

# SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

Saint Alban's Church and Presbytery  
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No. 884

## This week's Masses and intentions:

Sunday	10.15 a.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	(24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time)
	11.15 a.m.	St Alban's	Intentions of Fr Dominic Howarth	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Special intention (Mrs Jose)	(St John Chrysostom)
			Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 11 a.m.	
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	St Felix	Private intention (AJ)	(Exaltation of the Holy Cross)
Wednesday	6.30 p.m.	St Alban's	Rosary	
	7 p.m.	St Alban's	Fr McKnight, R.I.P.	(Our Lady of Sorrows)
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Manu, R.I.P.	(Sts Cornelius & Cyprian)
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Jerry & Mary Ann Murphy & family, R.I.P.	
Saturday	10 a.m.	St Felix	David Bedford, R.I.P.	

## Next Sunday's Masses and intentions:

Sunday	10.15 a.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	(25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time)
	11.15 a.m.	St Alban's	Priscilla Harris & Veronica Rolph's intentions	

**The public celebration of Mass in our Churches:** Thank you for your continued co-operation with our protocols. I'm not repeating them as I hope by now they are well known! However, if you have a query please consult the notice on the Church door or ask one of our Stewards.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Currently by arrangement with Canon David.

**Children's First Holy Communion 2022:** If your child is currently in Year 3 or above, do you wish them to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and receive the Eucharist next year? If so, there is a parents' meeting on 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September in the Presbytery.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.):** If you would like to know more about the Catholic Faith without the commitment of necessarily becoming a Catholic, or if you are a Catholic and would like to know more about your faith – then this course could be for you. Like to know more? Come along to the Presbytery after Mass on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

**Collection last Sunday: St Alban's:** Plate: £110.50 Gift Aid: £190.00

**Counters: This week:** Margaret Vidler & Dorothy Gane **Next week:** Margaret Stagg & Lynn Griffin

**Church cleaners week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> September:** Saint Alban's: Lisa & Andrew Whiting

**Meetings this week:** UCM Tuesday after Mass in the Parish Hall.

**Mass Readers:** There are rotas available at the back of the Church for collection. If you cannot fulfil what you have been allocated, please make arrangements to swap with someone else on the rota.

**Society for the Protection of Unborn Children:** Lorraine and Mansell Howells have completed the sponsored walk; see the photographic evidence at the back of the Church! Any further donations can be placed in an envelope clearly marked SPUC and placed in the collection basket.

**An invitation from Belmont Abbey – The Mirror of the Psalms:** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Explore the spiritual riches of the psalms with Fr Brendan Thomas OSB. Further details from Fr Augustine on 01432 374750 or contact him on [retreats@belmontabbey.org.uk](mailto:retreats@belmontabbey.org.uk)

**Education Sunday:** Catholic education takes its lead from Jesus Himself: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." Simply, this means announcing the Good News of Jesus and helping one another to become His disciples.

We do this by first listening to the proclamation of the Gospel. Then, after having received the Word, we begin to integrate it into our lives. We let Jesus' words and actions shape us and form us to be his disciples, his witnesses to others. Then, as Jesus' disciples, we can be his hands and feet and eyes to spread the Good News.

As an integral part of the Church, Catholic schools have the responsibility to deliver Catholic education. They are part of the Church's evangelizing mission in the world and are "the privileged environment in which Christian education is carried out."

They form a community to spread and deepen the faith; to form the human person with an outlook to his or her final end as well as the common good of society. In developing their physical, moral, and intellectual talents, they help their students acquire a more perfect sense of responsibility and the right use of freedom. (cf. *Gravissimum educationis*, n.1) Fidelity to the truth of Christ ensures the effectiveness of their mission.

As we celebrate Catholic Education Sunday, it is good to reflect on the importance and the need of Catholic education, not only for our students, but also for the good of our communities and society as a whole.

May Christ the Teacher inspire and guide all of us in the coming year, but especially those whose vocation it is to work in our schools, to be his disciples, his hands and feet and eyes to all those we encounter.