

NEWS BULLETIN FROM THE PARISH OF SS ALBAN & STEPHEN

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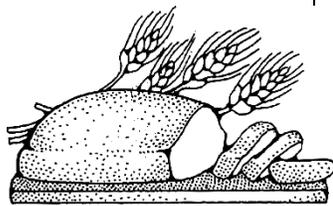


5th August 2018

Jesus had a keen sense of people’s motives. Instead of being simply delighted that a crowd of people had sought him out, he reminded them that they needed to come for the right reason; not just for another round of earthly bread, a quick fix until hunger strikes again, but for spiritual fulfilment, the ultimate bread of life.

He was not playing a numbers game, getting people in the seats without questioning what they had come for.

He wanted people to know him, to know what he was about, to come



seeking God rather than to come along for the ride. Jesus invited his followers to progress to the next level, above the trappings and constraints of day-to-day life, to have a look at the big picture.

Jesus didn’t turn anyone away. He didn’t condemn or belittle anyone because they had come only for the bread. But he didn’t keep handing it out in order to hold the crowd. He simply continued to give of himself, an experience of the living God, to all those who sought him – a striking message to the Church as it moves forward.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

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 **Margaret Taylor, baby Benedict Buller, Sr. Fabian White of Maryland and Diana Martin** for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Please pray for all those who are ill at this time including Elisabeth Page, 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

5.8.2018

6pm The Family of Jean Mulderigg – Ints.

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.

Monday – The Transfiguration of the Lord

10am John Johnson Anniv.

7pm Mary Curran RIP

Tuesday – Ss Sixtus II and Companions

10am Taylor Family Ints.

NO EVENING MASS

Wednesday – St. Dominic

10am Priests' Intentions

7pm MSC Benefactors

Thursday – St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

10am Special Intentions

NO EVENING MASS

Friday – St. Lawrence

10am Lucia Torrice Anniv.

7pm Fiona Wright RIP

Saturday – St. Clare

10am Noreen Donohue RIP

6pm Kate Kelly RIP

Next Sunday

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Sr. Fabian White of Maryland RIP

9am M'wick Mike McElroy RIP

9.30am People of the Parish

11.30am Leonardo Venetico RIP

4pm Polish Mass

7pm Carmel and Aggie Whyte RIP

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

Last week's offertory
amounted to £1,681.42
Many thanks for your generosity.

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.

Will you connect the poor with the powerful?

CAFOD is looking for Catholics in this area to share their faith with their MP. Write 3-4 times a year on a topical issue to support those living in poverty around the world. No experience needed as information will be provided. Online or by post. See www.cafod.org.uk/mpc or contact Tony on 0208 449 6970 or westminster@cafod.org.uk for further information.

"Love is civic and political, and it makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world."

– Pope Francis

First Reading:

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

When we encounter the inevitable hardships of life, it is natural to seek someone to blame, to call for leaders' heads to roll in an effort to restore justice and feel vindicated in our suffering. The plight of the Israelites reminds us that no amount of human accountability can satiate the desire of God.

Second Reading:

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

It is incredibly easy to be drawn into conflict. We strive for what we perceive as justice and the preservation of our good reputation. While this is an essential part of the human condition, St. Paul reminds us not to pour too much of our energy into regulating what the world thinks of us and focus instead on becoming the people God created us to be.

Gospel Reading:

John 6:24-35

Jesus tells us today; 'Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life'.

Let us not forget to nourish the spirit.

Reading for the Week:

Mon: Dan 7:9-10.13-14; Ps 96:1-2.5-6.9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 14:22-36

Tue: Jer 30 :1-2.12-15-22 ; Ps 101 :16-21.29.22-23 ; Mt 14 :22-36

Wed: Jer 31:1-7; Ps: Jer 31:10-13; Mt 15:21-28

Thu: Hos 2:16-17.21-22; Ps 44:11-12.14-17; Mt 25:1-13

Fri: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 111:1-2.5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Sat: Hab 1:12-2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20

Dates for August

Traidcraft

Traidcraft this weekend
after all Masses at the church

Next Sunday **12th August**
at John Fisher School after 9am Mass.

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

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

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.**

Theatre Trips



For Theatre going parishioners, if
interested in trips to London incl.
coach. please contact Janet Audley
Charles on jactheatretrips@gmail.com

up and coming trips are King and I, Lion King,
School of Rock, Kinky boots, Les Mis and More!

Tea and Coffee after 11.30am Mass on 1st Sunday each month

We are hoping to re-start the tea and coffee get
together after 11.30am Mass on the 1st Sunday
each month. We hope you will join us and let
Melanie (07900 051956) know if you are able to
help. (Remember to park in Loreto, so that the
church car park is available for baptisms.)

Dates for September

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.

Recognising Modern Slavery

How can we spot slavery?

What can we do?

What support is available?

A talk by Duncan Montague

**Detective Sergeant Operation Tropic,
Anti-Trafficking & Modern Slavery Team**
7.30pm, Thursday, 6th September, Parish Hall

Tea and coffee available from 7.00pm

ALL WELCOME

CTSA Autumn Prayer Walk 2018

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.

North Wales Retreat

21st - 24th September

Leader: Sister Seraphim. Includes Padre Pio day at
the national shrine of St. Pio at Pantasaph. Full
board accommodation at St. Winefride's Guest
House, Holywell, run by the Bridgettine sisters.
Opportunity to visit the centuries old shrine and
well of St. Winefride. Cost £175 per person - £152
shared room. Details: David Edwards 01727 765 216

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 (RCDO):



Parish Office: stalbans@rcdow.org.uk

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

Finding Silence Weekend 19th -21st October 2018 Walsingham, Norfolk

Anyone interested and those already booked are invited to a meeting 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

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



(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)

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

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.

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

