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**NEWS BULLETIN - ST ALBAN & ST STEPHEN**  
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**TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 9 October 2022**



Contactless Giving

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*We are a Fairtrade parish*

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 twelve months (see list below) 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 twelve 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	
Ruth O'Gorman	Patrick James (PJ) Renehan	Raul Pujol	
Edward (Ted) Pearce	Edward Francis Belward	Denise Kearns	

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

<b>Friday 4 November 7.00pm</b> For all who have died in the past year	<b>Monday 7 November 10.00am</b> For deceased spouses	<b>Wednesday 16 November</b> For deceased sons and daughters
<b>Saturday 5 November 6.00pm</b> For deceased victims of violence	<b>Wednesday 9 November 7.00pm</b> For deceased brothers and sisters	<b>Wednesday 23 November 7.00pm</b> For deceased priests and religious
<b>Sunday 6 November 11.30am</b> For deceased benefactors	<b>Thursday 10 November 10.00am</b> For those who have died in war	<b>Sunday 27 November 9.30am</b> 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](mailto:stalbans@rcdow.org.uk)

**PLEASE NOTE**

**THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS, EXPOSITION OR BENEDICTION ON SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER**

## 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](mailto:andrewbowden@rcdow.org.uk) with any enquiries.

**First Holy Communion 2022/23** Parents and guardians of children eligible to make their First Holy Communion in Summer 2023 (year 3 or above) are invited to register their child [online](#) via the parish website before 15 October. 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](mailto: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](mailto:andrewbowden@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 being added to the bulletin.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Welcomers needed!** It makes such a difference if there is a friendly face welcoming people to masses on Saturday evening and Sundays and helping with questions such as do I need a hymn book this week; where are the toilets; where can I get a glass of water; how can I find out when a mass for my friend is to be held. We need more volunteer welcomers to join the rotas, especially at 11.30am mass on Sundays. Can you spare the time to come 20 minutes before the mass time, say 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 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.

**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](mailto:stalbans@rcdow.org.uk) with contact details and the Mass you normally attend.

**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

**You Can Be Santa Voucher Scheme** This year You Can Be Santa will run once again as a voucher scheme. As always the aim of YCBS is to help children/families who may not otherwise enjoy the full spirit of Christmas. The feedback from families who took part last year was very positive. They were very thankful for the generosity of the Parish. If you are aware of families within the Parish who may appreciate being a part of the scheme, please mention it to them. Encourage them to contact YCBS by emailing [stalbansycbs@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:stalbansycbs@rcdow.org.uk) with their full contact details. Assure them that all contact details will be kept in confidence and in accordance with data protection requirements. We will be appealing for voucher donations in October and will be asking for vouchers (in £5, £10 & £20 denominations) from the following outlets: Sainsbury's, Argos, Amazon & One4All. For more information please email [stalbansycbs@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:stalbansycbs@rcdow.org.uk).

**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 new '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.

**Mothers' Prayers - Monday 10 October** Mothers' Prayers will be held in room 2 of the Parish Centre at 8pm. Anyone wishing to pray for children is welcome. Info from [office@mothersprayers.org](mailto:office@mothersprayers.org).

**Knit and Natter Group** We will be meeting on 11 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.

**Traidcraft** Traidcraft goods will be available at all Masses on 22/23 October when various seasonal items such as Advent Calendars and luxury biscuits and chocolates will also be on sale.

**Carols by Candlelight Friday 23 December 7.30pm** Singers, musicians and readers are invited to join us for this popular service. Practices will take place on the following dates:

- 26 November 2 to 4pm for singers
- 3 and 10 December 2 to 3.30pm for singers then 4 to 5.30pm for musicians
- 17 December 2 to 5.30pm for singers and musicians
- Dress rehearsal including readers 22 December 7.30pm.

Please register at [cbcstalbans@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:cbcstalbans@rcdow.org.uk) or CBC mobile 07934 092327 from 1 October.

**Herts Circle the Newman Association Talk 15 October** We will be hosting a talk about Walsingham: its history and mission today, to be given by the author Edmund Matyjeszek in the parish hall on Saturday 15 October at 11am. The talk is free; donations welcomed.

**St. Alban & St. Stephen Catholic Primary School & Nursery** The application process for Reception & Nursery admissions in 2023-24 is now open. Please join us at one of our Open Mornings on Wednesday 19 October and 9 November from 9.30-11.00am to find out more. Please email [admin@ssaas.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ssaas.herts.sch.uk) if you wish to book a place. Full details on how to apply can be found on our school [website](#)

## OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

**Churches Together Homewood Road URC 15 October 7pm** Live Music, Food and Fun Musical entertainment, pizza and salad supper £10pp, bring own drink and glasses For tickets contact 07900 260290.

**Children's Rosary Campaign** Mindful of Our Lady of Fatima's words that the childlike and trusting prayer of the Rosary can truly change the world and bring peace, Aid to the Church in Need are encouraging families to pray the rosary on 18 October. The children's Rosary campaign was initiated in 2005 in the Venezuelan capital, Caracas. While a number of children were praying the rosary at a wayside shrine, several of those present were minded of St Padre Pio's saying that 'when one million children pray the rosary, the world will change'. The campaign quickly spread across the world. ACN has supported the campaign since 2008. Please join. You can register on ACN's interactive map and unite in prayer with children around the world. <https://acnuk.org/resource/onemillionchildrenprayingtherosary>

**'GOOD THINGS'** A funny, touching play, set in a charity shop, about finding love the second time round will be showing at St Albans Abbey Theatre Studio on Thursday 10 November at 8pm. Proceeds in aid of **HANDS TOGETHER TIPLYANG PROJECT**, a charity run by 3 parishioners helping communities in Nepal become self-sufficient by helping with food, healthcare & education.) Email [michaelcrawshaw@btinternet.com](mailto:michaelcrawshaw@btinternet.com) for tickets £15 or text 07821 726357. More info [here](#).

## 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 2023 and that intentions may have to be moved with little notice to accommodate funerals. The suggested diocesan donation is currently £10 per mass.

**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.

- Monday 10 October and Tuesday 25 October 7.30pm - 9.00pm
- Monday 21 November and Tuesday 13 December 3.30pm - 6.00pm
- Wednesday 11 January and Friday 3 February 7.30pm - 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.



## MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

### **Saturday 8 October -VIGIL 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

6pm Mass Joyce Eastham (RIP)

### **Sunday 9 October - 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8am Mass People of the Parish

9am Mass Bridie Byrne (RIP) (*St John Fisher School, M'wick*)

9.30am Mass Martin Brosnan (Ann)

11.30am Mass James Ladley (RIP)

6pm Mass Douglas Keen (RIP)

Reading 1, 2 Kings 5:14-17, Psalm 97(98)

Reading 2, 2 Timothy 2:8-13, Gospel, Luke 17:11-19

### **Monday 10 October - feria**

10am Mass Margery Davies (RIP)

7pm Mass Joyce Eastham (RIP)

Reading 1, Galatians 4:22-24,26-27,31-5:1

Psalm 112(113), Gospel, Luke 11:29-32

### **Tuesday 11 October - feria**

10am Mass Paddy Keating (RIP)

Reading 1, Galatians 5:1-6

Psalm 118(119), Gospel, Luke 11:37-41

### **Wednesday 12 October - feria**

10am Mass Tessa Brooks (RIP)

7pm Mass John Tonra (RIP)

Reading 1, Galatians 5:18-25

Psalm 1, Gospel, Luke 11:42-46

### **Thursday 13 October - ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR**

10am Mass Funeral Mass for Rita Anderson

Reading 1, Ephesians 1:1-10

Psalm 97(98), Gospel, Luke 11:47-54

### **Friday 14 October - feria**

7pm Mass Evelio Azcona (RIP)

Reading 1, Ephesians 1:11-14

Psalm 32(33), Gospel, Luke 12:1-7

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

### **Saturday 15 October - St Teresa of Jesus**

10am Mass Funeral Mass for Pauline Belward (RIP)

Reading 1, Romans 8:22-27

Psalm 18(19), Gospel, John 15:1-8

*No Confessions, Exposition or Benediction today*

### **Saturday 15 October -VIGIL 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

6pm Mass Deceased members of the Roache and Comer families (RIP)

### **Sunday 16 October - 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8am Mass Graham Smith (RIP)

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

9.30am Mass Alexander Vengler (RIP) & Loni Vengler (Ann)

11.30am Mass Jim Moss (RIP)

6pm Mass David Griffin (Ann)

Reading 1, Exodus 17:8-13, Psalm 120(121)

Reading 2, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2, Gospel, Luke 18:1-8

## PLEASE PRAY

Together with Churches Together in St Albans we pray for the minister and members of St Mary's church, Chidwick Green.

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 Rita Anderson, Pauline Belward, John Feeney, John Garrick, John Green and Ricardo Marset.

For all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Martin Brosnan, David Griffin and Loni Vengler.

*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 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.