

NEWS BULLETIN FROM THE PARISH OF SS ALBAN & STEPHEN



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26th May 2019

Sixth Sunday of Easter

In a verse preceding today’s gospel, the disciples ask Jesus why he will not show the whole world who he is. It’s an excellent question. Surely this whole faith-journey experience and relationship with God would be far easier if there were fireworks and clear instructions.

Jesus’ response to the disciples is: *‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.’* This is the opening line of today’s Gospel. It reminds us that what is required first is an inner relationship with God, so that God can come and make a home with us: *‘we will come to them and make our home with them.’*

It is there where we discover who Jesus is.



The peace (shalom) is not simply a good wish for a nice evening; it is, rather, a peace that this world cannot offer. It is a peace that comes from a loving relationship with God, a peace of body, of mind and of spirit.

Jesus is asking the disciples to be an unending witness to God’s love. They (and we) must be for others what Jesus has been for them. In this way we, and the world, will come to see who Jesus is.

‘When we understand the essential unity of all that is, we discover the possibility of ‘peace’ – the kind of peace that in Hebrew is called shalom, and which is infinitely more than an absence of strife; it is the wholeness of the web of life itself and of every creature in it, held in the wholeness of the one God.’

Margaret Silf

Thank you

Parish Friends would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make Sunday’s Tea Party such a successful occasion. About 50 guests enjoyed the wonderful scones and cakes and the superb entertainment from the Ukulele Sunshine Band. Thank you to drivers, bakers and all helpers for enabling us to put on a special afternoon for the parish. One of our best and totally appreciated and enjoyed by our guests.

Ascension – Holy Day of Obligation Thursday 30th May

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Saturday 8th June, 6-8pm.
£2 per child.

For school years 3-6.
Fun and games; Live music;
Drinks and snacks

A joint event with our parish for young Christians,
St. Luke’s Church, Cell Barnes Lane,
St. Albans. AL1 5QJ.

Youth and adult volunteers needed. For more info
contact David Markham 07543 400 650 Register on
www.the267project.com

Pentecost Celebration Mass

Sunday 9th June, 7pm. Celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit with prayerful music ministry. Holy Spirit homily. Priest’s anointing of the sick. Prayer ministry for those that would like it. Refreshments and fellowship in the cafe area. If you would like to contribute to refreshments or welcome team please contact Tim on 07875 848 138



Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died recently including **Angela Pope, Claire Kennedy, and George Ackers** and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including **John Boland and Anne Marie Comer.**

Mass Intentions for the Week

26.5.2019

6pm Margaret O'Keeffe RIP
8am Deceased Members of Power Family
9am M'wick Mass of Thanksgiving
9.30am People of the Parish
11.30am Dorothy & Reginald Salisbury Anniv.
4pm Polish Mass
7pm Terry Mahabir Anniv.

Monday – St. Augustine of Canterbury

10am John Matthews RIP
7pm Patrick Bagge Anniv.

Tuesday - Easter Feria

10am **FUNERAL OF GEORGE ACKERS**
NO EVENING MASS

Wednesday – Easter Feria

10am Fr. Alan Neville MSC - 10 years
Ordination Anniversary
7pm MSC Benefactors

Thursday – The Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)

10am Priests' Intentions
7pm John Boland Anniv.

Friday - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10am Everard Hunter RIP
7pm Frank Phelan RIP

Saturday – St. Justin

10am Theresa 'Tess' O'Hara Anniv.
6pm Connelly Family

Next Sunday Seventh Sunday of Easter

8am People of the Parish
9am M'wick Patricia McCarthy RIP
9.30am Veronica Hamilton RIP
11.30am Jimmy Loughlin Anniv.
7pm Lucilla Wong RIP

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

Parish Bulletin / Room Booking

Meeting room requests and bulletin entries need to be sent to stalbans@rcdow.org.uk, marked for the attention of Fr. TJ, the Parish Priest. The deadline for bulletin entries is Wednesday 12 noon.

APF Summer magazine

The summer issue of Mission TODAY is now in the Church porch for collection by APF promoters. For any queries please call Tony Hughes on 862087 or email tanda.hughes@btinternet.com

Walk to Mass in June

Now that the summer is here, consider walking to church rather than using the car.

First Reading:

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

From the beginning, disciples had to struggle in order to reach clear understanding of faith's demands. The Holy Spirit was present to guide and enlighten.

Second Reading:

Apo 21:10

Because Christ is victorious, creation is 'lit by the radiant glory of God.' This is a promise to treasure in any moment of darkness.

Gospel:

John 14:23-29

In our sincere efforts to keep Christ's word, God makes his home in us, we are strengthened by the Holy Spirit, and we come to know the gift of peace.

Reading for the Week:

Mon: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1-6.9; Jn 15:26-16:4

Tue: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 137:1-3.7-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wed: Acts 17:15.22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2.11-14; Jn 16:12-15

Thu: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 46; Eph 1:17-23

Fri: Rom 12:9-16; Cant.Is 12:2-6; Lk 1:39-56

Sat: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 46:2-3.8-10; Jn 16:23-28

Dates for June

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 1st June

There will be tea/coffee, fruit, pastries and friendly conversation in the Parish Centre from 8.15am for 30 minutes or so, followed by a short DVD talk.



We are continuing on the theme "God at work", with another DVD talk featuring Ken Costa, a former deputy chair of UBS Bank and former chair of Alpha

International. Please contact Richard by email on d4dstalbans@gmail.com, or call 07976 252309 for more details



Catholic Worker Farm - Open Day

1st June 3pm till late, International Buffet at 6pm
The Catholic Worker Farm, Old Uxbridge Road,
Rickmansworth, WD3 9XJ

Meet the team and learn about the work they do with homeless women and children. Life performance from Ooberfuse, Face Painting, Henna Tattoos, Trampolining and more
www.thecatholicfarm.org/ / 07983 477 819



Spirit in the City Festival

31st May & 1st June 2019. Theme 'Life to the Full'. Catholic Faith Festival celebrating and witnessing faith in London's Leicester Square. Includes live stage music, street evangelisation, prayer teams, all day Adoration, Confessions, feet washing, activities for children, talks, etc. More info:
info@spiritinthecity.org / 0791 5537125.
visit spiritinthecity.org



Book of Revelation

Our small group are starting a Jeff Cavin DVD series, studying 'Revelations' on Mondays after 10am Mass in Room 1. Introduction **Mon 3rd June, 10th June, then every 2 weeks.** All Welcome. Mike & Sylvia.



Catholic Women's League

The next CWL meeting will be held on **Tuesday June 4th after the 10am Mass** in room 1. There will be an interesting talk on "Bandstands" including a bit about our local one in Clarence Park. All parishioners and friends are very welcome. (£2 for coffee and raffle)



Pulse - Family Retreat

7th June, 7pm - 9th June, 4pm.

St Albans Academy, Shenley Lane, AL2 1AG
For more information or to register, please visit:
www.pulse-retreats.com or see poster at the back of the church.

Caritas Volunteer Fair

Saturday 8th June, from 1-3pm, at St Aloysius' Parish Hall, Phoenix Road, Euston, NW1 1TA.

To get your free ticket, email caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk, call 020 7931 6077, or search the event title on www.eventbrite.co.uk



Light a Candle for The Hospice of St. Francis

Thursday 6th June

St Peters Church in Berkhamstead will be open this year 4pm - 8pm providing a multi-faith, contemplative space to give thanks for our Hospice and to pray the future of the hospice. The Lady Chapel in St Albans Cathedral will also be open from 1pm - 3pm.

www.stfrancis.org.uk/prayervigil
Tel.no: 01442 869 550



Come Away Awhile....

Retreat Day for Parish Lay Ministers of Holy Communion and of the Word with Sister Karen Marguerite OP and Sister Anne Walsh OP.

Saturday, 8th June 2019, Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Rd, Bushey Heath, WD23 4EE. Saturday 15th June 2019, Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN.

10am - 3pm (refreshments from 9.30am).

Suggested donation £15 per person. Please bring a packed lunch. Coffees/Teas are available.

Register with livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or leave a voicemail 020 7931 6078. Please indicate which venue you are registering.



Salvation Army - St. Albans City Corps 135th Anniversary Concert

With London Central Fellowship Band (David Rudd) and Hendon Corps Singing Company
Saturday 8th June, 7pm at Marlborough Road Methodist Church, St. Albans

£8 per person

RSVP: 01727 855 395, 07887 768 522

St.albans@salvationarmy.org.uk



The Gender Agenda - Conference

Wednesday June 12th 2019, 11am - 4pm

St Mary Moorfields, Eldon St. London EC2M 7LS
Speakers: Kerri Christopher, The Humanum Institute and Louise Kirk, Alive to the World.

For more details, please see poster at the back of the church or visit

www.associationofcatholicwomen.org



Life Ascending (Ascent) Retreat

Aylesford Priory, Kent. Monday 17th June - Thursday 20th June. Led by Fr. Peter Griffiths SJ. Full board accommodation £205. Details: David Edwards, Tel: 01727 765 216

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City of London Church Pilgrimage

Thursday June 20th

A walking pilgrimage through the City of London is being organised to celebrate our patrons St Alban (the first martyr of England) and St Stephen (the first Christian martyr). The walk will include visits to churches associated with Saint Alban and Saint Stephen as well as Mass at a City church. If interested in joining in the walk, please contact Richard on 07740 265 947 or (preferably) email rconeill@btinternet.com

Feast day of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart 25th May



Devotion to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart has had a great impetus in the growth and spread of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart and the whole Chevalier Family throughout the world. Nineteenth century France was a profound period of establishing and fostering Marian devotions and also devotion to the Sacred Heart. Newly arrived at Issoudun, near Bourges in France, Fr Jules Chevalier was intent on founding a congregation of religious priests and brothers to give life to a vision he had had for a few years. With his fellow young priest, he began a novena to Our Lady which was to conclude on 8 December 1854. The two young priests promised that if it was God's intention that they should found a religious congregation they would honour Mary under a new title. The morning after they had completed the novena, they received a gift of 20,000 French Francs from an anonymous donor. This money was to be used to establish a house of missionaries in the area with the approval of the Archbishop. With this money the two priests purchased a rundown vineyard with a solid house and tumbled-down barn in Issoudun. The house became their first community house and the barn was renovated as the first chapel, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Before they had commenced the Novena Father Chevalier had promised the Blessed Virgin Mary that, if she helped him, he would venerate her in a special way. The impact of these events on Chevalier was indelible, and in fulfilment of his promise he immediately began to honour Mary under the title "Our Lady of the Sacred Heart". The Feast Day of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart is celebrated on the last Saturday in May.

"Our Lady of the Sacred Heart pray for us"

Parish Family Party

Loreto College 8th September 2019, 12:30pm-3:30pm
Save the date for another opportunity for all members of our parish to come together socially. Please can you help in any way...with music, serving food / drinks, crafts, face painting, children's entertainment, cake baking, set-up, tidy away etc? Do you have a gazebo or outdoor children's games we could use or crafts to sell? All ideas and suggestions welcome to make a fun day for each one of us. Contact David on 07543 400650 or Melanie on 07900 051956.



Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come is a global, ecumenical prayer movement, backed by Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and Archbishop of Westminster Vincent Nichols.

It runs from Ascension to Pentecost.

EVENTS: June 6th 8pm The Lady Chapel in the Abbey -Night prayer with intercessions
24 Hours of Prayer: Kick off at Ashley Church Friday 8pm, Morning prayer at Ss Alban Stephen Church 9am on Saturday 8th June
Close at 7pm in St Peters on Saturday 8th
Beacon Celebration in the Abbey 6.30pm Pentecost Sunday June 9th

More details for all these events are at

www.ctstalbans.org.uk

Baptism Course

The pre-baptism session will be held on **Saturday 1st June, 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 it is necessary to have a letter from your Parish Priest giving permission to baptise here.



Ss Alban & Stephen Catholic Infant School - Caretaker Position

Ss Alban & Stephen Catholic Infant School currently have a vacancy for the position of part-time caretaker - 25 hours per week. Please contact the school office to make an appointment to speak with Miss Cannon, Head of School (01727 854643 / admin@ssasinfants.herts.sch.uk). An enhanced DBS disclosure is required for this post.

St. Columba's College - Open Evening

St. Columba's College, the independent Catholic Boys' Day school in St Albans, will be holding an open evening in the Prep School from 6.30pm to 8.30pm on **Wednesday 12th June 2019**. There is also an open day in the Senior School on Friday 14th June 2019 and parents are invited to book a tour at either 11.25am or 2.05pm. Parents are very welcome to bring their sons along with them. For more information, please see St Columba's College website www.stcolumbascollege.org or contact the Admissions Registrar, Mrs Hilary Causer: admissions@stcolumbascollege.org

Parish of Ss Alban & Stephen

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

