

NEWS BULLETIN FROM THE PARISH OF SS ALBAN & STEPHEN



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

Parish Priest: Rev. TJ Plower MSC, Rev. Jimmy Stubbs MSC, Rev. Alan Neville MSC, Deacon Steve Pickard.

Tel: 01727 853 585 Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9am - 1pm

14 Beaconsfield Road, St Albans, AL1 3RB. Parish Website: www.albanstephen.org

Items for the bulletin - e-mail: stalbands@rcdow.org.uk by 12noon on Wednesdays

Youth Co-ordinator Sr. Anita O'Leary SSJG, e-mail: anitaoleary@rcdow.org.uk

Safeguarding Lead Nicky Vellacott: stalbands@safeguardrcdow.org.uk / 07882 566 020

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

7th July 2019

Earlier in Luke's Gospel, Jesus sent out the Twelve disciples to heal disease and to teach about God's Kingdom. Here he sends out a much larger group *ahead of him, in pairs to every town and place where He himself intended to go*. Being sent in pairs reminds us of the value of team work.

In order for communities to grow and flourish the gifts of many people are needed. Synergy is needed. This happens when individual talents are harvested and aligned, as in the beauty of a choir singing in perfect harmony, or a sports team at the peak of their performance.



Synergy is like a power of the Spirit that rewards collaborative efforts. It is when we can dream and strive for the possibility of things before they happen. Synergy promotes collaboration, not competition or exclusion.

Jesus gathered his followers around him, men and women, who were enthused by his vision. He sends his followers out in pairs so that they can support one another. In all our different roles, we too are sent out *ahead of him*, as parents, ministers of various kinds, politicians, educators, social workers, nurses ... In any team, we need a type of synergy.

We all have different roles to play, we all have responsibilities. When we promote collaborative team work and strive for synergy, we embrace each other's stories and work for the common good. Then, exciting things are possible!

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Holy Communions 2020

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 18th August 2019**.



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.

First Holy Communions Table Leaders

A meeting for those who wish to be table leaders will be held on **Tuesday 9th July at 7.30pm**, in the Parish Hall.
For more information, please contact Sr. Anita.

Catholic Women's League Tuesday 9th July at 2.30pm

A Strawberry Tea at **2 Monks Horton Way**.
Cost £5. Members, guests and visitors all welcome.
For details or lifts phone 01727 853100



Please pray
for the repose of the souls
of all those who have died recently
including **Martin Myland**
and
Barbara Lynch and for those
whose anniversaries
occur at this time,
including
Edna McCarthy.

Mass Intentions for the Week

7.7.2019

6pm	Bridget Laver RIP
8am	Margaret Norris RIP
9am M'wick	Cliff Staniforth RIP
9.30am	Clare Moss Anniv.
11.30am	Mary Hudson RIP
7pm	People of the Parish

Monday – Feria

10am	William Horan RIP
7pm	Henry Dryda RIP

Tuesday – St. Augustine Zhao Rong

10am	Priests' Intentions
------	---------------------

NO EVENING MASS

Wednesday – Feria

10am	Louis Fernandes RIP
7pm	MSC Benefactors

Thursday – St. Benedict

10am	Amy Smith Anniv.
------	------------------

NO EVENING MASS

Friday – Feria

10am	Noel Corby RIP
7pm	Mabel Canty RIP

Saturday – St. Henry

10am	Michael Di Bella Ints.
6pm	Michael Feeney Anniv.

Next Sunday

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am	People of the Parish
9am M'wick	Michael Aylward Anniv.
9.30am	Maureen Lerwill Anniv.
11.30am	Marie Yvette Theanne Anniv.
4pm	Polish Mass
7pm	Thanksgiving Mass - baby Jan Krokosz

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

ADULTS JOURNEYING IN FAITH (R.C.I.A.) NEWS

Our adult journeying in faith programme will commence in **September 19th** in the Parish Centre (Room 1).

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)

First Reading: Is 66:10-14

'Rejoice Jerusalem.' This wonderful command shows that God's promise is addressed not just to individuals, but to his people, to his Church.

Second Reading: Gal 6:14-18

Our faith holds out to us the amazing possibility of seeing God's action in our lives to the extent that instead of fearing the cross, we can, like Paul, boast in it.

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12.17-20

Jesus wants his earliest missionaries not to be inflated by success. It follows that they should not be deflated by apparent failure. In either case, the heart of the matter is that their names are written in the book of life.

Reading for the Week:

Mon: Gen 28:10-22; Ps 90:1-4.14-15; Mt 9:18-26

Tue: Gen 32:23-33; Ps 16:1-3.6-8.15; Mt 9:32-38

Wed: Gen 41:55-57; 42:5-7.17-14; Ps 32:2-3.10-11.18-19;
Mt 10:1-7

Thu: Prov 2:1-9; Ps 33:2-11; Mt 19:27-29

Fri: Gen 46:1-7.28-30; Ps 36:3-4.18-19.27-28.39-40; Mt 10:16-23

Sat: Gen 49:29-33; 50:15-26; Ps 104:1-4.6-7; Mt 10:24-38

Dates for July

Traidcraft

Traidcraft stall after all masses at the church this weekend: **6th/7th July**
Next Sunday **14th July** after 9am mass at John Fisher School.



Mothers' Prayers

Mothers' Prayers will meet on **Monday 8th July at 8pm in room 2.** Anyone wishing to pray for children is welcome. Information from: office@mothersprayers.org



Film - The Shack

An open invitation to all who may wish to come and see The Shack film in Room 1 on **Thursday 11th July at 10.30am.**



Sharing Faith with friends and family - ever struggled? Then this is for you!

Tim Stevens from CaFE (faithcafe.org) is bringing fun, practical everyday response on **Thursday 11th July** at 8pm - 9.15pm, in the Parish Hall
A free resource for every attendee. Refreshments available. Bring a friend, everyone is welcome.



BINGO - in aid of the Tyburn Nuns.

In the Parish Hall on **Friday, 12th July** at 8pm.
Admission is 50p towards refreshments and everyone is most welcome.
Thank you to everyone that supported our last Bingo evening. £100-00 was raised for The Friends of the Holy Land.



Men's Social Event

The men's group in the parish are meeting on **Friday 12th July from 8pm** at the Mermaid Pub on Hatfield Road to meet for a few drinks and socialising ahead of the summer break.
All are welcome even if you have not been to one of our other events before.

Baptism Course



The pre-baptism session will be held on **Saturday 13th July**, 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.



Parish Friends Summer Party with Prosecco

Parish Friends are holding a party for all parishioners on **Sunday 14th from 3- 5pm**, in the Parish Hall.



We will be entertained by the Jolly Jazzers so come along and join in the fun - be prepared to tap your toes and shake a leg!

We will be serving prosecco to guests as well as other food and drinks. In order to facilitate catering please put your name down on the Guest List if you wish to attend, stating any specific dietary needs and if you require transport.

Help with catering and lifts will be appreciated- please add your name to the Helpers List. Guest and Helpers Lists will be found in the church porch and Marshalswick Mass Centre. For further details please contact Helen 07860 830340.

Holiday at Home 2019

The Methodist Churches of St. Albans are hosting Holiday at Home 2019. Something for everyone from crafts, board games, puzzles, gentle exercise and stimulating talks, to simply a chance to chat and relax.



Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd August
at Hatfield Road Methodist Church,

Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th August at
Marlborough Road Methodist Church
10am to 3.30pm each day.

On **Wednesday 7th August** an outing to Ely.

Please see booking forms / a poster at the back of the church. anyone interested in attending either sessions or outing can contact Helen Bassill on 07860 830 340

NEWS BULLETIN

Communication from Diocese of Westminster

The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart have made known their regrettable need to withdraw from the parish of Ss Alban and Stephen, St. Albans after their presence and ministry there since 1899. The Diocese, and generations of parishioners of St. Albans, are very grateful to the Priests who have served the parish for 120 years. Those currently serving the parish, Fr. Tom Plower MSC, Fr. Jimmy Stubbs MSC and Fr. Alan Neville MSC are thanked for their dedicated and faithful service and they are assured of our gratitude and good wishes in their new assignments and circumstances.

Appointment of Parish Priest

Fr. Michael O'Boy, Vice Rector and Dean of Studies at Allen Hall Seminary is appointed to Ss Alban and Stephen, St. Albans as Parish Priest.

Appointment of Assistant Priest

Fr. Julian Davies, newly Ordained, appointed to Ss Alban and Stephen, St. Albans.

Message from Deacon Steve

A very big thank you to all the parish for your prayers, good wishes, cards, Masses, good humour and support over the last 10 years of my Diaconate. Without you all, nothing can be achieved!
I'll see if I can achieve another 10!



"Ask of Jesus whatever you desire, offer him all your actions, for the heart of Jesus is the gate through which we go to God and God comes to us."

Jules Chevalier, Le Sacre-Coeur, p.26

Fr Tom Hewitt and Fr Sandy Murray memorial cards

The memorial cards for our two beloved priests have finally arrived and are now available in the porch. There are only a limited number available so please only take one of each per family.

Memorial Bench for Fr Tom Hewitt

Parishioners are hoping to install a memorial bench for Fr Tom in Clarence Park overlooking the cricket pitch where he liked to sit in the summer. If you would like to contribute, please put your donation in an envelope marked "Fr Tom's Bench" and post it through the presbytery door until the end of July. Envelopes for donations are available in the porch



Items for the Bulletin

We are blessed in having so many and varied prayerful events and activities in our parish, and sometimes we struggle to accommodate all the announcements in our weekly bulletin! We ask that all announcements for the bulletin keep to brief facts only please!

Contacting the PPC



In order to comply with GDPR regulations, if you wish to contact the PPC or any member of the PPC, please email the parish office stalbands@rcdow.org.uk

New Dawn Catholic Family Pilgrimage Conference

in Walsingham Monday 5th-9th August
Holy Mass, Adoration, Teaching,
Childrens' Ministry and Youth Camp."
Visit www.newdawn.org.uk for information
or see poster at the back of the church.

Walsingham Weekend

11th - 13th October 2019

Single standard rooms at a cost of £116 per person remain available on this silent retreat to be led by the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk Some walking will be involved and please note that none of the rooms have full disabled access yet. Rooms are available from 3pm on Friday and the retreat will end with lunch on Sunday.

The booking deadline and final balance is due by 12th September 2019. 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. 751094

Walsingham Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life

Sunday 6th October.

Tickets: Adults £17.50, Children & Students £8.00.
www.prolifepilgrimage.org. Geraldine:
07971 028 415 / mgeraldine_ward@hotmail.com



Pilgrimage to Oberammergau & Salzburg Led by Fr. Kevin Moule

Monday 14th - Sunday 20th September

Organised by Pax Travel Ltd, 102 Blundell Street,
London N7 9BL, Tel: 020 7485 3003

Info@paxtravel.co.uk, Price: £1,339 incl. flights,
guided tours, accommodation, entrance fees etc.

Vacancy - Extended School Manager

The Governors of Ss Alban & Stephen Catholic Schools' Federation are seeking to appoint an experienced Extended School Manager to join their dedicated and hard-working team to co-ordinate and manage their Extended School provision and extra-curricular activities, based at the Infant School. Please see the advert on Teach in Herts for further information.



Visits to the school are warmly welcomed.

<https://bit.ly/2KEDgFB>

Parish of Ss Alban & Stephen

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