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NEWS BULLETIN - ST ALBAN & ST STEPHEN

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - 12 JUNE



Contactless Giving

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Faith in Action - Your Parish Needs You!

Have you ever wondered who arranges the flowers, cleans the silver or washes the altar cloths? Have you ever enjoyed a celebration and come away feeling uplifted by the music, been grateful that a member of the family has been able to join in via YouTube, or appreciated the tea or coffee afterwards? Has your son, daughter or grandchild been prepared for First Holy Communion and Confirmation by volunteer catechists or have you ever thought it would be good to have altar servers back? Both here in the main church, and at the Mass Centre at St John Fisher, these things and much else besides rely on volunteers giving of their time and talent. We are blessed with the volunteers that we do have, but as we move out of lockdown, there is a need for others to come forward and volunteer.

As a volunteer you can make a significant contribution to the life and mission of the parish, but volunteering in and of itself can bring with it its own rewards, not least new friendships and a sense of connectedness and belonging to the parish. 'It is in giving' as St Francis reminds us, 'that we receive'. As well as making a difference to the lives of others, volunteering is an opportunity to become part of something greater than oneself. Because it is so rewarding, volunteers tend to continue working in the parish for years – even decades!

At our Masses we need readers, musicians, welcomers and collectors. We also need help with preparing the altar for Mass, with the children's liturgy and altar serving. Indeed, in the near future, as we make this return from lockdown, we hope to re-establish teams of altar servers and to offer a series of training sessions. We also need help with teas and coffees after Mass and are short of volunteer catechists on our First Holy Communion programme.

During the pandemic parishioners helped to bring us Mass on-line and then when the church opened again volunteered as stewards and welcomers, helping to keep us safe at Mass.

Next weekend, following the Saturday evening mass, there will be a parish social, the aim of which is to thank our volunteers. If you are a parishioner or a visitor to our parish, consider yourself invited. Come along, to say thank you. If you are a volunteer, or have volunteered in the past, consider yourself invited. Come along to this celebration of you and the generosity that makes parish possible.

Moreover, as we give thanks for our volunteers please consider how you could help. Perhaps you could offer something completely new. Remember your parish needs you too!

Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation Group (JPIC) Dear Lord, thank you for the fun and laughter with our family and friends.

LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism The next baptism preparation course is to be held on Saturday 25 June at 11.30am. Please email andrewbowden@rcdow.org.uk with any enquiries.

Confirmation Parents or guardians of Confirmation candidates have received an email asking for their choice of Confirmation date in July. If you have not received an email, please contact the parish office.

Marriage Preparation If you are intending to get married, please note the Diocese requires at least six months' notice with couples expected to complete a preparation course. Please email Fr Michael on 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. Permission from the person being prayed for, or their next of kin, must be obtained before we are able to include their name in the bulletin.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Retiring Collections The retiring collection for Catholic Communications raised £207.95. The retiring collection next weekend will be in support of 'Day for Life,' presenting an opportunity to pray for the gift of life and support the work of protecting life in its most vulnerable stages through the annual collection.

Concert by London Central Fellowship Band for St Albans Salvation Army at St Alban and St Stephen Church - 7.30pm on Saturday 11 June. Ticket price £5 per person. To reserve tickets please contact 01727 855395 / 07551 856081 or email stalbens@salvationarmy.org.uk. All funds raised will support St Albans Salvation Army's community works (charity number 214779).

Food Bank If you would like to support the foodbank currently being run by the Salvation Army here in St Albans donations of non-perishable food items (cans and dried goods) can be left in the cardboard box in the porch.

Coffee and Tea After Weekend Mass Coffee and tea will be available in the Parish Centre coffee bar after 11.30am Mass on the first Sunday of the month. Coffee and tea is also available after the 6pm Saturday evening Mass. Can you help make and serve the refreshments, once a month? If so, please contact the parish office.

Coffee after Monday Morning Mass Coffee and tea will be available in the Parish Centre coffee bar after 10am Mass each Monday. All welcome.

Traidcraft - fairly traded goods will be available for purchase after Mass at Marshalswick Mass Centre on 12 June. This initiative is part of our parish Justice and Peace commitment. More details, or to place an order, contact Maureen 765549, grabecki@hotmail.com.

Faith and Family Group 7 June A new 'Faith & Family group' will be meeting in the parish hall on the first Tuesday of each month at 10.45am. The topic for discussion will be 'Passing on the Faith from an Early Age.' Activities for under 5s. All welcome.

Mothers' Prayers Group 13 June Mothers' Prayers will meet on Monday June 13 at 8pm in Room 2 of the Parish Centre. Anyone wishing to pray for children is welcome. Email Office@mothersprayers.com

Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation Group (JPIC) Meeting 16 June This meeting will take place at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to attend.

Toddlers' Playgroup restarting on 20 June The Toddler playgroup to restart on Monday, 20 June, 10:30am After over two years away due to Covid, we are pleased to announce the return of our playgroup. For pre-school age children and their carers. Join us in the upstairs hall, for toys, books, games and singing plus drinks and snacks. If you are able to help, please contact David Markham on 07543 400650 or dave_markham@yahoo.co.uk

Knit and Natter Group - Parish Friends 21 June The next meeting of the Knit and Natter Group will be on 21 June 2.30 - 4pm. All welcome.

Volunteers wanted There will be a lively "Celebrate" style faith event with mass in the Autumn, date yet to be arranged, hopefully to be agreed soon. If you would like to get involved in the planning for this family event, then please let Deacon Brendan know by [email](mailto:).

Host families needed for Ukrainian refugees There are still many families fleeing Ukraine but with nowhere to go. Could you please help by offering them space in your home? You have no obligation to cook for them, and the Government will pay you £350 per month. Full support given through the process. Contact David Markham on 07543 400650 or Dave_markham@yahoo.co.uk.

Friends of the Holy Land (FHL) Pentecost Challenge 2022 A BIG THANKYOU for helping to raise £1,993 for Friends of The Holy Land's (FHL) work to create a more sustainable future for Christians in the Holy Land. £1,038 was donated after the appeal at masses on the weekend of 21 and 22 May and a further £955 was donated online to the website of the walkers from our parish who undertook the Pentecost Challenge to walk the 100 miles distance from Nazareth to Bethlehem between Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday. Our contribution will enable FHL to fund the annual training of a nurse in the Holy Land. Thank you once again. Brendan, Helen, Mary, Melanie, Mike, Richard and Sylvia.

Thank you to parishioners at St John Fisher Mass Centre The Year 3 children from SJF School would like to thank all those at the mass centre who bought cakes after 9am mass on 29 May. £70 was raised to support the people in Ukraine.

OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

Newman Association Talk 11 June The Herts Circle of the Newman Association will be hosting a talk by John Duddington entitled 'Is Freedom of Religion Threatened Today?' to be given at St Bartholomew's Church, 47 Vesta Ave., St Albans AL1 2PE on 11 June 2.30 - 4 pm. John is the editor of Law and Justice: The Christian Law Review. There is no need to book.

CTSA Information Exchange Forum 27 June Churches Together in St Albans are running an Information Exchange concerning refugees and asylum seekers. This forum comes at a time when a number of people are hosting refugees or asylum seekers and there are hundreds of asylum seekers in The Noke and other hotels in the area. Our hope is to help by providing a forum where hosts, refugees, asylum seekers and others who would like to help in some way can share information, experiences and expertise. Rather than having a main speaker, we hope to have a more open forum and hear briefly from many people. We hope that people will network and that together we can find the best ways to help at this time. All who are interested in helping in any way are welcome - Hosts, Refugees, Asylum Seekers and others, sharing experience and expertise.

The forum will take place on Monday June 27 June at 8pm, at Marshalswick Baptist Free Church, Sherwood Avenue AL4 9QL ALL WELCOME. Churches Together in St Albans. www.ctstalbans.org.uk. If you are hosting or involved in some other way, please email peter Berners-Lee peter@ctstalbans.org.uk. - he'd love to hear from you.

CAFOD's Gap Year Programme - Step Into The Gap Will You take the first Step? CAFOD's Gap year programme, Step into the Gap is a great opportunity for Young Adults aged between 18-30 to immerse themselves in interactive experiences, develop leadership skills while exploring their faith, and meeting new people. This is a chance to reflect on your role in global society while spending a year inspiring others to act for the poor and most marginalised. Based in the UK in a retreat centre or Catholic Secondary school with accommodation, travel and stipend included.

To take the first step and find out more information and how to apply for September 2022 please go to our website: www.cafod.org.uk/gapyear.

Temporary Administrator Wanted Westminster Diocese Safeguarding is looking for a temp administrator to support our DBS Team during the months of June to September. Candidates with experience as an administrator please apply and send a CV and cover letter to the Office Manager Safeguarding at rikapfaff@rcdow.org.uk.

Charity Co-ordinator Wanted The Society of Friends of Westminster Cathedral is seeking to recruit a part-time Co-ordinator to administer the charity, assist in recruiting new members and in organising events.

The appointment, based in Westminster Cathedral Clergy House, is for 20 hours per week at a salary in the region of £14,500 per annum. The appointment is for 12 months, closing date 19 June 2022. For further details please follow this [link](#).

PAUL KERENSA at St Saviour's - 15 June, 8pm Winner of the BBC Radio Entertainment Contract Writer Titheridge Prize, Paul writes and script-edits for many comedies for BBC TV, Sky and other channels. Paul is also one of the few to perform stand-up at both comedy clubs and churches, in bearpits and pulpits, as well as contributing regular "Pause For Thought" slots on Chris Evans' Radio 2 Breakfast Show. This one-man/two-character show is based on the The British Broadcasting Century Podcast, and comes to St Saviour's as part of its national tour. Licensed bar: beer, cider, prosecco. Tickets are just £10 and are available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/ssaviours.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

Hiring the 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.

Offertory Promise Envelopes If you responded to the letter we sent out before Christmas or to the newsletter announcements confirming that you wanted to continue using Offertory Promise Envelopes, then these are now available and can be collected from the presbytery. We cannot leave them out on open display for people to collect as the labelling includes people's personal data. You can always ask one of the priests after Mass on Sunday.

Gift Aid If you are a UK taxpayer and have previously signed a gift aid declaration, but no longer pay tax, please contact the parish office and let us know. If you have stopped paying tax, we can no longer claim gift (25p in every pound). If you do not pay tax and gift aid is claimed on what you give, then HMRC may seek reimbursement.

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 The best way to book mass intentions is to do so by emailing the parish office or phoning 9am - 1pm any weekday. Donations can be made by posting an envelope through the presbytery door or by making a payment via bank transfer. Our bank account details can be accessed [here](#). Please note that we are currently booking intentions for masses from September / October 2022 and that intentions may have to be moved with little notice to accommodate funerals. The suggested diocesan donation is currently £10 per mass.

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Saturday 11 June - VIGIL OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
6pm Mass People of the Parish

Sunday 12 June - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

8am Mass Rose and George Watkins (RIP)

9am Mass Hubert McCormack (RIP)

(St John Fisher School, Marshalswick)

9.30am Mass Paul Liversidge (RIP)

11.30am Mass Margaret McGuire (RIP)

6pm Mass Margaret Christoforou (First Ann)

Reading 1, Proverbs 8:22-31, Psalm 8

Reading 2, Romans 5:1-5, Gospel, John 16:12-15

Monday 13 June - St Anthony of Padua

10am Mass Funeral Mass for Janet Eastham

7pm Mass Deceased family of Elizabeth Clarke (RIP)

Reading 1, 1 Kings 21:1-16

Psalm 5, Gospel, Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday 14 June - feria

10am Mass Mike Callinicof (RIP)

Reading 1, 1 Kings 21:17-29

Psalm 50(51), Gospel, Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday 15 June - feria

10am Mass Tony Thomas (RIP)

7pm Mass Tim Donoghue (Ann)

Reading 1, 2 Kings 2:1,6-14

Psalm 30(31), Gospel, Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday 16 June - feria

10am Mass Leonard Steele (Ann)

Reading 1, Ecclesiasticus 48:1-15

Psalm 96(97), Matthew 6:7-15

Friday 17 June - feria

7pm Mass Alban and Peggy Brampton (RIP)

Reading 1, 2 Kings 11:1-4,9-18,20

Psalm, 131(132), Gospel, Matthew 6:19-23

(On Friday Mass is celebrated at St Albans Cathedral at Noon)

Saturday 18 June - feria

10am Mass Janet Kennedy (RIP)

Reading 1, 2 Chronicles 24:17-25

Psalm 88(89), Gospel, Matthew 6:24-34

10.30-11.30am Exposition with opportunity for Confession

Saturday 18 June - VIGIL MASS OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

6pm Mass Marion Miller (RIP)

Sunday 19 June - THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

8am Mass The Holy Souls most in need

9am Mass People of the Parish

(St John Fisher School, Marshalswick)

9.30am Mass Mary Curran (RIP)

11.30am Mass Antonio and Toni (RIP)

6pm Mass Maureen Lerwill (Ann)

PLEASE PRAY

Together with Churches Together in St Albans we pray for the ministers and members of the Cathedral & Abbey Church of St Alban.

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 Bridie Byrne, Rita Dellow, Joyce Eastham, Bridget Pakenham, Shirley Penstone, Raul Pujol, Tony Thomas and Helen White.

For all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Margaret Christoforou, Tim Donoghue, Maureen Lerwill and Leonard Steele.

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.

Welcoming all new parishioners!

Please see the [page](#) on our website with useful information for those who are new to our parish. Please complete our online **New Parishioner Registration 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. We look forward to being able to have an event to welcome you and your families properly into our parish community.