

NEWS BULLETIN FROM THE PARISH OF SS ALBAN & STEPHEN



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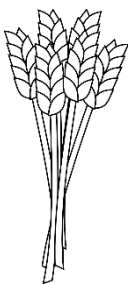
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We are a Fairtrade Parish.

4th August 2019

Some of us may hear today’s Gospel reading and think: ‘*Well, what is so wrong with that?*’ In a lot of ways, the actions of the man in the parable make sense. He has had a good harvest (presumably a result of his own hard work) and is making provisions for the future. He is a good businessman, he has achieved security in life, so why shouldn’t he ‘*eat, drink, have a good time?*’



Yet God brands him a ‘fool’. Why?

As it turns out, the man is to die very soon. He certainly can’t take all his treasure with him. He has not thought beyond his own enjoyment. He is living only for this life, without any thought for the bigger picture. As Jesus warns: ‘*a man’s life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.*’

Furthermore, there is no indication that he considered sharing his wealth with anyone else. He comes across as selfish and greedy. What does he have to show for his life? Yes, he had a good time, but has he helped anyone else, or left the world a better place?

We do not need to renounce all our worldly possessions or stop planning for the future, but we do need to keep things in their proper perspective.

‘If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next.’

CS Lewis

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Drivers Required Please

Are you able to offer transport for senior parishioners to attend Parish Friends Tea Parties and Films? These take place in the Parish Hall on approximately 6 Sundays a year from 2.30 - 5pm. Some guests cannot attend these functions without a lift to and from the event. Please can you help? Just a couple of times a year would be appreciated. Please contact Helen Bassill 07860 830 340 if you can support us.

Fraudulent E-mails and Messages

Please be aware that some of our volunteers have received fraudulent e-mails and messages recently. If your contact details have been published in the Parish bulletin or the Parish directory and you have received scam messages sent on behalf of any of our priests, asking for money or personal details, please contact the Parish Office on 01727 853 585.

Please pray for the repose of the souls

of all those

who have died recently

including

Richard Field,

Patricia Dorman,

Sheila Pilling

and Martin Myland

and for those

whose anniversaries occur

at this time,

including **Pete Helliwell**

and Michele Minerve.

Mass Intentions for the Week

4.8.2019

6pm	Bridget Laver RIP
8am	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph RIP
9am M'wick	People of the Parish
9.30am	Margaret Maloney Ints.
11.30am	Margaret Norris RIP
7pm	Mary Curran RIP

Monday – Feria

10am	Sarah Conefrey RIP
7pm	Michael Hill RIP

Tuesday – The Transfiguration of the Lord

10am	John Gildea RIP
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NO EVENING MASS

Wednesday – Ss Sixtus II and Companions

10am	James McNamara RIP
7pm	MSC Benefactors

Thursday – St. Dominic

10am	Priests' Intentions
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NO EVENING MASS

Friday – St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

10am	Gerry O'Reilly Ints.
7pm	Amadeo Dell'Erario Anniv. and Imad Qubti RIP

Saturday – St. Lawrence

10am	Vincent and Theresa Rickard Anniv. and Vincent Rickard Jr. Anniv.
6pm	Eileen Brennan RIP

Next Sunday

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am	Elisabeth Page RIP
9am M'wick	People of the Parish
9.30am	Eileen Brennan RIP
11.30am	Leonardo Venetico RIP
7pm	Mary Watkins RIP

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

Polish Mass

Please note that there will be
no Polish Mass in August.

Parish Youth Club

Invitation to all year seven's (from September)
to join us for a pizza and games

Sunday 8th September, 8pm – 9pm,
in the Parish Hall.

Looking forward to seeing you all.



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 Reading:

Eccl. 1:2; 2:21-23

The writer of this biblical book preaches a
message of vanity: considered apart from God
and his promises, reality is finally vain. Our hope
lies in God.

Second Reading:

Col 3:1-5.9-11

'The life you have is hidden with Christ in God.'
This is a marvellously hopeful message: there is a
deeper meaning to life than is apparent, a meaning
kept safely with God.

Gospel: Luke

12:13-21

For Jesus, to view life through the lens of a bank
account rather than through the lens of eternity is
the mark of a fool.

Reading for the Week:

Mon: Num 11:4-15; Ps 80:12-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tue: Dan 7:9-10.13-14; Ps 96:1-2.5-6.9; 2 Pet 1:16-19; Lk 9:28-36

Wed: Num 13:1-2.25-14:1.26-29.34-35; Ps 105:6-7.13-14.21-23;
Mt 15:21-28

Thu: Num 20:1-13; Ps 94:1-2.6-9; Mt 16:13-23

Fri: Deut 4:32-40; Ps 76:12-16.21; Mt 16:24-28

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

Dates for August

Traidcraft

Traidcraft next weekend
after all masses at church **3rd/4th August.**



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

Any enquiries or orders please phone Maureen or Stan on 01727 765549 or grabecki@hotmail.com



Catholic Women's League

Meet after 10am Mass in the coffee bar area
in the Parish Centre
on **Tuesday 6th August** for coffee outing.
All Welcome



Holiday at Home Outing



Those going on the outing to Ely must
meet at Marlborough Road Methodist
Church at 10am

on **Wednesday 7th August.** You can take
a packed lunch or eat out. The coach will return
to MRMC at 7.30pm. For any further details
please contact Idy Osibodu
on 01727 854 811



David Edwards - 90th Birthday

All are welcome on
Saturday 17th August in the parish
centre 12noon to 3pm. No presents but
donations to the St. Vincent de Paul
Society appreciated
RSVP: Tel: 01727 765 216
e-mail: deabbots743@virginmedia.com



Catholic Worker Farm Music Festival

Friday 23rd to Monday 26th August.
Great music and loads of children's activities
all in aid of refugees.
Camp all weekend for just £35
or £10 per day. Children half price.
Under 6's go free.
www.farmfest.info

Dates for September

Parish Friends - Film

Parish Friends will be showing the
2017 Feel Good Film of the Year "Finding your
Feet" on **Sunday 8th September at 2.45pm.**
We highly recommend you do not miss this heart-
warming, funny and very touching film. It is so
good! Transport can be arranged and light
refreshments will be served from 2.15pm .
Everyone welcome.
For more details contact Helen 07860 830340



Knit and Natter



We will meet again after the holidays
on **September 10th from 2.30-4pm.** Contact
Helen 07860 830 340 for any queries.



CTSA Autumn Prayer Walk 2019

The annual CTSA Prayer Walk will take place on
Sunday, 15th 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.



Mercy Associates

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 18th
September** in Room 1 of the Parish Centre from
5pm until 7pm. All are welcome.



Muslim/Christian/Jewish Dialogue Dinner

Monday 16th September 2019, 7.30pm
at Saute Grill Meze Restaurant,
52-56 Adelaide Street, St Albans AL3 5BG
Food suitable for all three communities will
include meat and vegetarian options
We will have a women only table for women who
want that, but women are also welcome to sit
with men. Meal cost: £20 includes service charge
but any drinks, other than water, extra)
RVSP by Monday September 9th:
Tony Hurle - tony@stpauls-stalbans.org

NEWS BULLETIN

Items for the Parish Website

Items for the parish website should be sent to the parish office at stalbens@rcdow.org.uk
Posters advertising upcoming events should if possible be provided in A4 portrait format as either a pdf or Word (.doc) document

Celebrate Conference

Due to the kindness and support of the college leadership, the Celebrate Conference is once more being held at Loreto College, 19th / 20th October and the prices are held at the same rate as last year, details at www.celebrateconference.org/st-albens Additionally a 10% saving can be made when using the PARISH10 booking code, although this is only valid for the next few weeks.
We are delighted to announce that Michelle Moran and David Wells have agreed to speak this year; both are incredibly rich in their teaching, very accessible and good humoured. It's not easy bringing up children to be strong in their faith in this secular world, the practical workshops can give good advice, the children will learn about God's love for them in their age streams, and lunch is included. There will also be opportunities for quiet reflection, adoration before the blessed sacrament, reconciliation and mass; what's not to like :-)
If you need any further information please contact Brendan Day at brendanvaunday@gmail.com or call on 07774 411400.

Volunteers Needed

Catholic Schools Federation

Volunteer needed for Ss Alban & Stephen Catholic Schools Federation. The Infant and Junior Schools are great schools and are seeking a volunteer to undertake the role of treasurer for the governors. The skills required are good use of excel, accountancy knowledge is helpful but not essential as full training will be provided. The time commitment is about 3 hours per month. For more information, please in the first instance email: governors@ssasinants.herts.sch.uk

North Wales Retreat

20th - 23rd September

Leader: Sister Seraphim. Weekend includes Padre Pio Day at the national shrine of St. Pio at Pantasaph and visit to the centuries-old shrine and well of Winefride. Full board accommodation at St. Winefride's Guest House, Holywell, run by the Bridgetine sisters. Cost: £190.
Details: David Edwards: 01727 765 216

SUMMER BREAK

English Conversation Classes for Ladies

Thank you to everyone who helped with running this group this year. The next session will be on **Monday 9th 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. If you know someone who might be interested in attending, please encourage them to come along.



Children's Liturgy

The next session will take place on **Sunday 8th September** at 9.30am, in the Parish Hall. More volunteers are needed to join the rota. The commitment is to be running approximately 3 sessions a year. If you are able to help, please contact Catherine on 07887 427 393 or cat_tarelli@hotmail.com



Parents and Toddlers

Please note that there will be no more sessions until **9th September**, 10.30am in the Parish Hall. Thank you to everybody who has been involved in this group.

The infinite mercy that Jesus shows towards sinners and the tender compassion for those who suffer find their source in his heart.



Jules Chevalier, Le Sacre-Coeur

Parish of Ss Alban & Stephen

Confessions: Sat 10.30-11.30am
& 6.45-7pm

Baptisms: by appointment