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NEWS BULLETIN - ST ALBAN & ST STEPHEN

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7 June 2026 - THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)



Contactless Giving

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Parish Administrator: Mrs Angela Gray - Catechetical Coordinator: Mrs Joan Egenes

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We are a Fairtrade parish

Fr Michael writes ... The front railings have been installed, the flower beds are being filled with earth and the refurbishment of the forecourt is nearing completion. The next steps outside will be the installation of the balustrade running along the top platform, the laying of the stone steps and the completion of the external lighting. In the newly extended porch the contractors hope to have the internal glazing completed in the next couple of weeks. Unfortunately, there is a delay with the external glazing so, for a little while, the front of the church will have temporary glass doors.

On Monday of this week I met with the Parish Pastoral Council. Among the issues we discussed was the provision of bicycle parking. During the building works many have got used to walking to church, cycling to church, or driving part way then walking the rest. Having established that pattern, it may be something people will continue with; apart from anything else the additional exercise may have proved beneficial. Moreover, in terms of church parking on Sundays, I would like to retain the emphasis on parking for those with mobility issues and younger children. To facilitate this, the idea of improved bicycle parking has been raised. (I would ask that people do not lock their bicycles to the new railings). As a first step it would be good to understand how many people would take up or continue cycling to church. So, if you cycle to church, or would take up cycling to church if improved bike parking were available, I would appreciate your sending a simple email to michaeloboy@rcdow.org.uk saying so.

Practice Fire Drill Over the weekend of 4 / 5 July there will be a practice fire drill after all masses, including the St John Fisher Mass Centre. This will allow us to ensure that people are familiar with the revised evacuation procedures following the completion of the new Church porch. Details will be emailed to fire marshals before the drill weekend.

Fire Marshals We could still do with a few more fire marshals at the 10am and 12 Noon Sunday masses. Please contact the parish office if this is something you could help with. Full training will be given and volunteering is on a rota basis.

WhatsApp Guidance and Consent Forms In response to parishioner requests, we have recently drafted some guidance for those people responsible for managing Parish WhatsApp groups, together with a simple consent form to be completed by all members of the group. If you are the organizer or administrator of a WhatsApp group set up to help with a parish activity or group, please could you contact the parish office for a copy of the guidance and consent form. Thank you for your help with this as it will allow us to comply with safeguarding and Data Protection regulations.

The Chosen The Adult Faith Formation group will resume showing of The Chosen on Thursday 18 June at 11am in the St Alban & St Stephen parish centre meeting room. Everyone is welcome to join us in watching this fascinating story of what it might have been like to live around Jesus during his ministry on earth during the Roman occupation of Palestine. Refreshments from 10.45am.

Student Examinations We pray for all of those sitting GCSE, A Levels, college and university exams. Grant them clarity of mind, a calm spirit, and the ability to recall the knowledge they have studied. Remove any anxious thoughts or distractions. We also pray for their families and teachers. Give them the wisdom to support and encourage these young people throughout this season.

Justice, Peace & the Integrity of Creation Prayer The Sacraments and Mass deepen our relationship with God. Let us pray for the priests and people in our community who help us bear witness to the Gospel in an anxious, divided world.

St Bartholomew's Parish Information Please see the St Bartholomew's website at [St Bartholomew - Roman Catholic Parish of St Albans South](#) for details of mass times and events or to read a copy of the St Bartholomew's weekly newsletter.

Welcome to 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.

SACRAMENTAL & LITURGICAL

Sacramental Preparation For more information about sacramental preparation in the parish, or for enquiries about becoming a Catholic, please see the parish website or contact the parish office by phone or email.

Children's Liturgy Please note that, due to a shortage in volunteers to run children's liturgy, we unfortunately will only be able to run it twice a month to the end of this term. If any parent would like to help with this wonderful service to our younger community, then please contact Joan Egenes (stalbanscc@rcdow.org.uk). The ideal is to have enough volunteers so they only need to help once a month. 10 minutes are required to read the prepared lessons, 15 minutes are required to set up before Mass and 10 minutes are to tidy up after Mass. Volunteers will require a Diocesan safeguarding check and one off online safeguarding training of approximately 50 minutes. Dates: 21 June, 5 and 12 July.

Masses for children, families and young people Please join us at Little Lights (under sevens) and Children's Liturgy (seven and above) during 10am Mass on Sundays (term time only - children's liturgy: dates as above). If you can help with Little Lights please get in touch with Sarah via the parish office.

There is no Children's Liturgy on the last Sunday of each month. Instead, children are invited to sit on the carpet at the front of the church and the Mass itself is geared towards their participation. There is then a short social for everyone after mass.

Our Parish Youth Masses take place at 6pm on Sunday evening on 14 June and 5 July.

Please click [here](#) for this week's 'Liturgy of the Word' for Children leaflet from the Diocese of Westminster. The [Wednesday Word](#) is another excellent resource that can be used by families to reflect on the issues and messages present in Sunday Liturgy each week.

Mass in Cantonese Once a month at 2pm at Our Lady of Lourdes in Sawston, Cambridge, CB22 3HJ. All welcome. For more details please see the porch flyer or email cantonmassesesa@gmail.com.

Mass in Polish Mass in Polish takes place here at 4pm on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Coffee and Tea After Mass Refreshments are available in the Parish Centre after 10am Sunday Mass during school term time, after 12 noon Mass on the first Sunday of the month and after the 5pm Saturday evening Mass. Coffee and tea are also available after the 10am Mass each Monday. All are welcome so please do come along.

St Albans Food Bank We currently have a food collection point at all masses, including the St John Fisher Mass centre, on the first Sunday of each month. The principal demand remains for long life items (milk and

fruit juice), tinned items (fruit, veg, meat, fish and puddings), cooking sauces, coffee, teabags, cereals and jam. More details can be found [here](#).

Migrants' toiletries and clothing collections On the third Sunday of each month. We currently need donations of sanitary towels (not tampons), shower gel, toothpaste, shampoo, baby wipes, adult toothbrushes, deodorant, bars of soap, baby shower gel and shampoo. Donations of men's clothing are also needed for local migrants. Please only donate items which you would be happy to give to a family member or friend.

PARISH GROUPS & EVENTS

Parish Groups and Events Please see our '[Parish News](#)' webpage for more details of parish groups and events.

Faith and Family Group We meet in the parish hall on the first Tuesday of the month (not August) at 10.45am. Activities for under 5s. All welcome.

Toddlers' Playgroup Monday 10.30am-midday For pre-school age children and their carers, term time only. Join us in the hall for toys, books, games, singing, drinks & snacks. Contact David Markham on 07543 400650.

Toddler Group Volunteers Wanted It would be lovely to have more volunteers to help serve the teas and coffees at the Toddler Group on Monday mornings. Anyone interested please contact the parish office.

Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation group We meet on the third Thursday of each month in the Parish Centre, starting at 7.30pm. All welcome. See [here](#) for future events.

St Bart's Baby and Toddler Group The St Barts baby and toddler group meets every Thursday morning in St Barts hall 11am-12.30pm. Lizzie Lizzio (efkelly88@gmail.com)

St Albans URC Memory Café Sociable afternoon for those with dementia and accompanied by their live-in carers - Chiswell Green URC Hall, Watford Road, Chiswell Green on the first Thursday of the month - 1.30-3.30pm. Email [here](#) for information.

Men's Breakfast 8.15 to 10am 6 June Our last meeting before a Summer break is on Saturday 6 June, in the Parish Centre. We will start with conversation over coffee and pastries, followed by a 20 minute video on the theme of Pentecost and discipleship. We will conclude with a discussion. No pre-booking required and more details from Richard on 07976 252309.

Pax Christi AGM: Saturday 6 June 10.30 for 11 - 4.30 pm St Maria Fidelis School, I Drummond Crescent, Euston, NW1 1LY. To participate in a Catholic contribution to Peace matters either in person or online email admin@paxchristi.org to register. Bishop John Arnold will attend. Bring lunch if attending. More details [here](#).

Harpenden, Luton & District Catenians Monthly men's meeting 10 June at Harpenden Golf Club Short meeting starting at 7pm followed by a convivial dinner and

Catholic men of the parish are very welcome to join us. There are no conditions as it really is a just a come and take a look, invitation. It's important that Catholic men and through them their families take time out to mix socially, feel able to chat freely and listen to likeminded people. Just let George.jarzab@gmail.com know before this Sunday please, so he can book you in.

Eco-Café The Salvation Army in Victoria Street on Wednesday 10 June, 10am–12 noon. The theme will be 'Great Big Green Week'. All welcome.

BINGO - Our next Bingo evening will be at 8pm on Friday 12 June in the Parish Centre in aid of "Medical Aid for Palestinians." Everyone welcome. Admission is 50p and includes refreshments.

Refugee Week Cakes needed please for Saturday 13 June. Our parish is supporting an event during Refugee Week with other local churches. We have been asked to provide the cakes. If you can do so please call Mary on 07976277059.

Fair trade Our stall will be open after all Masses at church this weekend and at Marshalswick Mass centre on 14 June. Every time you buy a fair trade item you are directly helping people receive a proper wage and improved working conditions.

Strictly Come Hospice: On 15 June, Rennie Grove Peace is opening up applications for Strictly Come Hospice 2027! The charity is looking for 24 keen contestants with a passion for dance who would love to learn from professional dancers and have fun, all while raising money to support vital hospice care within Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire. A taster day is taking place on 7 July, before training starts in November 2026, with the Grand Finale taking place in January 2027. Sign up now to take part. Further information: Visit renniegrovepeace.org/strictly2027 to find out more.

The Parish Friends Knit & Natter Group We will be meeting in the Parish Centre on 16 June 2.15-3.45pm. All are welcome. Contact Helen Bassill 07860 830340.

Circle of Friends April Invitation The next Circle of Friends tea will be in St Barts Parish Hall on Wednesday 24 June 2-4pm. If you are living alone or would like to join for a tea and a chat you are very welcome. The tea gives an opportunity to meet with others and an activity will be included. There is no charge for the tea but a small donation is appreciated. Please let Maureen Kelly know if you are attending or need of a lift: stars2004@btinternet.com /07860 283743.

In the Image of God: The Human Body as Gift - Monday 29 June 5-7:10pm. A free event at Nicholas Breakspear Catholic School. All are welcome. Drinks and nibbles will be served and followed by a roundtable activity and a Q&A panel. Details and registration [here](#).

Talk 2.30 - 3.30 pm Thursday 9 July Meeting Room Ss Alban and Stephen Parish Centre All are invited to hear about a local Catholic school's implementation of teaching the secondary curriculum through Catholic

Social Teaching. To be given by Miss Marta Gallego, Head of Biology and Deputy Head of Science at Nicholas Breakspear Catholic School. Hosted by the Herts Circle of the Newman Association.

Site Manager wanted for St Adrian's School Please click on the [link](#) to view the advert on Teach in Herts for more details on pay and working hours. Contact the office on admin@stadrians.herts.sch.uk or 01727 852687 to arrange a tour.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

Fire Safety During the current works, if the number of people in church exceeds 230 we will need to use the hall as an overflow. Also, we would ask anyone who would need assistance to evacuate the building and who is unaccompanied to make themselves known to the welcomers or the priest, and to sit in the area and benches nearest to the confessionals.

Mass Intentions Mass intentions can be booked by phoning or visiting the parish office from 9am to 1pm any weekday. Outside these times, please email the office to request a mass intention. 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 masses can be booked up to one year in advance and the first masses we now have free for booking are in September /October 2026. Please also be aware that weekday morning masses (excluding Mondays) will be held at St Bartholomew's for the duration of the building works.** Intentions may have to be moved with little notice to accommodate funerals. The suggested diocesan donation, which contributes to the stipends of the priests of our parish, is £10 per mass.

Prayers for the Sick If you would like to include someone in the prayers for the sick, please contact the [parish office](#). Permission from the person being prayed for, or their next of kin, is needed. Names will normally be included for eight weeks, unless requested again.

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

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 hire charges and the range of facilities available.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF 7TH JUNE 2026

Saturday 6 June

5pm Mass

6pm Mass

Sunday 7 June

8am Mass

8.30am Mass

9.30am Mass

10am Mass

12 Noon Mass

6pm Mass

Monday 8 June

10am Mass

12 Noon Mass

Tuesday 9 June

10am Mass

Wednesday 10 June

10am Mass

10.30am

7pm Mass

Thursday 11 June

10am Mass

Friday 12 June

12 Noon Mass

7pm Mass

Saturday 13 June

10am

10.45am

Saturday 13 June

5pm Mass

6pm Mass

Sunday 14 June

8am Mass

8.30am Mass

9.30am Mass

10am Mass

12 Noon Mass

6pm Mass

VIGIL MASS OF SUNDAY

Kitty Sheehan (First Anniversary)

Michael & Nalini Nainthy (Ann)

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

Ellen Small (RIP)

Pat Holahan (RIP)

People of the Parish

Josephine Patricia Hughes (Ann)

Antonio Visconti & Antonietta Wallis (RIP)

Gaye Murphy nee Brennan (RIP)

Feria

Christine Dawson (RIP)

Paul Jacobs (RIP)

Feria

Funeral Mass for William Gleeson

Feria

Marie-Jose Bush (Int)

Exposition and Confessions

Mark Jordan (RIP)

St Barnabas

Br Nelson Dionne (Ints)

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

No intention

Richard and Chris Sumner (Ints)

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

Exposition and Confessions

Benediction

VIGIL MASS OF SUNDAY

Pat Holahan (RIP)

Christina & Richard Sumner (Ints)

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Christy Small (Ann)

People of the parish

Maureen Zambra (Ints)

Marcus Montoya (RIP) and Alan Wood (RIP)

Mary Curran (RIP)

Hania Simons (Ints)

St Alban & St Stephen

St Bartholomew

St Alban & St Stephen

St John Fisher School

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Mass Readings and Reflections for the week are available online from Universalis [here](#) or on our [website](#).

PLEASE PRAY

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 all those who have died recently including William Gleeson, Josie Kearney, Judy Linnane, Clarence Ougier and Vilma Smith and Paul Todd.

For all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Marie & Jack Bradly, Josephine Patricia Hughes, Michael & Nalini Nainthy, Kitty Sheehan and Christy Small.

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