

# NEWS BULLETIN FROM THE PARISH OF SS ALBAN & STEPHEN

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## 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The call to follow Christ is a call to service. Isn't it interesting that the disciples had to be constantly reminded by Jesus that following him was about service? The call is not about power, prestige and position, but service. And you and I can easily forget that following Jesus is about service. Service is a call to go out from ourselves toward the other who is in need. Mission Sunday is always a call to go out and to serve.

Mission Sunday is a call to be missionaries of the good news. It is a call to bring the message of Christ to life in our offices and in our churches, at our meetings and around our kitchen tables. We must always go out of ourselves. And the call to follow Jesus is a call to turn things upside-down. It is to love when there may be nothing in return. It is to be generous when there is no benefit. It is to be patient when we are at our limit. It is to be forgiving when the easier choice is to give as good as we get.

As we celebrate Mission Sunday, we remember all those who have gone out in service of the message of Jesus, those who have left hearth and home to bring the message to different parts of the world. They deserve our prayer and our gratitude. And to be missionary in our own communities is to bring the good news to life today. Doesn't our world need to hear of hope and love and justice? Don't people need to know that there is a God who gives us grace for the journey and for the mission. St Ignatius of Loyola says that sometimes when we look at the enormity of life's challenges, we can be overcome. But he encourages us to break down the problem. Ignatius says we should ask 'Is there one person today for whom I can do something good'. That's our challenge today. To do something good for someone, in the name of Jesus Christ. That's our mission. That's our challenge.

### Celebrate Weekend

"SEE I AM DOING A NEW THING" *Isaiah 43:19*  
...is the theme of this year's Celebrate Weekend on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> November in Loreto College, St Albans. Faith and fun for all the family. More details on [www.celebrateconference.org/regional-weekends](http://www.celebrateconference.org/regional-weekends)  
or ring Tim Stevens on 07875 848138

### November - Month of the Holy Souls

A Novena to remember the deceased will be held **from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 9<sup>th</sup> November**. If you would like a deceased relative or friend to be included in these Masses please put their name on the November List (purple leaflets available from the Church porch and Marshalswick Mass Centre). Please return completed lists to the presbytery in the envelope provided by Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October.



### Getting Married in the next 12 months?



A Marriage Preparation programme will be running in the Parish soon. If you are planning to get married in the next 12 months, please contact Fr. Jimmy as soon as possible, if you have not already done so.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died recently including **Stephen O'Brien, Hannah Crean, Janet Szymczak, Brendan Kearns, Sonia Byrne, Billy Goodall, Bridget Laver** and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Please pray for all those who are ill at this time including Catherine Mayes, Betty Nicklin, Joe Spatafora, Mary Miskell,

Magdalena Pedroz, Callum Gathard, Patrick Doran, Adrian Stack, Patricia McCarthy, Philomena Lines, Francisco Diaz, Catherine Elkin, Avenal Jenkins, John Moloney, Liz Smith, Carmen Mincu, Teresa Virrueta, Bernadette Marron, Mark Norris, Margaret Moloney,

Alice Daly, Patrick Foley, Jim O'Neill, Mike Smith, Jack O'Mahoney, Carmaline Xavier, Margaret Malloney, Ruth O'Gorman, John Baxter, Jim O'Connor, Ida Daswa, Kathleen Murphy, Sr. Annie Bromham IBVM, Jim Moss, Geraldine McBride, Becki Vousden, Edie Hale, Vertina Fernandes, John Rowland, Veronica Hamilton, Claire Whitehead, Catrin Rees-Doherty, Sheila Doohan, Noah Gregorio, Gerry Smith, Edmond Mansfield & Teresa Hill may the Lord comfort them.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

14.10.2018

6pm The Connelly Family RIP  
8am Jean Bergin Anniv.  
9am M'wick Mario D'Andrea RIP  
9.30am People of the Parish  
11.30am Sr Fabian RIP  
7pm Thomas Kiely RIP

### Monday – Feria

10am Vincent O'Reilly RIP  
7pm Paul Fouche RIP

### Tuesday –

10am Mary Miskell Intentions  
**NO EVENING MASS**

### Wednesday – Feria

10am Sheila Kennedy Anniv.  
4.30 pm Lie-in for Sonia Byrne  
7pm MSC Benefactors

### Thursday – Feria

10am Funeral Sonia Byrne  
**NO EVENING MASS**

### Friday – Feria

10am Funeral Janet Szymczak  
7pm Priest's Intentions

### Saturday – Feria

10am Algerina da Silva Anniv  
6pm Deceased members of  
Sheehan & Guinell Families

### Next Sunday

### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Margaret McCarthy RIP.  
9am M'wick James Connellan Anniv  
9.30am Seamus McCarthy RIP  
11.30am Mary-Jane Lorimer Boffey RIP  
4 pm **POLISH MASS**  
7pm People of the Parish

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

This weekend, there will be a second collection for  
**World Mission Sunday.**

### **This Sunday is World Mission Sunday**

This Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your support on World Mission Sunday will help brave missionaries in building a future of hope both in Ethiopia and around the world. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for our mission of the Church. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using envelopes provided by Missio. Thank you.

### **MSC Emergency Appeal**

This October, our MSCs (Missionaries of the Sacred Heart) are working against the clock in emergency situations around the world. In Sulawesi, Indonesia, mass graves have been dug for over 1,000 dead following a deadly earthquake and tsunami. Many are still missing and the death toll is rising as MSCs work to bring aid to survivors. In Kerala, India, homes and businesses have been washed away as the state was submerged after its heaviest rainfall in almost 100 years. MSCs are working to help local families who have been left with nothing. Our MSCs are bringing emergency aid to people who have lost everything, but they need our help urgently. To find out more, please visit [www.mscmissions.ie](http://www.mscmissions.ie), or contact the MSC Missions Office, e-mail: [info@mscmisions.ie](mailto:info@mscmisions.ie) Phone +353 (0)21 4545704. Thank you for your support.

### **Baptism Course**

The pre-baptism session will be held on **Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 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: 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 you will need a letter from your Parish Priest giving permission to baptise here.



### **First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11**

The Lord's servant will give his life for others, as a servant of all.

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16**

In Jesus we have a high priest who understands us and assures us of his mercy.

### **Gospel Reading: Mark 10:35-45**

James and John ask for positions of power in the kingdom of Jesus. Instead they are reminded that his disciples must be servants of all.

### **Loreto College Co-Ed Sixth Form Information Evening**

Wednesday 24th October, at 6.30 pm, Hatfield Road, St. Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 3RQ

We offer our students a range of traditional A Level subjects as well as a BTEC route. On the Information Evening there will be a talk by the Headteacher at 6.30 pm and then an opportunity to meet staff and students to discover more about what it is like to study in the Sixth Form at Loreto College.

For further information, please contact  
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