

NEWS BULLETIN FROM THE PARISH OF SS ALBAN & STEPHEN

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8th July 2018

‘You cannot be a prophet in your home country’ is a well-known phrase. You don’t have to go too far to see examples of this gospel around you.

Anyone who returns to their home town with new knowledge and wisdom can sometimes be put in their place. This is what occurs in Jesus’ home town of Nazareth in today’s gospel.

Even though the crowd are impressed by the local carpenter’s son, astounded even, and note that he has great wisdom, still he could do no deed of power there. It is definitely a reality check experience.



Have you ever had this experience in your own life? A time you were really excited about a new-found knowledge or inspired by a great event or speaker; yet when you returned to tell friends or family members they made fun of you or greeted you with cynicism?

Or you can imagine yourself in the crowd today, listening to the local carpenter’s son, so full great teachings you can’t quite believe it. In the end Jesus left and went around the villages teaching. Simply put, there are times when you have to move on and bear fruit elsewhere.

‘Lord how often you have sent Jesus to us in the form of someone we knew well, but they were just too ordinary for us. All we could see was the carpenter, the son of our neighbour.... So the great miracle you had in store for us could not be worked. Lord have mercy.’

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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: stalbans@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.

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, Diana Martin and Francis McConnell** for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including Edna McCarthy.

Please pray for all those who are ill at this time including Philomena Lines, Roger London, 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

8.7.2018

6pm Nicolette and Giuseppe Barba Anniv.
8am Frank Rochford RIP
9am M'wick Anne Headley RIP
9.30am Mrs. B. Dempsey Ints.
Farewell Mass
11.30am Francesco & Maria Padormo Anniv.
4pm Polish Mass
7pm Freda Clancy RIP

Monday – Feria

10am Cliff Staniforth RIP
7pm Tony Moffatt Anniv.

Tuesday – St. Thomas

10am Louis Fernandes RIP
NO EVENING MASS

Wednesday - Feria

10am **FUNERAL OF MARY DELAHUNTY**
7pm MSC Benefactors

Thursday – Feria

10am Larry Chrimes RIP
NO EVENING MASS

Friday – Feria

10am Priests' Intentions
7pm James Taylor RIP

Saturday – Feria

10am Trevor Bradbury RIP
6pm Conal Boyle RIP

Next Sunday

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.
4pm Polish Mass
7pm Marian and Joanna Hoscilowicz Anniv.

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

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

Missionary Sisters of England and Wales

This weekend there is an appeal on behalf the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales. The Missionary Sisters, inspired by faith and a sense of compassion for the poor have travelled over the years to the four corners of the world. Sr Mary Sebastian Ogwuike IHM of the congregation of Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ, will represent the women religious at all Masses over the weekend. We welcome sister Mary to our Parish.

Mrs Dempsey – Retirement

This Sunday, 8th July at 9.30am, there is a special Farewell Mass for Mrs. Dempsey, Headteacher at Ss Alban and Stephen Catholic Infant and Nursery School. The Mass will be led by the children from the Infant and Junior schools. We would like to wish Mrs. Dempsey a happy retirement and many joyous moments in her next stage of life. She has been a blessing to the children and the school for her untiring commitment over the years. Her guidance and encouragement helped many children to thrive and grow in their faith.

Summer Party

Thank you

Thank you....to everyone who contributed to our parish garden party last Sunday under the shady trees of Loreto. A special thanks to those who helped with the organisation, helped to create posters, set up and clear away, make and serve refreshments, sell tickets, make popcorn and candy floss, paint faces, lead the children's crafts, and entertain us with good music. An enjoyable and relaxing afternoon was had by all!

Thank you

to those who attended the recent bread-making event. £50 was donated to Cafod and it will be used to help those in need throughout the world. What a fantastic example of Catholic social teaching in action. The parish JPIC group.

First Reading: Exodus 2:2-5

The Lord, in his mercy, sends a prophet to speak words of caution to his people.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

It is because Paul is convinced that God's Grace is enough for him that he is not afraid of this weakness.

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:1-6

Jesus has many followers but is rejected in his hometown of Nazareth.

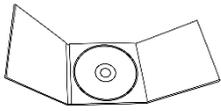
Reading for the Week:

Mon: Hos 2 :16-18.21-22; Ps 144:2-9; Mt 9:18-26
Tue: Hos 8 :4-7.11-13 ; Ps 113 :3-10 ; Mt 9 :32-38
Wed: Prov 2:1-9; Ps 33:2:1-11; Mt 19:27-29
Thu: Hos 11:1-4.8-9; Ps 79:2-3.15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Fri: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 50:3-4.8-9.12-14.17; Mt 10:16-23
Sat: Is 6:1-8; Ps 92:1-2.5; Mt 10:24-33

Dates for July

Saints Helping Us Today Week 5 - St Ignatius of Loyola: Discerning Life's Journey

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).

Mothers' Prayers

Mothers' Prayers will meet on **Monday 9th July** at 8pm in room 2.

Anyone wishing to pray for children is welcome. Information from email; office@mothersprayers.org



First Holy Communion - Table Leaders

A meeting for those who wish to be table leaders will be held on **Tuesday 10th July at 7.30pm**, in the Parish Hall. For more information, please contact Sr. Anita



BINGO

In the Parish Hall on **Friday, 13th July** at 8 O'Clock

to raise funds for the Knights of St. Columba. Admission is 50p towards refreshments, and everyone is welcome to come.

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. Information 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



Sr. Fabian White of Maryland RIP

Funeral Arrangements: 1st August at 11.30am
at the Clacton Convent, Essex.

If you would like to attend the funeral, please call the Clacton Convent, asking for Sr Catherine on 01255 423 688.

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 which we will need to know by **20th July**. 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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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
alban_stephen@lineone.net

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

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.

Rose Dedications – Thank You

Thank you to all of you who dedicated a rose to a friend, a family member or to a memory of a loved one. The list of all Rose Dedications will be displayed on the notice board at the back of the Church soon. If you would like your dedication stay anonymous, please contact the Parish Office: 01727 853 585, office hours: Mon – Fri, 9am – 1pm.

Celebrating the Spirituality of the Heart

“To be on Earth the Heart of God” was the



overriding message of the Spirituality of the Heart Weekend that we have just celebrated. Our European visitors appreciated the warmth of welcome from the parish and were very impressed by how much goes on here. They were inspirational in outlining how the vision of Fr Jules

Chevalier, founder of the MSCs, was still being lived out in the World today. They encouraged us to put the love that Jesus showed to all members of society, whatever their social status or nationality, into action in our daily lives through acts of love, thoughtfulness and kindness. Our visitors see us as an integral part of the worldwide Chevalier family and want to find means of incorporating our parish further into this community. We are very grateful for all the feedback and we hope to build on this weekend's experience in an Autumn Spirituality of the Heart programme for the parish.

Trip to the Coast in September.

There are a few seats available on the coach going to Whitstable, Kent on Friday 7th September for the Parish Friends outing. The cost is £20 per person. If you are interested please leave your details at the parish office (between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday) or contact Cath White – 07961 364 922 / cathfwhite@gmail.com



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 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: 852250 / helen.bassill@ntlworld.com

APF Magazines

The summer edition of Mission TODAY is now in the Church porch for APF promoters to collect. For any queries please call Tony Hughes 01727 862 087.

Parish of Ss Alban & Stephen

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

