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NEWS BULLETIN - ST ALBAN & ST STEPHEN
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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 23 October 2022



Contactless Giving

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During November, the month of the Holy Souls, there will be a Novena of Masses for the Holy Souls from 2-10 November, The annual mass for all who have died in the past 12 months will be offered on Friday 4 November at 7pm. If you would like to add the name of somebody who has died in the last 12 months, please email his or her name to the parish office.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED - NOVEMBER 2021 to OCTOBER 2022

Mary Rainforth	Ursula Graddon	Betty Wong	Jean Lawley-Yorke
Mary Ellen Small	Margaret Fitzsimons	Ruggiero (Roger) Barresi	Robert David Eldred
Patrick Mannion	Marion Miller	Elaine Murphy	Bernard Patrick Dehnel
Edward Riley	Monica Parker	Concettina Frisso	Thomas Timmins
Philomena Daly	Evelio Azcona	Joan De Carle	Eileen Bagge
Jill Barlow	Michele Citrano	Rose Reilly	Andy Finch
Bartholomew (Barry) Dunne	James Morrissey	Mark Johnson	Angela McCann
Bob Wan	Anne (Nancy) Hudson	Jill Hall	John Joseph Hennessy
Emilio Viscogliosi	John Baker	Callum Gathard	Andrea Avvinti
Mary Grant	Lucidia McPherson-Burton	Bridget Pakenham	Moira Boyle
Assunta Potiuk	Jimmy Maloney	Joyce Eastham	Teresa (Terry) Rivers
John (Jack) O'Mahony	Patrick (Pat) Roache	Helen White	Rita Anderson
Michael Fennessy	Francesco Ciaccio	Helen Kennedy	Susanna Mole
Julie Hadnutt	Edward Sumner	James Aloysius Ryan	Ricardo Marset
Ruth O'Gorman	Patrick James (PJ) Renehan	Raul Pujol	Pauline Belward
Edward (Ted) Pearce	Edward Francis Belward	Denise Kearns	John Garrick
John Feeney	John Green	Juana Vargas	Tessa Brooks
Mary Madden	Mary Miller	Lucy Steele	John Gerrard
Larry Hughes	John Miller	Bridie Byrne	Tony Berti
Kathleen Davies	John Levy	Rose Davin	Baby Healy
Maria Luisa Robertini	Teresa Burke	Sr Mary Conlon	Sr Anne Joseph
Michael O'Neill			

During November, several of the Holy Souls masses will be offered for a particular intention, as listed below:

Friday 4 November 7.00pm For all who have died in the past year	Monday 7 November 10.00am For deceased spouses	Wednesday 16 November For deceased sons and daughters
Saturday 5 November 6.00pm For deceased victims of violence	Wednesday 9 November 7.00pm For deceased brothers and sisters	Wednesday 23 November 7.00pm For deceased priests and religious
Sunday 6 November 11.30am For deceased benefactors	Thursday 10 November 10.00am For those who have died in war	Sunday 27 November 9.30am For deceased parents & grandparents

Holy Souls Lists To include people in the Holy Souls List kept near the altar use one of the leaflets and envelopes available in the porch and return it to the Presbytery. Any offering you wish to make towards our 'Holy Souls' masses should 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. If easier please feel free to email your Holy Souls list to stalbans@rcdow.org.uk

LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism The next baptism preparation courses will be held on Saturday 29 October at 11.30am. Please see our [website](#) or [email](#) Fr Andrew at andrewbowden@rcdow.org.uk with any enquiries.

First Holy Communion 2022/23 Online registration has now closed. The programme will commence in January 2023 with a parent/guardian only meeting at 7.30pm on 2 December.

Confirmation 2022/23 Parents and guardians of teenagers eligible to make their Confirmation (year 10 and above) are invited to register them for the Confirmation programme [online](#) via the parish website before 31 October 2022. The programme will commence in January 2023 with a parent only meeting at the end of November.

Marriage Preparation If you are intending to get married, please note the Diocese requires at least six months' notice. Couples are expected to complete a marriage preparation course the next of which has been scheduled for the latter part of January 2023. If you hope to marry in 2023 please [email](#) Fr Michael at michaeloboy@rcdow.org.uk.

Adult Enquiry Group Are you an adult interested in exploring the possibility of baptism? Have you been baptised already and would like to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church? Are you an adult Catholic yet to be confirmed? If so, this may well be for you. Please contact Fr Andrew at andrewbowden@rcdow.org.uk

Little Lights Children's Liturgy Group Little Lights will be on a half term break on Sunday 23 and 30 October. We will be back on Sunday 6 November during the 9.30am Mass.

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 being added to the bulletin.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Welcomers needed! Can you spare the time to come 20 minutes before the mass time, once a month to greet people? If so, please contact the parish office during office hours.

Altar Servers 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 October/November. Those over 18 will need to complete the necessary safeguarding checks. If you or your son or daughter is interested please [email](#) Fr Andrew.

Call for Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word If you would like more information please contact the Parish Office on stalbans@rcdow.org.uk.

Call for helpers for Children's Liturgy at 9.30am Mass We are looking for volunteers to help running the Sunday Liturgy at 9:30am for children aged 5 to 8. Commitment

would be 2 to 3 hours per month to prepare and run one of the Sunday Liturgies for the children to participate in.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

World Mission Sunday 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 Maria witness to their faith and offer vulnerable women in Ethiopia hope for a better future. 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. If you use the donation envelopes to give by credit/debit card, please return the envelopes directly to Missio. Do not put them in the Church collection. Please visit Missio's [website](#) to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible:

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Thank you for your donations to the recent retiring collection for CAFOD. £1,531.21 was received as a result of your generosity.

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 will 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 us at stalbansycbs@rcdow.org.uk with their full contact details. All contact details will be kept in confidence and in accordance with data protection requirements.

Coffee and Tea After Mass Coffee and tea is available in the Parish Centre coffee bar after 11.30am Mass on the first Sunday of the month. Coffee and is also available after every 6pm Saturday evening Mass. Coffee and tea is also available in the Parish Centre coffee bar after 10am Mass each Monday. All welcome.

Faith and Family Group The 'Faith & Family group' meets in the parish hall on the first Tuesday of each month at 10.45am. Activities for under 5s. All welcome.

Toddlers' Playgroup - Monday 10.30am - midday For pre-school age children and their carers. Join us in the upstairs hall, during term time, for toys, books, games and singing plus drinks and snacks. If able to help, please contact David Markham on 07543 400650.

Knit and Natter Group We will be meeting on 25 October from 2.15-4pm in the Parish Centre. Even if you don't knit come for a cup of tea & a chat. Everyone welcome.

Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Team Meeting We will be meeting in the Sacred Heart Centre on Thursday 27 October at 7.30 pm. All welcome !

Men's Breakfast Saturday 29 October We are continuing to consider some of the most influential Catholic Saints in our Men's Breakfasts this autumn. Our next session will be on Saturday 29 October and we will meet in the Parish Centre from 8.15 for coffee, croissants and conversation, followed by a video on St Therese de Lisieux and discussion on the themes emerging. If you would like more details please email d4dstalbans@gmail.com

C.W.L. Thursday 3 November 2.30 pm A talk to be given by Father Andrew. All are welcome. Cost £2 to include coffee and biscuits. On Saturday 12 November the 6pm mass will be offered for deceased members of the C.W.L.

Live Simply so that others may simply live: Should we as a parish commit to Living Simply? What would Living Simply look like for us as individuals and as a parish? We need your ideas. Come and explore this with speaker Ellen Teague in the parish hall 11 am Saturday 19 November. You are invited (but not required) to bring a plate to share while we stay and discuss the possibilities.

Parish Film Event Parish Friends will be showing the film "Paddington 2" at 3pm on Sunday 11 December in the Parish Hall. Popcorn and mince pies will be served. An afternoon for all the family and everyone is welcome. If you require a lift please contact Helen Bassill 07860 830340

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS

Primary, Secondary and Nursery School Certificates of Catholic Practice For those parents and guardians who need to obtain a certificate of Catholic Practice to accompany their child's application for a school or nursery place, Fr Michael will be available at the presbytery at the following times to sign school forms:

- Tuesday 25 October 7.30-9.00pm
 - Monday 21 November 3.30-6.00pm
 - Tuesday 13 December 3.30-6.00pm
 - Wednesday 11 January and Friday 3 February 7.30-9pm
- Please be conscious that upwards of 100 families could be looking for school forms and you endeavouring to make one of the following times would be much appreciated. No appointment is necessary and children need not attend.

St. Alban & St. Stephen Catholic Primary School and Nursery The application process for Reception and Nursery admissions in 2023-24 is now open. Please join us at our Open Morning on Wednesday 9 November from 9.30-11.00am to find out more. If you wish to book a place please email admin@ssaas.herts.sch.uk. Full details on how to apply can be found on our [website](#).

OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

Churches Together Autumn Forum Live Simply - Survive the Winter, Save the Planet A CTSA Zoom Meeting at 8pm Wednesday 26 October. Details <https://ctstalbans.org.uk> With video input from Mike Berners-Lee, author of There is No Planet B.

Talk organised by the Friends of Westminster Cathedral Thursday 27 October 2022 at 7.00pm in Westminster Cathedral Hall. Creators of Peace (COP) is a global network of people on each continent making a difference - inspired by their participation in Creators of Peace Circles, conferences, dialogues and other COP initiatives. <https://iofc.org.uk/initiatives/creators-of-peace/> Talk by Miranda Shaw and Elizabeth Lasker £10 Tickets from Friends@rcdow.org.uk or 020 7798 9059

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.

Contactless Donations If you do register as a gift aiding donor on one of our two contactless devices, please ensure that you add both your first and surname, in full, and your full address, including road name, so that your gift aid declaration meets the standards for gift aid reclaim required by HMRC.

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. If you have signed a gift aid form, your offertory donations need to come from a bank account in your name only or a joint bank account on which you are also named. Please contact the parish office with queries.

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 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 February/March 2023 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 22 October -VIGIL 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6pm Mass Eileen Bagge (RIP)

Sunday 23 October - 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8am Mass Jean Bergin (Ann)

9am Mass Tom Timmins (RIP) (*St John Fisher School, M'wick*)

9.30am Mass Jean and David Eldred (RIP)

11.30am Mass People of the Parish

6pm Mass Sheila Kennedy (Ann)

Reading 1, Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14,16-19, Psalm 33(34)

Reading 2, 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18, Gospel, Luke 18:9-14

Monday 24 October - feria

10am Mass Elizabeth Navis Gomez (Ann) & Enid Gomez (Ann)

7pm Mass Mary Clohessy (RIP)

Reading 1, Ephesians 4:32-5:8

Psalm 1, Gospel, Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday 25 October - feria

10am Mass Jim Drohan (RIP)

Reading 1, Ephesians 5:21-33

Psalm 127(128), Gospel, Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday 26 October - feria

10am Mass Holy Souls

7pm Mass P Bourke (RIP)

Reading 1, Ephesians 6:1-9

Psalm Isaiah 144(145), Gospel, Luke 13:22-30

Thursday 27 October - feria

10am Mass Evelio Azcona (RIP)

Reading 1, Ephesians 6:10-20

Psalm 143(144), Gospel, Luke 13:31-35

Friday 28 October - SS SIMON AND JUDE

7pm Mass Antonio and Giuseppina Procaccini (RIP)

Reading 1, Ephesians 2:19-22

Psalm 18(19), Gospel, Luke 6:12-19

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

Saturday 29 October - Blessed Martyrs of Douai College

10am Mass Jane McGeeney (RIP)

Reading 1, Philippians 1:18-26

Psalm 41(42), Gospel, Luke 14:1,7-11

10.30 - 11.30am Exposition with opportunity for Confession

Saturday 29 October -VIGIL 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6pm Mass Perry Taites (Ann)

Sunday 30 October - 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8am Mass Anthony O'Shea (RIP)

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

9.30am Mass Eileen Bagge (RIP)

11.30am Mass Mary Curran (RIP)

6pm Mass Jacinta Clerkin (RIP)

Reading 1, Wisdom 11:22-12:2, Psalm 144(145)

Reading 2, 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2, Gospel, Luke 19:1-10

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 Teresa Burke, Sr Mary Conlon, John Feeney, John Garrick, John Green, Sr Anne Joseph, Elvira Mazzone, John Miller, Mary Miller, Michael O'Neill, Maria Luisa Robertini, Lucy Steele.

For all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Jean Bergin, Elizabeth Navis Gomez, Enid Gomez, Sheila Kennedy, Reginald Salisbury, Perry Taites.

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

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Little Lights - Children's Liturgy during 9.30am Sunday Mass During the half-term weekends of Sunday 23rd and Sunday 30th October there will be no Children's Liturgy. If you can help with the Children's Liturgy please get in touch with Marta via yeadonmarta@gmail.com

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 CAFOD currently offer a virtual Children's Liturgy of the Word at 10am on Sundays as a webinar. Click [here](#) for the link to register.