlworld.com)



## Baptism Course

The pre-baptism session will be held on **Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> 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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died recently including **baby Benedict Buller, Agnes Maher, Michael McConville, Mary Delahunty, Sr. Fabian White of Maryland and Diana Martin** for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including Elsie Rigg, Ronald Wilding and Eileen & Jerome Tobin.

Please pray for all those who are ill at this time including John Miskell, 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, 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

22.8.2018

6pm	Deceased relatives and friends of Marion Miller
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
<b>Monday – St. Bridget of Sweden</b>	
10am	Priests' Intentions
7pm	James Ladley Anniv.
<b>Tuesday – St. Sharbel Makhluf</b>	
10am	Stuart McDonald RIP
<b>NO EVENING MASS</b>	
<b>Wednesday – St. James</b>	
10am	Ivan Potiuk RIP
7pm	MSC Benefactors
<b>Thursday – Ss Joachim and Anne</b>	
10am	Frs. Tom Hewitt & Sandy Murray MSC – RIP
<b>NO EVENING MASS</b>	
<b>Friday – Feria</b>	
10am	Carlo Grilli Anniv.
7pm	Private Intentions
<b>Saturday – Feria</b>	
10am	Kate Kelly RIP
6pm	Fiona Wright RIP
<b><u>Next Sunday</u></b>	
<b><u>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b>	
8am	People of the Parish
9am M'wick	Anne Cosimini Anniv.
9.30am	James Clegg RIP
11.30am	Renee White RIP
3pm	Italian Mass (Fr. Alberto) Carini & Venitia Salvatrie 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv.
7pm	Amadeo Dell'Erario Anniv.

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

Last week's offertory amounted to £1,874.05  
This weekend, 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> July, there will be a second collection for St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)

### **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 (RCDO):

Parish Office / Bulletin: [stalbins@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:stalbins@rcdow.org.uk)

Sr. Anita O'Leary, Youth Coordinator:

[anitaoleary@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:anitaoleary@rcdow.org.uk)

*Please note that our previous e-mail addresses:*

*[alban\\_stephen@lineone.net](mailto:alban_stephen@lineone.net)*

*and [sister.anita@albanstephen.com](mailto:sister.anita@albanstephen.com)*

*will be in use for the next few weeks only.*

### **Sr. Fabian White of Maryland RIP**

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

Please note that there will be no coach trip.

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

The Lord has high expectations of those whom he calls to lead his people and to proclaim his gospel. Jeremiah is signalling how, in the interest of ensuring that not one will be lost, some will now have to be moved aside as confidence is restored.

### **Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18**

Christ has opened for all the possibility and the means of salvation. Nobody is far away now, differences and difficulties created by the law have been abolished; triumph on and through the cross have meant the end of hostility and barrier; peace now reigns and the one Spirit is an open accessible path for all peoples to the Father.

### **Gospel Reading: Mark 6:30-34**

The need for rest and reflection is the starting point in today's gospel. The apostles have ministered well; it's time for a little time away. But it is short lived. The people are hungry for the message, the chief pastor knows the need for his sheep – and he does it now and 'at some length'. The Master is setting the standard for pastors.

### **Reading for the Week:**

Mon: Gal 2:19-20; Ps 33:2-11; Jn 15 :1-8

Tue: Mic 7 :14-15.18-20 ; Ps 84 :2-8 ; Mt 14:46-50

Wed: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps125:1-6; Mt 20:20-28

Thu: Jer 2:1-3.7-8.12-13; Ps 35:6-11; Mt 13:10-17

Fri: Jer 3:14-17; Ps: Jer 31:10-13; Mt 13:18-23

Sat: Jer &:1-11; Ps 83:3-6.8.11; Mt 13:24-30

# Dates for July & August

## **St James the Apostle Feast Day** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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. Information from Stan - 765549, [grabecki@hotmail.com](mailto:grabecki@hotmail.com).



## **Holy Hour For Men**

2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:michael.crabtree@hotmail.co.uk)

## **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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.**



## **Marlborough Road Methodist Church** **are offering Holiday at Home** **on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August.** **An opportunity not to be missed!**

If you would like to meet with friends and share in a time of fun and laughter without the hassle of going away, then we are sure you will enjoy a Holiday at Home at Marlborough Methodist Church.

We hope there will be something for everyone from crafts, board games, puzzles, gentle exercise and stimulating talks, to simply a chance to chat and relax. Morning coffee, afternoon tea, and a midday meal will be provided.

Anyone interested in attending as a guest or offering help as a volunteer please contact Helen phone: 852250 for more details and an application form. Transport can be provided for those who require it.

## **ADULTS JOURNEYING IN FAITH** **(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](mailto:stephenrpickard@gmail.com)

or any of our priests on 01727 853 585 or e-mail [stalbens@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:stalbens@rcdow.org.uk)

Sponsored link [www.life4seekers.co.uk](http://www.life4seekers.co.uk)  
(seeking, exploring, finding)

## **Finding Silence Weekend** **19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> October 2018**

### **Walsingham, Norfolk**

Anyone interested and those already booked are invited to a meeting at 10.45am on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 8pm** in the parish hall to look at practicalities and discuss travel arrangements. **Please note the deadline for final payment is 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018.** Whilst only 2 en-suite rooms currently remain free, more standard rooms are available.

We will be led by and join the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham in their daily prayer as well as attend Sunday Mass at the RC national shrine of Our Lady. Some walking will be involved and note that none of the rooms have full disabled access. Rooms are 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 per person 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 contact Krystyna [krystyna@faithknowledge.org](mailto:krystyna@faithknowledge.org) Tel. 751094 or Mike [whitemw@talktalk.net](mailto:whitemw@talktalk.net) Tel. 854596

## **Theatre Trips**



For Theatre going parishioners, if interested in trips to London incl. coach, please contact Janet Audley Charles on [jactheatretrips@gmail.com](mailto:jactheatretrips@gmail.com) up and coming trips are King and I, Lion King, School of Rock, Kinky boots, Les Mis and More!

# NEWS BULLETIN

## 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 [stalbans@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:stalbans@rcdow.org.uk)



## 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](http://gdwg.org.uk) "refugee tales" enables accounts of detainees in the UK to be heard these were shared on the walk.

See - [refugeetales.org](http://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 [stalbansromans@gmail.com](mailto:stalbansromans@gmail.com)

## Helpers needed for Alpha Course

The Mission group are planning to run an Alpha course commencing **Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> 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 (07977 056 637 [anncarmelhill@gmail.com](mailto:anncarmelhill@gmail.com)) or Sylvia White (01727 854 596 [sylviaacwhite@talktalk.net](mailto:sylviaacwhite@talktalk.net))

## Vacancy

### SVP 1833 (18 to 33 years old)

The SVP (St. Vincent de Paul Society) is seeking to recruit an 1833 Research and Project Development Officer to review, re-model, project plan and potentially produce resources for their programme in preparation for a service re-launch in Sept 2019. £27k pa pro rata; 3 days a week; one year contract. Home-based with national travel. Closing date: 10:00 on Wednesday 25th July 2018. Interviews: Thursday 26th July 2018. Start date: Wednesday 29th August 2018. For more details & application pack, please visit the vacancies section of the SVP website: <https://www.svp.org.uk/>.

## Parish of Ss Alban & Stephen

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

