

NEWS BULLETIN FROM THE PARISH OF SS ALBAN & STEPHEN



This Parish is served by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

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Youth Website: www.sasyouth.com. We are a Fairtrade Parish.

19th May 2019

Fifth Sunday of Easter

‘Love one another’ is the basic principle of Christianity, to love as Jesus loved. It is simple, yet we can make it so complicated.

Jesus’ love was controversial for some people, because it was love without exclusion. To love as Jesus loved is to love those it is hard to love. This love ultimately led to Jesus’ death.

Jesus loved sinners, tax collectors, people of other religions, the poor, the unwanted, the sick, the beggar, the leper. This love is too much for some Christians today also.

It is hard to love the sinner or to love family members of friends who have hurt us. Yet this is the love that we are called to.

Once we begin to accept that we are infinitely loved by God, it is like a domino effect where that love is poured outward in our lives. We are part of this outpouring of God’s creative love and are called to bring this into places where there is none. In this way we are helping to heal, sustain and nourish the world.

Let us hear those words of the Gospel more clearly today: ‘Just as I have loved you, you must also love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples.’ Let us dream of, and work towards, a world where this is a reality.

‘God has given us the power to create beauty, to make another smile, to be a healing presence in someone’s sorrow, to bring justice to the oppressed, to console those in difficulty, to bring peace and joy to others, to help those in need, to laugh and enjoy life, to do good and turn from evil, to forgive those who have hurt us, and most of all, to love.

Iris Perez.



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 d4dstalbands@gmail.com, or call 07976 252309 for more details

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



Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died recently including

Angela Pope,

Claire Kennedy,

Sr. Ita Keane (Sister of Mercy, Birmingham)

and George Ackers

and for those whose anniversaries

occur at this time,

including **Julieta Borda de Obleas**

and Marie Renee Noel.

Mass Intentions for the Week

19.5.2019

6pm Freda Clancy & Margaret Clancy Anniv.

8am Veronica Hamilton RIP

9am M'wick Arthur and Kate Ball Anniv.

9.30am Mr. Sajish Kandaramth Anniv.

11.30am Rita Capparelli Anniv. and family

7pm Ellen McCarthy Ints.

Monday – St. Bernardine of Siena

10am Frank Burke Anniv.

7pm John Baxter RIP

Tuesday - St. Christopher Magallanes & comp.

10am Priests' Intentions

NO EVENING MASS

Wednesday – St. Rita of Cascia

10am Colin Molloy Anniv.

7pm MSC Benefactors

Thursday – Easter Feria

10am Michael Leahy RIP

NO EVENING MASS

Friday – Easter Feria

10am Mary Hudson RIP

7pm Martin O'Brien RIP

Saturday – St. Bede the Venerable

NO MORNING MASS

11am **CONFIRMATIONS**

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6pm Margaret O'Keeffe RIP

Next Sunday

8am Deceased members of Power Family

9am M'wick Mass of thanksgiving

9.30am People of the Parish

11.30am Dorothy & Reginal Salisbury Anniv.

4pm Polish Mass

7pm Terry Mahabir Anniv.

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

Confirmations

Bishop Paul McAleenan will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday 25th May 2019**. The ceremonies will be held in the Church at 11am and 3pm. **Please note that there will be no 10am Mass or confessions.**

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.

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.



First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas engage in the wonderful task of 'putting fresh heart' into disciples.

Second Reading: Apo 21:1-5

The Bible opens with God's creation of heaven and earth. Now, as it closes, the promise is fulfilled, in a 'new heaven and a new earth'.

Gospel: Jn 13:31-35

It is when he is about to depart from his disciples that Jesus leaves them the commandments of love.

Reading for the Week:

Mon: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 113b:1-4.15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tue: Acts 14-19-28; Ps 144:10-13a,21; Jn 14:27-31
Wed: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 121:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thu: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 95:1-3.10; Jn 15:9-11
Fri: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 56:8-12; Jn 15:12-17
Sat: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 99:1-3.5; Jn 15:18-21

Dates for May & June

Echoes from The Youth Synod - Reflections for Young Adults

A further meeting of young adults at Archbishop's House will take place on **Tuesday 21st May, 6.30pm, Archbishop's House, Victoria, London.** These meetings are an opportunity for young adults to come together following the Synod of Bishops meeting on youth last October, pray, have input from one of our diocesan bishops, reflect and discuss the place of faith in the life of young people. Bishop John Wilson will be leading our reflections, this time focusing on the recently published exhortation from Pope Francis addressed to young people. All young adults are invited to attend. Please let the Diocese know your intention to attend by emailing youth@rcdow.org.uk. For more details, go to www.dowym.com/events



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. Starts Friday evening from 7pm in Notre Dame de France Church. Saturday all day in the Square gardens. Includes live stage music, street evangelisation, prayer teams, all day Adoration, Confessions, feet washing, activities for children, talks, etc. For more information, contact Allegra, info@spiritinthecity.org or call 0791 5537125. To register as a helper, visit spiritinthecity.org



Northern Catholic Conference

"Love one Another as I have loved you" is the theme at the Northern Catholic Conference 7th - 9th June at Liverpool HOPE University. Mass, Adoration, healing service and inspiring speakers.
northerncatholic@outlook.com / 07543 800 812

Light a Candle for The Hospice of St. Francis

Thursday 6th June

The Hospice of St. Francis will be recreating the silent Prayer Vigil that was held at St Peter's Church in Berkhamsted on the 6th June 1979, which was the



catalyst for the founding of the hospice.

St Peters in Berkhamstead will be open this year from 4pm until 8pm providing a multi-faith, contemplative space to give

thanks for our Hospice and to pray for

our future. **The Lady Chapel in St Albans**

Cathedral will also be open from 1pm-3pm.

You are invited to **Come and light a candle for the hospice!** For more information, please visit:

www.stfrancis.org.uk/prayervigil

Tel.no: 01442 869 550



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



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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 even with our parish for young Christians to have fun and learn about Jesus

Venue: St. Luke's Church, Cell Barnes Lane,

St. Albans. AL1 5QJ

Or please could you help on the night.

Youth and adult volunteers needed.

For more info contact David Markham

07543 400650

Register on the website www.the267project.com



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

NEWS BULLETIN

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

In 1857, Fr Jules Chevalier, founder of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, honoured Mary with the title "Our Lady of the Sacred Heart". The Sacred Heart of Jesus is at the centre of everything that the Chevalier Family, both laity and ordained, stand for. Mary, as Jesus' mother, offers her son to the world, so that we may join in union with Him and enter into His grace and mercy. It is Our Lady who unites us all as sons and daughters of God, and as brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. As we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart on 25th May, we invite you to pray a Novena, beginning on 17th May as we come to Mary with our prayers and with our petitions, united in the faith of the Sacred Heart.



Novena Prayer to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Remember, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, the great things the Lord has done for you; He chose you for His mother, He wanted you close to His cross, He gives you a share in His glory. He listens to your prayer. Offer Him our prayers of praise and thanksgiving. Present our petitions to Him. [Share your petitions silently with Our Lady.] Let us live like you in the love of your Son that His Kingdom may come. Lead all people to the source of living water that flows from His Heart, spreading over the world hope and salvation, justice, and peace. See our trust in you; answer our prayer. Show yourself always, our Mother. Amen.

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.



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. The successful candidate will be responsible for the maintenance and security of the school premises and site, ensuring a safe environment in which all children can learn. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please contact the school office to make an appointment to speak with Miss Cannon, Head of School (tel 01727 854643, email admin@ssasinfants.herts.sch.uk). Ss Alban & Stephen Catholic Schools' Federation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our young people and expect all members of staff to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS disclosure is required for this post.

Walsingham Weekend

11th - 13th October 2019

Open to anyone, this silent retreat will be led by the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk and will include joining them in their rhythm of prayer. Some walking will be involved and please 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 is £116 per person for a standard room and £145 per person for an en-suite room, whether single or shared. For further information and booking form pick up a leaflet from the back of the church or Mass Centre or contact Krystyna krystyna@faithknowledge.org Tel. 01727 751 094



Watford, Hemel & St. Albans NHS Hospital Chaplaincy

On admission to hospital, please ensure that your religion is registered and ask for this information to be given to the hospital chaplaincy team. Chaplains visit the wards during the week and will organise sacramental and pastoral care; they also provide an 'on-call' service in case of emergency. Please let your parish clergy know if you or a close relative are in hospital or you can contact the hospital chaplaincy directly by calling 01923 217994 referrals can also be made via email: spiritualcare@whht.nhs.uk

Walk to Mass in June

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

Parish of Ss Alban & Stephen

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