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NEWS BULLETIN - ST ALBAN & ST STEPHEN

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 24 July



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Fr Andrew writes ... If you're making plans for activities and lists for packing for your summer holidays, in among the novels and sun cream, don't forget to include God. When many of the usual distractions and pressures are absent, the summer can be a great opportunity for spiritual growth, leaving us more deeply refreshed and better equipped to return to normal life. So here are 5 tips for using the summer for spiritual growth. 1. Set aside some additional time for prayer each day. 2. Include some spiritual reading among your holiday books. 3. If you are travelling, make a point of finding local churches, look up the mass times and pop in to have a look around and to pray. 4. Whether you find yourself watching a sunset, or enjoying a meal with the family, be sure to pause and thank God for the beauty of life and creation. 5. Try and include others in your plans, especially those whose summers may not be quite as full as your own.

God bless and happy holidays!

Newsletter This weekend's bulletin will be the last before the summer break. The first newsletter after the summer will appear the weekend of 3/4 September.

Knights of St Columba We are very pleased to report that Sally Mensah, a pupil of Nicholas Breakspear School, is the winner of the National Easter Painting Competition of the Knights of St. Columba.

Knit and Natter Group - Parish Friends The Knit and Natter Group will be meeting on 2, 16 and 23 August. All welcome.

Traidcraft: after all Masses on 6/7 August and after Mass at Marshalswick Mass Centre on 14 August. Buying fairly traded goods through our parish Traidcraft stall or in supermarkets helps producers and farmers enjoy a better life.

Holiday at Home Older members of our parish are invited to join in the August Holiday at Home at Hatfield Road Methodist Church. Time to enjoy crafts, board games, puzzles, music or simply chat and relax. Sessions are on 18 and 19 August from 1.30 until 5pm and on 23 and 24 August from 10am until 2.30pm. A donation of £5 per session is requested to cover costs. To attend or volunteer to help, please email Maggie Dodd or call on 07462 586773.

Parish Friends Tea Party 4 September Parish Friends will be holding a Tea Party on Sunday 4 September from 3-5pm. Come along and be entertained by a great new band "Diamond Years" whilst enjoying tea and homemade cakes. Everyone is welcome and lifts can be arranged. Parish Friends are now few in numbers so donations of cakes, drivers with a DBS offering lifts, and offers of help with setting up or serving on the day would be greatly appreciated. Please [email](#) Helen or phone 07860 830340.

Volunteers wanted! Centre 33 provides an evening take-away meal service for homeless people and others, which operates from the Salvation Army Citadel. They urgently need more volunteers for all evenings Sundays to Thursdays from 6.30-8.15pm. If you can help, please contact Peter Graham at volunteers@centre33.org.

Save the date - 10 September There will be day of renewal on Saturday 10 September for Mothers' Prayers at St Marys church, Dunstable, LU61NY' led by Maureen Goldsmith. Details to follow.

Save the Date - 10 November 8pm ABBEY THEATRE " Good Things" by Lucy Lockhead, a funny, touching play. Profits go to [Hands Together Tiplyang Project](#) a charity run by 3 parishioners to support several schools & villages in rural Nepal.

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.

Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation Group (JPIC) Prayer In these challenging times, may we embrace each new dawn as a sacred gift filled with hope, love and peace woven around a heart of wonder.

LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism The next baptism preparation courses will be held on Saturday 24 September at 11.30am. Please see our [website](#) or [email](#) Fr Andrew with enquiries.

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.

Little Lights - children's liturgy at 9:30am Sunday Mass We are now on Summer break and will be back on 11 September. If you would like to run a session, please email Marta at yeadonmarta@gmail.com.

Altar Servers We would like to re-introduce altar servers in the autumn. This is open to anyone who has made their First Holy Communion, who is happy to make a regular commitment to a particular Mass and to the relevant training. Training will be held on Saturday afternoons at 4pm in September and October. Those over 18 will need to complete the necessary safeguarding checks. If you or your son or daughter is interested please email Fr Andrew andrewbowden@rcdow.org.uk indicating which mass you/they would be interested in serving.

PLEASE PRAY

Together with Churches Together in St Albans we pray for the intentions of Park Street Baptist Church (24 July); St. Michaels Church (31 July); Seventh Day Adventist Church (7 Aug); Homewood Road United Reform Church (14 Aug); St Pauls Church (21 Aug); Churches Together in Hertfordshire (28 Aug) and Racial Justice Sunday (4 Sept).

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 Eileen Bagge, Bernard Patrick Dehnel, Angela McCann, Catriona McLoughlan and Thomas Timmins.

For all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including George Xuereb Brennan, Daniel Brudney, Marceline Clarke, Pete Helliwell, Liber Marzo, John Paton, Martin Guy Rainforth, Fr Richard Scriven MSC, Peggy Shaw, Stanley Whittle, George and May Xuereb.

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

Prayers for the Sick If you would like to include someone in the prayers for the sick, please contact the office. We must have permission from the person being prayed for, or their next of kin, before we can put their name in the bulletin.

Funeral Mass The Funeral Mass for Tom Timmins will take place at 10am on 3 August followed by burial at London Rd.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

Mass Intentions The best way to book mass intentions is to email 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 October / November 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 23 July - VIGIL 17TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME
6pm Mass Patrick Roache (RIP)

Sunday 24 July - 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8am Mass Elizabeth (Betty) O'Neill (RIP)

9am Mass Deceased members of the Sheehan and Guinnelly families

(*St John Fisher School, M'wick*)

9.30am People of the Parish

11.30am Edward Sumner (RIP)

6pm Mass Mike Davis (RIP)

Reading 1, Genesis 18:20-32, Psalm 137(138)

Reading 2, Colossians 2:12-14, Gospel, Luke 11:1-13

Monday 25 July - ST JAMES

10am Mass Anne Hannon (RIP)

7pm Mass Pat Roache (RIP)

Reading 1, 2 Corinthians 4:7-15

Psalm 125(126), Gospel, Matthew 20:20-28

Tuesday 26 July - Ss Joachim and Anne

10am Mass Elaine Murphy (RIP)

Reading 1, Jeremiah 14:17-22

Psalm 78(79), Gospel, Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday 27 July - feria

10am Mass Barrie and Bernadette Witchard (RIP)

7pm Mass Maisie Burke (RIP) and her family

Reading 1, Jeremiah 15:10,16-21, Psalm 58(59),

Gospel, Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday 28 July - feria

10am Mass Bridget O'Connell (RIP)

Reading 1, Jeremiah 18:1-6

Psalm 145(146), Gospel, Matthew 13:47-53

Friday 29 July - Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus

7pm Mass Tessa Taylor (Ints)

Reading 1, Jeremiah 26:1-9

Psalm 68(69), Gospel, John 11:19-27

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

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Saturday 30 July - Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
10am Mass Peter Allen (RIP) & daughter, Nicola Allen(RIP)
Reading 1, Jeremiah 26:11-16,24
Psalm 68(69), Gospel, Matthew 14:1-12
10.30 - 11.30am Exposition and opportunity for Confession

Saturday 30 July - VIGIL 18TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME
6pm Mass Private Intention

Sunday 31 July - 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8am Mass Lily Barrett (RIP)
9am Mass Holy Souls (*St John Fisher School, M'wick*)
9.30am Sumner Family (Ints)
11.30am Mary Gallagher (RIP)
6pm Mass People of the Parish
Reading 1, Ecclesiastes,1:2;2:21-23 Psalm 89(90)
Reading 2, Colossians 3:1-5,9-11, Gospel, Luke 12:13-21

Monday 1 August - St Alphonsus Liguori
10am Mass Intentions of the friends and family of Marion Miller (RIP)
7pm Mass Eileen Bagge (RIP)
Reading 1, Jeremiah 28:1-17
Psalm 118(119), Gospel, Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday 2 August - feria
10am Mass Mary Gerrity (RIP)
Reading 1, Jeremiah 30:1-2,12-15,18-22
Psalm 101(102), Gospel, Matthew 14:22-36

Wednesday 3 August - feria
10am Funeral Mass for Thomas Timmins
7pm Mass Kathleen McHugh (RIP)
Reading 1, Jeremiah 31:1-7,
Psalm Jeremiah 31, Gospel, Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday 4 August - St John Vianney
10am Mass Giuseppina and Antonio Procaccini (RIP)
Reading 1, Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 50(51), Gospel, Matthew 16:13-23

Friday 5 August - feria
10am Mass Enid Gomez (RIP)
7pm Mass Evelio Azcona (RIP)
Reading 1, Nahum 2:1,3;3:1-3,6-7
Psalm Deuteronomy 32, Gospel, Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday 6 August - THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
10am Mass Elaine Murphy (RIP)
Reading 1, Daniel 7:9-10,13-14
Psalm 96(97), Gospel, Luke 9:28-36
10.30 - 11.30am Exposition and opportunity for Confession

Saturday 6 August-VIGIL 19TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME
6pm Mass Antony, Jose & Piedade Fernandes (RIP)

Sunday 7 August - 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8am Mass Peter Page (RIP)
9am Mass People of the parish (*St John Fisher School, M'wick*)
9.30am Marceline Clarke (Ann)

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

11.30am Mass Marta and Mark Yeadon (Ints)
6pm Mass Elaine Gatta (nee Bagge) RIP
Reading 1, Wisdom 18:6-9, Psalm 32(33)
Reading 2, Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19, Gospel, Luke 12:32-48

Monday 8 August - St Dominic
10am Mass Holy Souls
7pm Mass Marion Miller (RIP)
Reading 1, Ezekiel 1:2-5,24-28
Psalm 148, Gospel, Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday 9 August ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS
10am Mass Edward Norman (RIP)
Reading 1, Hosea 2:16,17,21-22
Psalm 44(45), Gospel, Matthew 25:1-13

Wednesday 10 August - ST LAWRENCE
10am Mass Fr Nick Harnan MSC (Ints - Ordination 60th Ann)
7pm Mass Angela and daughter, Angela (Ints)
Reading 1, 2 Corinthians 9:6-10
Psalm 111(112), Gospel, John 12:24-26

Thursday 11 August - St Clare
10am Mass Eileen Bagge (RIP)
Reading 1, Ezekiel 12:1-12
Psalm 77(78), Gospel, Matthew 18:21-19:1

Friday 12 August - feria
7pm Mass Beryl Millington (RIP)
Reading 1, Ezekiel 16:59-63
Psalm Isaiah 12, Gospel, Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday 13 August - Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
10am Mass Stanley Whittle (Ann)
Reading 1, Ezekiel 18:1-10,13,30-32
Psalm 50(51), Gospel, Matthew 19:13-25
10.30 - 11.30am Exposition and opportunity for Confession

Saturday 14 August -VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION
6pm Mass Sean O'Brien (RIP)

Sunday 14 August- THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
8am Mass Jean Bergin (RIP)
9am Mass Holy Souls (*St John Fisher School, M'wick*)
9.30am People of the parish
11.30am Mary Curran (RIP)
6pm Mass Terence De Cruz (Ints)
Reading 1, Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6,10, Psalm 44(45)
Reading 2, 1 Corinthians 15:20-27, Gospel, Luke 1:39-56

Monday 15 August - feria
10am Mass George and Freda Sumner (RIP)
7pm Mass Sandra Moseley (RIP) and Franca Garrick (RIP)
Reading 1, Ezekiel 24:15-24
Psalm Deuteronomy 32, Gospel, Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday 16 August - feria
10am Mass Evelio Azcona (RIP)
Reading 1, Ezekiel 28:1-10
Psalm Deuteronomy 32, Gospel, Matthew 19:23-30

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Wednesday 17 August - feria

10am Mass Tom Timmins (RIP)

7pm Mass Mary and Elaine Murphy (RIP)

Reading 1, Ezekiel 34:1-11

Psalm 22(23), Gospel, Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday 18 August - feria

10am Mass Tom Bagge (RIP)

Reading 1, Ezekiel 36:23-28

Psalm 50(51), Gospel, Matthew 22:1-14

Friday 19 August - feria

7pm Mass Maggie Walsh (RIP)

Reading 1, Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 106(107), Gospel, Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday 20 August- St Bernard

10am Mass Mary Chhagenlall (RIP)

Reading 1, Ezekiel 43:1-7

Psalm 84(85), Gospel, Matthew 23:1-12

10.30 - 11.30am Exposition with opportunity for Confession

Saturday 20 August -VIGIL 21ST SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

6pm Mass Mel Smith (RIP)

Sunday 21 August- 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8am Mass Ann MacPherson (RIP)

9am Mass Gillian Day (RIP) (*St John Fisher School, M'wick*)

9.30am People of the Parish

11.30am Jim and Clare Moss (RIP)

6pm Mass George Shields (RIP)

Reading 1, Isaiah 66:18-21, Psalm 116(117)

Reading 2, Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13, Gospel, Luke 13:22-30

Monday 22 August - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10am Mass Kathy Mahony (Ints)

7pm Mass Marion Miller (RIP)

Reading 1, Isaiah 9:1-7

Psalm 112(113), Gospel, Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday 23 August - feria

10am Mass Ellie Kiely (Ints)

Reading 1, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, 14-17

Psalm 95(96), Gospel, Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday 24 August - ST BARTHOLOMEW

10am Mass Holy Souls

7pm Mass John Sweeney (RIP)

Reading 1, Apocalypse 21:9-14

Psalm 144(145), Gospel, John 1:45-51

Thursday 25 August - feria

10am Mass Siobhan Lynch (RIP)

Reading 1, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Psalm 144(145), Gospel, Matthew 24:42-51

Friday 26 August - feria

7pm Mass George and May Xuereb (Ann)

Reading 1, 1 Corinthians 1:17-25

Psalm 32(33), Gospel, Matthew 25:1-3

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Saturday 27 August - St Monica

10am Mass Deceased members of the Moore family (RIP)

Reading 1, Ecclesiasticus 26:1-4,13-16

Psalm 130(131), Gospel, Luke 7:11-17

10.30 - 11.30am Exposition with opportunity for Confession

Saturday 27 August VIGIL 22ND SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

6pm Mass Roisin and Liam (Ints)

Sunday 28 August- 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8am Mass Maura Burke (Ints)

9am Mass People of the parish (*St John Fisher School, M'wick*)

9.30am Patrick Swift (RIP)

11.30am Peggy Shaw (First Anniversary)

6pm Mass Martin Guy Rainforth (Ann)

Reading 1, Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21,30-31, Psalm 67(68)

Reading 2, Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24, Gospel, Luke 14:7-14

Monday 29 August - The Passion of St John the Baptist

10am Mass Holy Souls

7pm No evening mass

Reading 1, Jeremiah 1:17-19

Psalm 70(71), Gospel, Mark 6:17-29

Tuesday 30 August - feria

10am Mass Louis Fernandes (RIP)

Reading 1, 1 Corinthians 2:10-16

Psalm 144(145), Gospel, Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday 31 August - feria

10am Mass Eileen Bagge (RIP)

7pm Mass Peter Celestine Okoro (RIP)

Reading 1, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Psalm 32(33), Gospel, Luke 4:38-44

Thursday 1 September - feria

10am Mass Angela and daughter, Angela (Ints)

Reading 1, 1 Corinthians 3:18-23

Psalm 23(24), Gospel, Luke 5:1-11

Friday 2 September - feria

10am Mass George Shields (RIP)

7pm Mass Callum Gathard (RIP)

Reading 1, 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Psalm 36(37), Gospel, Luke 5:33-39

Saturday 3 September - ST GREGORY THE GREAT

10am Mass Callum Gathard (RIP)

Reading 1, Thessalonians 2:2-8

Psalm 95(96), Gospel, Matthew 16:13-19

10.30 - 11.30am Exposition and opportunity for Confession

Saturday 3 September VIGIL 23RD SUNDAY ORD. TIME

6pm Mass Deceased members - Redbourn Murphy family

Sunday 4 September- 23RD SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

8am Mass People of the parish

9am Mass Joyce Eastham (RIP) (*St John Fisher School, M'wick*)

9.30am Daniel Brudney (Ann)

11.30am Eileen Aherne

6pm Mass Eileen Bagge (RIP)