

NEWS BULLETIN FROM THE PARISH OF SS ALBAN & STEPHEN

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29th July 2018

In John’s version of the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus performs this great miracle and it is the sign the crowds were waiting for. There is a lot of rich symbolism in this passage referring to Jesus as the Bread of Life, the one who will satisfy people’s hunger, the great teacher.

But perhaps the final lines tell us a lot about the type of ‘king’ Jesus really is. The crowds are so enthused by Jesus’ miracles and teaching that they want to ‘take him by force and make him king’. Jesus tries to discourage them from their own ideas of kingship.



His kingship involves a different path to the one the crowd are expecting. Jesus is cautious and to escape the attention, perhaps to be alone and pray, he takes himself out of this situation and retreats to the mountain.

It could be tempting to give in to the crowd and have them declare you as their king. Jesus’ example of leadership is service in today’s gospel, feeding the people, nourishing the people, meeting their needs. It also shows us how God can work with what we have to offer, no matter how little that sometimes is, he can turn this into much fruit.

A final lesson may be for those in authority of any sort that they know when it is time to leave the people they serve, to reflect on their mission, to recharge and nourish themselves. Only in this way can they listen to the Spirit and experience the inner freedom necessary to lead as servant.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The annual CTSA Prayer Walk will take place on **Sunday, 16th September**, starting at 2pm from our church and finishing at St Albans Cathedral. Please come and join in this gentle stroll around our city, pausing at some of the churches to pray for the people of St Albans. The afternoon includes a short break for tea and cake at St Michael’s parish hall. Join us for all or any part of the walk. Detailed timings on the posters and flyers at the back of church.



SOS from Open Door **Our local centre for the Homeless**

Open Door would be most grateful for the following items: Re-usable water bottles, sun cream, after-sun, men’s toileteries – i.e. deodorant, shaving foam, shower soap, shampoo.

Please leave NEW, UNOPENED items in the church porch or at the Mass Centre on **Saturday / Sunday, 11th / 12th August**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died recently including **baby Benedict Buller, Sr. Fabian White of Maryland and Diana Martin** for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including Pete Helliwell.

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

29.7.2018

6pm Fiona Wright RIP

8am People of the Parish

9am M'wick Anne Cosimini Anniv.

9.30am James Clegg RIP

11.30am Renee White RIP

3pm Italian Mass – Carini + Venitia Salvatrie
50th Wedding Anniversary

7pm Amadeo Dell'Erario Anniv.

Monday – St. Peter Chrysologus

10am Frs. Tom Hewitt & Sandy Murray RIP

7pm Kathleen Davies RIP

Tuesday – St. Ignatius of Loyola

10am Priests' Intentions

NO EVENING MASS

Wednesday – St. Alphonsus Liguori

10am Moira Johnson RIP

7pm MSC Benefactors

Thursday – St. Eusebius of Vercelli

10am David Blundell RIP

11am FUNERAL OF BABY BENEDICT BULLER

7pm John Brian Kent

Anniv.

Friday – Feria

10am Francis John McConnell RIP

7pm James Taylor RIP

Saturday – St. John Vianney

10am Mamae Burke RIP

6pm The Family of Jean Mulderigg – Ints.

Next Sunday

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary

8am All members of Power Family - RIP

9am M'wick Alice Gallagher RIP

9.30am People of the Parish

11.30am Pickard Family Ints.

7pm Domenia Merlino Anniv.

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

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.

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.

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Elisha's life is one of humility, love of his people and utter trust in God – a long life marked by incredibly visible workings of God through him as he sought to serve his people and their rules.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

In this short passage St. Paul counsels how the community needs always to attend to the requirements of unity and charity. It's a message of fraternal concern, closeness and unity, together with and through Father, Son and Spirit.

Gospel Reading: John 6:1-15

The miracle of the loaves and the fishes, the large crowd invited to be seated, the feeding of thousands and enough left over to fill the twelve hampers. This earthly food is a pointer to eternal unity and harmony.

Reading for the Week:

Mon: Jer 13 :1-11 ; Ps : Deut 31 :18-21 ; Mt 13 :31-35

Tue: Jer 14 :17-22 ; Ps 78 :8-9.11.13 ; Mt 13 :36-43

Wed: Jer 15:10.16-21: Ps 58:2-5.10-11.17-18: Mt 13:44-46

Thu: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 145:2-6; Mt 13:47-53

Fri: Jer 26:2-9; Ps 68:5.8-10.14; Mt 13:54-58

Sat: Jer 26:11-16.24; Ps 68:15-16.30-31.33-34; Mt 14:1-12

Dates for August

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**. Please note that there will be no coach trip.

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 140 759 or via email michael.crabtree@hotmail.co.uk

First Friday

24-hour adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **11am Friday 3rd August till 11am Saturday 4th 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.

Traidcraft

Traidcraft next weekend:
4th/5th August after all Masses at church.

Traidcraft coffee morning
Wednesday 8th August 9.30am until 12 noon
at 43 Avenue Road AL13PY

Everyone welcome.

Any enquiries or orders,
please contact Maureen or Stan
on 01727 765 549

CWL (Catholic Women's League)

Coffee Outing

Tuesday 7th August

Meet after 10am Mass in café area
when we will choose where to go.

Theatre Trips

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



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



SUMMER BREAK

Toddlers Group:

Back after the summer break
on Monday 10th September
at 10.30am, in the Parish Hall.

Children's Liturgy:

Next session: Sunday 9th September,
9.30am in the Parish Hall

English Conversation

Classes for Ladies:

English conversation classes for ladies whose first language is not English will start again on Monday 10th September, 1pm until 2.30pm in the Parish Hall. Ladies of any nationality are welcome to come along and chat to other ladies in a social and relaxed environment.

Finding Silence Weekend

19th -21st October 2018

Walsingham, Norfolk

Anyone interested and those already booked are invited to a meeting at **10.45am on Thursday 13th September, 8pm** in the parish hall to look at practicalities and discuss travel arrangements. **Please note the deadline for final payment is 14th September 2018**. Whilst only one 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 Tel. 751094 or Mike whitemw@talktalk.net Tel. 854596

NEWS BULLETIN

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: stalbans@rcdow.org.uk

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

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)

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

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.

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 (07977 056 637 anncarmelhill@gmail.com) or Sylvia White (01727 854 596 sylviacwhite@talktalk.net)

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

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 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)

Parish of Ss Alban & Stephen

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



