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NEWS BULLETIN - ST ALBAN & ST STEPHEN

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For 25 JULY 2021 - 29 AUGUST 2021



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Parish Team: Fr Michael O'Boy (Parish Priest) Fr Julian Davies (Assistant Priest)
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We are a Fairtrade parish

Fr Michael writes...

The church is open daily for private prayer between 8am and 7pm. With the exception of the 9am Sunday Morning Mass at Marshalswick and the Friday evening Exposition we continue with the usual pattern of weekday and Sunday Services. In light of the local levels of infection we ask that people

- sanitise their hands on entering and leaving the church
- continue to a face mask
- maintain social distancing
- record their presence by using the NHS Trace & Trace app, bringing a piece of paper with the date, your name and contact details on it, or by completing one of our Visitor Cards
- do not crowd into the centre aisle at communion time, but process up a row at a time and in an orderly way, maintaining single file and a distance from the person in front.

We would also suggest that people

- have a bottle of hand sanitiser with them and ensure to sanitise their hands after touching any surfaces e.g. the votive candle stands or the kneelers

We are immensely grateful to all our stewards for all they have done. Despite the changes there is still a need for volunteer stewards. Please [email](mailto:stalbans@rcdow.org.uk) the parish office if you can help.

Weekly Bulletin Due to annual leave being taken by Fr Michael, Fr Julian and the parish administrator over the summer period, this bulletin will be the last until September and contains details of all mass intentions for August. Please see our parish website for mass times, recent bulletins and latest news. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the parish office on 01727 853585 or by emailing us at stalbans@rcdow.org.uk.

First World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly On Sunday 25 July, the universal church celebrates the first World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly at which we are all invited to celebrate & give thanks for the role & contribution of grandparents & older people to their families & to society. Older people have been called the 'intensive prayer units' of the church, playing a vital part in its life, even if they are unable to get to Mass.

Remembering the People of Hiroshima & Nagasaki Prayers for peace and care for creation on Sunday 8 August 3pm, The Peace Obelisk, Sumpter Yard. The Peace Obelisk was given to St Albans by the people of Japan in gratitude for Dean Thicknesse's compassion for them after the bombing of Hiroshima & Nagasaki. Mindful of the terrible destruction & suffering, Dean Thicknesse courageously refused to join in with the celebratory ringing of the city's church bells in 1945. Please join the Parish team for Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation afterwards in The Abbot's Kitchen where you may buy light refreshments.

Welcoming all new parishioners!

Please see the new [page](#) on our website which we hope will welcome and provide useful information for those who are new to our parish. We also have a new online **New Parishioner Registration Form** which can be found on that webpage. Please complete this short online form if you have not already registered as a new parishioner at Ss Alban and Stephen so that we can add you to our parish records and welcome you to our parish community.

Thank you to all those who have registered as new parishioners since the start of the pandemic. As soon as we are able, we look forward to being able to have an event to welcome you and your families properly into our parish community.

SACRAMENTS AND LITURGY

First Holy Communion - Autumn 2021 Thank you to those who have returned their choice of dates for First Reconciliation in September/October. If you have yet to do so, please email your preferences to the parish office. Any outstanding contributions towards the cost of FHC books can be made in cash or by cheque via the presbytery or by bank transfer through our [website](#).

Confirmation 2022 Parents and guardians of those young people due to celebrate their Confirmation next May / June (Year 10 and above) are invited to register online. Please go to the 'Sacraments' tab of the parish website and click on 'Confirmation' where you will find the relevant registration point.

Childrens' Liturgy In addition to their downloadable weekly children's liturgy resources, CAFOD are currently also offering a virtual Children's Liturgy of the Word at 10am on Sunday as a webinar. Parents and children are encouraged to join online for prayers and reflection on Sunday's Gospel. The liturgy is led by catechists who usually lead children's liturgy in their parish and based on CAFOD children's liturgy resources. Click [here](#) for the link to register.

WIDER COMMUNITY

Churches Together in St Albans Autumn Prayer Walk - 19 September 2 - 6pm. Please add the date to your diaries and join Christians for a relaxed but prayerful walk around St Albans. For more information, please see the parish news page of our website or click this [link](#) for an event poster. You can join for the whole or part of the walk.

Annual Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers - 2021 The Archconfraternity of St Stephen invites all Servers to the annual Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday, 2nd October 2021 at 2:30pm. The principal celebrant will be the Rt. Rev. Nicholas Hudson Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster. Pandemic circumstances permitting, further details and confirmation to follow. Please see guildofststephen.org for updates.

DONATING TO OUR PARISH

Gift Aid We will shortly be submitting our gift aid claim for the year to 5 April 2021. If you have previously gift aided your standing order or envelope donations but are not longer able to gift aid your contributions, please contact the parish office so that we can amend our records.

Envelope Offertory Donors Those parishioners who currently make their offertory donations via planned giving envelopes will have received a letter asking them to confirm that they still wish to donate in this way. If you have not had a letter, please contact the parish office.

Please ensure that you reply to this letter in order to confirm that you still wish to receive offertory envelopes in the future.

Donating to our Parish Please consider making your offertory contribution by standing order and gift aiding your donations, if you do not already do so. Please see our [website](#) or click [here](#) for a standing order, gift aid form and our bank details. Thank you for your generosity.

Contactless and Virgin Money Giving A contactless giving point is now located in the Church porch. To make an offering, select the amount you wish to donate and tap the top of the machine with your phone or card. If you would like to donate using Virgin Money Giving, please click [here](#) or use the QR code at the top of the newsletter.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

Mass Intentions Please contact the parish office via email or post an envelope through the presbytery door with the details of the Mass intention (who it is for and why), your name, a contact phone number or email address and your donation. We will contact you with a suggested date. We are currently booking mass intentions for masses from November 2021 and the Diocesan suggested donation is £10.

Published Mass Intentions for the coming weeks. Please note that intentions published in this bulletin may change at short notice in order to accommodate Funeral masses.

PLEASE PRAY

Together with Churches together in St Albans, this month we pray for the ministers and members at the churches of South St Albans, Park Street Baptist, St Michael's, Seventh Day Adventist, Homewood Road URC and St Paul's.

For those suffering with Coronavirus and for all the Sick including

(The individual names of those we have been asked to pray for are omitted from this edition of the weekly bulletin)

For those who have died recently including Basil Smithson, Andrew Burke and Jim Moss

For all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Arthur and Catherine Ball, Patricia Dorman, Mary Gallagher, Marion Hay, Antoinette Igoe, John Brian Kent, Patrick Marron, Edward Turner

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday 25 July - 17TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME

6pm Vigil Mass Pat and Joe Collins (Ints)

8am Mass Eric Harber (RIP)

9.30am Mass Irmina Zembrzuska (RIP)

11.30am Mass Barrie Witchard (RIP)

7pm Mass Marion Hay (Ann)

Reading 1, 2 Kings 4:42-44, Psalm 145

Reading 2, Ephesians 4:1-6 Gospel, John 6:1-15

Monday 26 July - Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10am Mass Christopher Little (RIP)

7pm Mass Basil Smithson (RIP)

Reading 1, Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34, Psalm 106

Gospel, Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday 27 July - feria

10am Mass Martin Walsh (RIP)

Reading 1, Exodus 33:7-11, 34:5-9, 28, Psalm 103

Gospel, Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday 28 July - feria

10am Mass Cynthia Chrimes (RIP)

7pm Mass Elaine Gatta (RIP)

Reading 1, Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99

Gospel, Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday 29 July - St Martha

10am Funeral Mass for James Moss (RIP)

Reading 1, Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38 Psalm 84

Gospel, Luke 10:38-42

Friday 30 July - feria

10am Mass Tim Coakley (Ints)

7pm Mass Tom Bagge (RIP)

Reading 1, Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37

Psalm 81, Gospel, Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday 31 July - St Ignatius of Loyola

10am Mass Dominick Quinn (RIP)

10.30-11.30am Exposition & Confession

Reading 1, Leviticus 25:1, 8-17, Psalm, 67

Gospel, Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday 1 August - 18TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

6pm Vigil Mass Thomas and Celia Miskell (50th Wedding Anniversary)

8am Mass Patrick Flattery (RIP)

9.30am Mass Peter Celestine Okoro (RIP)

11.30am Mass People of the Parish

7pm Mass Chris Crouch (RIP)

Reading 1, Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15, Psalm, 78

Reading 2, Ephesians 4:17, 20-24, Gospel, John 6:24-35

Monday 2 August - feria

10am Mass John Brian Kent (Ann)

7pm Mass Brian Beagan (RIP)

Reading 1, Numbers 11:4-15, Psalm, 81

Gospel, Matthew 14:13-21

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Tuesday 3 August - feria

10am Funeral Mass for Andrew Burke (RIP)

Reading 1, Numbers 12:1-13, Psalm, 51

Gospel, Matthew 14:22-36

Wednesday 4 August - St John Vianney

10am Mass Elisabeth Page

7pm Mass Teresa Cahill (RIP)

Reading 1, Numbers 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29, 34-35

Psalm, 106, Gospel, Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday 5 August - feria

10am Mass Benny Lavelle (RIP)

Reading 1, Numbers 20:1-13, Psalm, 95

Gospel, Matthew 16:13-23

Friday 6 August - TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

10am Antoinette Igoe (First anniversary)

7pm Mass Patrick Marron (Ann)

Reading 1, Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm, 97, Gospel, Mark 9:2-10

Saturday 7 August - Memoria of Blessed Virgin Mary

10am Thanksgiving Mass for our doctors and nurses

10.30-11.30am Exposition & Confession

Reading 1, Deuteronomy 6:4-13

Psalm, 18, Gospel, Matthew 17:14-20

Sunday 8 August - 19TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

6pm Vigil Mass Ted and Mieke Tarelli - 50th Wedding Anniversary

8am Mass Eric Harber (RIP)

9.30am Mass Lourdes Pons (RIP)

11.30am Mass Elaine Gatta (RIP)

7pm Mass Marta and Mark Yeadon (Ints)

Reading 1, 1 Kings 19:4-8, Psalm, 34

Reading 2, Ephesians 4:30-5:2, Gospel, John 6:41-51

Monday 9 August - ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

10am Mass Dora Thomas (RIP)

7pm Mass Joanne Began (Ints)

Reading 1, Hosea 2:16, 17, 21-22, Psalm, 45

Gospel, Matthew 25:1-13

Tuesday 10 August - ST LAWRENCE

10am Mass Colin Molloy (RIP)

Reading 1, 2 Corinthians 9:6-10

Psalm, 112, Gospel, John 12:24-26

Wednesday 11 August - St Clare

10am Mass Arthur and Catherine Ball (Ann)

7pm Mass Thomas Doyle (RIP)

Reading 1, Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalm, 66, Gospel, Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday 12 August - feria

10am Mass Eileen Durie (RIP)

Reading 1, Joshua 3:7-11, 13-17

Psalm, 114, Gospel, Matthew 18:21-19:1

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Friday 13 August - feria

10am Mass Daniel Clifford (RIP)
7pm Mass Annie Doherty (RIP)
Reading 1, Joshua 24:1-13, Psalm, 136
Gospel, Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday 14 August - St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

10am Mass Terence de Cruz (Ints)
10.30-11.30am Exposition & Confession
Reading 1, Joshua 24:14-29
Psalm, 16, Gospel, Matthew 19:13-15

Sunday 15 August - ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM

6pm Vigil Mass Gary Caufield (Ints)
8am Mass Jean Bergin (RIP)
9.30am Mass Nora O'Driscoll (RIP)
11.30am Mass People of the parish
7pm Mass Molly Screene (RIP)
Reading 1, Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6,10, Psalm, 45,
Reading 2, 1 Corinthians 15:20-27, Gospel, Luke 1:39-56

Monday 16 August - feria

10am Mass Peggy Scanlon (RIP)
7pm Mass Tony Swindell (RIP)
Reading 1, Judges 2:11-19, Psalm, 106, Gospel,
Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday 17 August - feria

10am Mass Stanley and Anna Whittle (RIP)
Reading 1, Judges 6:11-24
Psalm, 85, Gospel, Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday 18 August- feria

10am Mass Edward Turner (First Anniversary)
7pm Mass Tom Bagge (RIP)
Reading 1, Judges 9:6-15, Psalm, 21, Gospel, Mat. 20:1-16

Thursday 19 August - feria

10am Mass Nell Flavin (RIP)
Reading 1, Judges 11:29-30 Psalm, 40,
Gospel, Mat. 22:1-14

Friday 20 August - St Bernard

10am Mass Frank Burke (RIP)
7pm Mass Thomas Kelly (RIP)
Reading 1, Ruth 1:1,3-6,14-16,22
Psalm, 146, Gospel, Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday 21 August- St Pius X

10am Mass Moyles and Hughes families (RIP)
10.30-11.30am Exposition & Confession
Reading 1, Ruth 2:1-3,8-11,4:13-17
Psalm, 128, Gospel, Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday 22 August - 21ST SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

6pm Vigil Mass People of the parish
8am Mass Margaret Christoforou (RIP)
9.30am Mass Elizabeth Foley (RIP)
11.30am Mass Marie Noella Amadis & Marie Anine Rangasamy (RIP)
7pm Mass Mary Gallagher (Ann)
Reading 1, Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18, Psalm, 34
Reading 2, Ephesians 5:21-32, Gospel, John 6:60-69

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Monday 23 August - feria

10am Mass Memorial Mass for Christina Blake
7pm Mass Sadie Myles (RIP)
Reading 1, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5,8-10
Psalm, 149, Gospel, Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday 24 August - ST BARTHOLOMEW

10am Mass Ian Nelson (RIP)
Reading 1, Apocolypse 21:9-14
Psalm, 145, Gospel, John 1:45-51

Wednesday 25 August - feria

10am Mass Una O'Riordan (RIP)
7pm Mass Mary Curran (RIP)
Reading 1, 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Psalm, 139, Gospel, Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday 26 August - feria

10am Mass Ivan Potuik (RIP)
Reading 1, 1Thessalonians 3:7-13
Psalm, 90, Gospel, Matthew 24:42-51

Friday 27 August - St Monica

10am Mass Margaret 'Peggy' Bowler (RIP)
7pm Mass Kathleen Bamford (RIP)
Reading 1, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
Psalm, 97, Gospel, Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday 28 August - St Augustine

10am Mass Lyn Lobo (RIP)
10.30-11.30am Exposition & Confession
Reading 1, 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11
Psalm, 98, Gospel, Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday 29 August - 22ND SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

6pm Vigil Mass Deceased members of Cronin & Sumner families
8am Mass Steven O'Leary (RIP)
9.30am Mass People of the parish
11.30am Mass Joseph Michael Lobo (RIP)
7pm Farewell Mass for Fr Julian
Reading 1, Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8, Psalm, 15
Reading 2, James 1:17-18,21-22,27
Gospel, Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Monday 30 August - feria

10am Mass Luis Fernandes (RIP)
7pm No evening mass

Tuesday 31 August - feria

10am Mass Jimmy McGilloway (RIP)

Wednesday 1 September- feria

10am Mass Barrie Witchard (RIP)
7pm Mass Luisa Schetter (RIP)

Thursday 2 September - feria

10am Mass Fintan Bergin (Ints)

Friday 3 September - ST GREGORY THE GREAT

10am Mass David Tucket (RIP)
7pm Mass Ronda Skeels (RIP)

Saturday 4 September - Memoria of BVM

10am Mass Gabriel Sequeira (RIP)
10.30-11.30am Exposition & Confession