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## NEWS BULLETIN - ST ALBAN & ST STEPHEN

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**30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 24 October 2021**



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November is the month of the Holy Souls and we will hold our annual Novena of Masses for the Holy Souls from 2-10 November, praying the Novena Prayer at all masses. Please note that the mass for all those who have died in the past twelve months (see list below) will be offered on Friday 5 November at 7pm. If you would like to add the name of somebody who has died in the last twelve months, please email their name to the parish office.

### THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - NOVEMBER 2020 to OCTOBER 2021

Patricia 'Pat' Pearce	John Stevens	Susan Lannon	Lorna Ahsan
Angelo Castaldo	Renee Rumble	Mary McHugh	Debra Cooper
Eric Gosling	Cynthia Chrimes	Pasquale Viscogliosi	Margaret 'Peggy' Christoforou
Owen 'Brendan' McVeigh	Giuseppe 'Joe' Giubba	John Lavelle	Winifred Sudell
Vito La Monica	Concettina Giubba	Kathleen 'Maude' Reeves	James 'Jim' Moss
Kenneth 'Ken' Goodwin	Sheila Doohan	Maxine Zambardi	Andrew Burke
John Darby	Thomas Doyle	Kenneth Liversidge	Kate Forsythe
Christopher Boyle	Encarnacion Gonzales Jurado	Raymond Curry	Marcelline Clarke
Rosa Venetico	Maria 'Carmen' Fernandez	Kathleen Moran	Margaret 'Maggie' Walsh
Mary 'Molly' Screene	David Francis	Derite Whyte	Margaret 'Peggy' Shaw
John Rowland	Charles Attard	Kathleen Barnes	Margaret Roberts
Patricia Porter	Nellie Attard	Richard Diffenthal	Mary Thomasina Fitzpatrick
Hanora Barrett	Winifred 'Una' King	Leslie Fielding	Elisa Vetere
Patrick McConnell	Peter Taylor	Eric Harber	George Brennan
Bernadette Witchard	Daphne Snaith	Vito Lamonaca	Ray Pujol

Several of the Holy Souls masses offered during the novena will be offered for a particular intention.

#### **Wednesday 3 November 10.00am**

Deceased Brothers and Sisters

#### **Thursday 4 November 10.00am**

Deceased Victims of Violence

#### **Friday 5 November 7.00pm**

Those all who have died in the past year

#### **Saturday 6 November 6.00pm**

Deceased Parents and Grandparents

#### **Sunday 7 November 11.30am**

Those who have died in War

#### **Monday 8 November 7.00pm**

Deceased Spouses

#### **Tuesday 9 November 10.00am**

Deceased Children / Sons & Daughters

#### **Wednesday 10 November 7.00pm**

Deceased Priests, Deacons and Religious

**Holy Souls Lists** If you would like to include people in the Holy Souls List, to be placed near the altar, please use one of the leaflets and envelopes available in the porch and return it to the Presbytery. Any offering you wish to make towards the masses offered for the Holy Souls can be included in these envelopes or in a plain envelope marked 'Holy Souls' and posted through the Presbytery door.

The Novena Prayer will be posted on the parish website and the Holy Souls leaflet will also be available on the parish website, but please feel free to email your Holy Souls list to [stalbans@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:stalbans@rcdow.org.uk)

**Preparing for the Synod - Pray and Participate** Through the Synod we are all invited to pray and participate in the process and challenge of discovering the face and form of the future Church. Let us pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to enable us to listen and to learn from the Holy Spirit and from each other.

## SACRAMENTS AND LITURGY

**Sacrament of Baptism** The next baptism preparation course is to be held on Saturday 30 October at 11.30am. Please email Fr Jonathan at [jonstogdon@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:jonstogdon@rcdow.org.uk).

**First Holy Communion 2022** Parents & guardians of children currently in Year 3 or above are invited to register their child online via the parish website from 1 November to 31 December. The programme will begin in 2022.

**Marriage Preparation** If you are intending to get married, please note the Diocese requires at least six months' notice and couples are expected to complete a preparation course. The next preparation course takes place in November and will contain three sessions: Wednesday 10 November 8-10pm, Saturday 13 November 10:30am-3.30pm and Wednesday 17 November 8-10pm. To register please email Fr Michael on [michaeloboy@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:michaeloboy@rcdow.org.uk)

**Prayers for the Sick** If you would like to include someone in the prayers for the sick, please contact the presbytery.

## PARISH NEWS

**Synod** Resources and key dates for parish events are being finalised, keep an eye on the Website under 'Parish News' and the Synod page that will soon appear. Copies of the Cardinal's homily at the Cathedral last weekend for the opening of the diocesan phase of the listening journey and 'Towards a Synodal Church' are available in the Porch

**Knit and Natter** The Parish Friends Knit and Natter Group is resuming from 2-4pm on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month with our next meeting on 26 October. All are welcome. Contact Helen on 07860 830340.

**Coffee and Tea After Mass** We hope to recommence the previously popular coffee and tea in the Parish Centre coffee bar after 11.30am Mass starting on Sunday 17 October. Coffee will also be available after the 6pm Saturday evening Mass from 23 October. Can you join a team to make and serve the refreshments, perhaps once a month? If so, please contact the parish office.

**C.W.L.** Meeting after 10am mass on Tuesday 2 November.

**Invitation to join a small group of parishioners for Advent.** We meet alternate Tuesday evenings in the Parish Centre 7.45-9.30pm and will be working our way through the Friends of the Holy Land Advent and Christmastide book of 15 poems and reflections following the route of the Holy Family at the time of the birth of Christ and matching that journey to the experience of Christians living in the Holy Land today. Please consider joining us for prayer and confidential sharing of our own stories; come when you are able, there is no ongoing commitment. We will begin this journey on Tuesday 2 November. For more information contact Stan on 765549 or [grabecki@hotmail.com](mailto:grabecki@hotmail.com).

**Traidcraft** goods will be available after all Masses on the weekend of **6/7 November**. Please try to support this fair-trade venture: we will have our usual range of foods plus Advent Calendars and Christmas cards. Sales help producers and their families in the developing world and all profits made at the Church go to CAFOD. More details from Maureen - 765549, [grabecki@hotmail.com](mailto:grabecki@hotmail.com).

**BINGO** Thank you to everyone that supported our recent Bingo evening. The amount raised for the Cardinal's Appeal was £130.00. Our next Bingo session will be on Friday 12 November at 8.00pm.

**Men's breakfasts on 13 November** Following a successful restart of the Men's breakfasts in early October, we have another one planned for Saturday 13 November. We will meet in the parish centre from 8.15 for coffee, croissants and banter. At about 9am we will watch a video on the Nicene Creed, part of a series narrated by Bishop Robert Barron, and aim to finish at 10am. This is a great opportunity to learn more about this prayer which is central to the Sunday mass and to the key parts of our catholic beliefs. Please contact Richard & Brendan on [d4dstalbans@gmail.com](mailto:d4dstalbans@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like more information.

**You Can Be Santa 'voucher scheme'** As always the aim of YCBS is to help children/families who may not otherwise enjoy the full spirit of Christmas. We are now appealing for voucher donations (in £5, £10 & £20 denominations please, this will really help when we allocate the vouchers) from the following outlets: Sainsbury's, Argos, Amazon & One4All. If you would like to contribute to the YCBS scheme this year, please post your voucher/s through the Presbytery door in a clearly marked envelope (YCBS Voucher). If you are unable to obtain a voucher but would still like to contribute, any monetary donation would be gratefully received and vouchers can be purchased by the YCBS team on your behalf. Vouchers can also be purchased online and sent to the YCBS email address below. If you are aware of families within the Parish who may appreciate being a part of the scheme please ask them to contact [stalbansycbs@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:stalbansycbs@rcdow.org.uk) with their full contact details. All contact details will be kept in confidence and in accordance with data protection requirements. For more information please email [stalbansycbs@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:stalbansycbs@rcdow.org.uk)

**Parish Justice, Peace & the Integrity of Creation Group** Parishioners interested in issues concerning Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation meet every third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Centre.

**Volunteer drivers required for 11.30 mass** Are you able to offer a parishioner a lift to 11.30 mass once every month? I am trying to get a rota of 4-5 people for a senior parishioner who at present can only watch mass on YouTube. Volunteers will require a Parish DBS which can be arranged through the safeguarding officer. Please contact Helen 07860 830340 or [helen.bassill@ntlworld.com](mailto:helen.bassill@ntlworld.com).

## SCHOOLS & NURSERIES

**Volunteers needed!** The Toddler Group would like to begin meeting again on Monday mornings in the Parish Centre. However, they need more volunteers before they are able to restart the group. If this is something you can help with, please contact the parish office.

**St Columba's College Sixth Form Preview Evening Tuesday 9 November from 5:30pm - 8:30pm.** During this event, applicants will have the opportunity to tour the recently refurbished Sixth Form centre, and talk to current Sixth Form students, teachers and members of the Sixth Form and College Leadership Teams. There will also be an opportunity to attend a short presentation by Headmaster the Head of Sixth Form and other members of staff. Families can register by [email](#) or by going to the '[Visit Us](#)' page on our website, clicking on the '[Sixth Form Preview Evening](#)' event and completing the form.

## OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

**Little Amal** A 3.5m puppet of a refugee girl is walking from the border of Turkey/Syria to Manchester, 8000km, in search of her mother. On her journey she will visit Westminster Cathedral on Monday 25 October at 2pm, where she will be welcomed by Cardinal Vincent. You are invited to Welcome Liturgy and to learn more about migrants and refugees. Further information about Little Amal's journey is available [here](#). Please be seated by 1.45pm.

**Good Counsel Network Prayers needed** Wednesday 27 October is the 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Abortion Act being passed in England and Wales. Since 1967 over nine million babies have lost their lives to abortion. Millions of women and men have also had to deal with the suffering which so often follows an abortion. Please join us in praying and fasting for the end of abortion in this country on Wednesday 27 October. For Post Abortion help and to support Pro-Life counselling see this [link](#).

**Assisted Dying Bill Prayers needed** This month an 'Assisted Dying' Bill will receive its Second Reading, with full debate, in the House of Lords. If successful, it will enable terminally ill adults with less than six months to live, assistance to commit suicide. The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales invite all Catholics to respond in prayer, to this serious threat we face to the sanctity of life and the dignity of the human person. Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues, said: 'Jesus told his disciples to pray at all times and not lose heart. Providentially the discussion of Baroness Meacher's Bill in the House of Lords falls on the feast of St. John Paul II on 22 October. The novena, asking the intercession of St. John Paul II, who spoke courageously about the infinite worth of each human person and witnessed to the cross in his final illness, calls upon Catholics and all who share our view that assisted suicide is wrong, to pray with perseverance that this Bill will be

defeated. St. John Paul II, pray for us!' From the 14-22 October, in the lead up to the Second Reading, the bishops encourage the faithful to unite for nine days of prayer, seeking the intercession of St. John Paul II, as part of our efforts to help defeat this attempt to legalise assisted suicide.

**Sir David Amess MP** Cardinal Vincent has spoken about the tragic death of David Amess. "It creates a painful loss in so many lives. I pray for him that he be welcomed into the merciful presence of Our Heavenly Father. I pray for his family and friends, those reeling from shock at this time. I pray for his constituents and all those who worked with him in his political career. I pray for the repose of his soul. May he rest in peace." Click [here](#) for the Cardinal's full statement.

**Diocese of Westminster Social Outreach - Volunteer Get-Together Saturday, 23 October 10 - 11.30 am** This event is for anyone in the Diocese involved in social outreach volunteering. A chance to come together to pray, reflect, socialise and hear the latest news about the work of Caritas. More information and to register, please click [here](#).

## PARISH ADMINISTRATION

**Today is World Mission Sunday - 24 October 2021** World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sister Veronica build peace in Nigeria and share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. Please call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit Missio's [website](#) to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible.

**Leaving a Legacy** The Diocese have asked us to participate in a pilot scheme on legacies. There will be a meeting on Wednesday 3 November at 11am. If you are interested in finding out more, please speak with Fr Michael.

**Parish Centre** Please email the parish office with booking requests or queries and visit the [Parish Centre Hire](#) page of our website for more details of facilities available.

**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 no longer pay tax or are unable to gift aid your contributions, please contact the parish office so that we can amend our records.

**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.

## MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

**Saturday 23 October - Vigil - 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ORD TIME**  
6pm Mass John Donachie (Ann)

**Sunday 24 October - 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORD TIME**

8am Mass Jean Bergin (Ann)

9am Mass Bridget Kearney (Ints)

(St John Fisher School, Marshalswick)

9.30am Mass Sheila Mary Kennedy (Ann)

11.30am Mass Jose Ezcurra (RIP)

6pm Mass People of the parish

Reading 1, Jeremiah 31:7-9, Responsorial Psalm, 126

Reading 2, Hebrews 5:1-6, Gospel, Mark 10:46-52

**Monday 25 October - feria**

10am Funeral Mass for Ray Pujol

7pm Mass James de Souza (RIP)

Reading 1, **Romans 8:12-17**

Responsorial Psalm, 68, Gospel, Luke 13:10-17

**Tuesday 26 October - feria**

10am Mass Margaret Sweeney (RIP)

Reading 1, Romans 8:18-25

Responsorial Psalm, 126, Gospel, Luke 13:18-21

**Wednesday 27 October - feria**

10am Mass Anthony and Jacqueline Sumner (RIP)

7pm Mass Margaret Kitching (RIP)

Reading 1, Romans 8:26-30

Responsorial Psalm, 13, Gospel, Luke 13:22-30

**Thursday 28 October - SS SIMON AND JUDE**

10am Mass Kathleen Quinn (RIP)

Reading 1, Ephesians 2:19-22

Responsorial Psalm, 19, Gospel, Luke 6:12-16

**Friday 29 October - Blessed Martyrs of Douai College**

10am Mass Peregrina Taites (first anniversary)

7pm Mass Jim Moss (RIP)

Reading 1, Romans 9:1-5

Responsorial Psalm, 147, Gospel, Luke 14:1-6

**Saturday 30 October - Memoria of Blessed Virgin Mary**

10am Mass Terry Hudson (Ann)

10.30-11.30am Exposition with opportunity for Confession

Reading 1, Romans 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29

Responsorial Psalm, 94, Gospel, Luke 14:1,7-11

**Saturday 30 October - VIGIL ALL SAINTS**

6pm Mass Annie Coakley (RIP)

**Sunday 31 October - ALL SAINTS**

8am Mass People of the parish

9am Mass Frank Hannan (RIP)

(St John Fisher School, Marshalswick)

9.30am Mass Peter Celestine Okoro (RIP)

11.30am Mass Martin Brosnan (Ann)

6pm Mass Maria Louiza de Souza (RIP)

## PLEASE PRAY

Together with Churches Together in St Albans, we pray for world peace.

For those suffering with Coronavirus and for all the Sick including

*The names of those we have been asked to pray for are not included in the web version of the parish bulletin for reasons of data protection*

For those who have died recently, including Ray Pujol and Eddie Riley.

For all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Jean Bergin, Martin Brosnan, Fr Jules Chevalier (Founder of the MSCs), John Donachie, Brian Freeney, Terry Hudson, Peregrina Taites, Sheila Mary Kennedy, and Reginald Salisbury.

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

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Please click [here](#) for this week's 'Liturgy of the Word' for Children leaflet and the latest worksheet from the Diocese of Westminster.

**Virtual Children's Liturgy from CAFOD** 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 will be based on CAFOD children's liturgy resources. Click [here](#) for the link to register.

**Parish Justice, Peace & the Integrity of Creation Team -** We pray for the participants of COP 26 that they may have the courage to listen carefully and act effectively in responding to the needs of our planet."

## Welcoming all new parishioners!

Please see the new [page](#) on our website with useful information for those who are new to our parish. An online **New Parishioner Registration Form** can be found on the webpage. Please complete this form if you have not already registered as a new parishioner 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.