

# SAINT ALBAN'S PARISH

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No. 885

## This week'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	
Monday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Linda Lowden, R.I.P.	(Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Comps)
			Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 11 a.m.	
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Elizabeth McGhee, R.I.P.	(St Matthew)
Wednesday	6.30 p.m.	St Alban's	Rosary	
	7 p.m.	St Alban's	Thomas & Rose Nicholas, R.I.P.	
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Margie Davids' intentions	(St Pius of Pietrelcina)
Friday	9.30 a.m.	St Alban's	Chris Baptiste, R.I.P.	
Saturday	10 a.m.	St Felix	Priscilla Harris & Veronica Rolf's intentions	

## Next Sunday's Masses and intentions:

Sunday	10.15 a.m.	St Alban's	E Ann Steigerwald, R.I.P.	(26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time)
	11.15 a.m.	St Alban's	People of the Parish	

**Home Mission Sunday:** Today our Bishops ask us to pray for the mission of the Church in England and Wales, and to consider making a donation towards their work of evangelisation.

Bishop Mark O'Toole, Chair of the Bishops' Conference's Department for Evangelisation and Discipleship, has said, "have a think about your family, your work colleagues, your friendship circle. Think about five people whom you might begin to have a conversation with about your faith in Jesus Christ. It might be somebody who, during this time of the pandemic, has given up the practise of their faith or somebody who's searching for deeper meaning because of the experience of disease and death in this past year. Let each of us pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all of us, on our parish communities and on our world."

If you wish to make a donation please place it in the collection basket, in an envelope marked for this purpose.

**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.

**Lateral Flow Tests:** In light of the local data, a reminder of the recommendation from the diocesan Health & Safety consultants that parishioners should use a lateral flow test a couple of times a week in order to protect themselves and our communities. These are available free of charge by searching for lateral flow tests online and following the link to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) for ordering coronavirus (COVID-19) rapid lateral flow tests. Thank you for your co-operation.

**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.

**Collection last Sunday:** St Alban's: Plate: £142.70 Gift Aid: £275.00

**Counters:** This week: Margaret Stagg & Lynn Griffin Next week: Lynn Peters & T. Hitchings

**100 Club:** The winner for September is no. 26 – Mike Williams – Congratulations!

**The Threat of Assisted Suicide:** A Second Reading of the Assisted Dying Bill is expected in the House of Lords. The Bishops' Conference has made an urgent appeal for the faithful to write to peers, particularly if they have stories they are able to share, to give voice to the concerns and fears of disabled people and to offer personal stories of those with medical expertise in end-of-life care. I share with you Miro Griffiths' story which can be found on the Diocese of Shrewsbury website by following the link: <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/news/wirral-disability-rightsexpert-urges-catholics-to-heed-bishops-call-to-urgently-oppose-assisted-suicide-bill> Attached to the newsletter you will also find a helpful paper from Bishop John Sherrington.

**World Day of Migrants & Refugees:** the 107<sup>th</sup> Day of WDMR will be kept next Sunday. This year's theme is "Towards an ever wider we". It is a call to ensure that "after all this, we will think no longer in terms of them and those but only us". (Fratelli Tutti no 35). In preparation you may want to read the full message from Pope Francis by following this link: [https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/papafrancesco\\_20210503\\_world-migrants-day-2021.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/papafrancesco_20210503_world-migrants-day-2021.html)

**Car parking:** We all realise that we have limited facilities and that people want to park as close as possible to the Church or Presbytery. However, please remember the legalities involved and be mindful of others, including the safety of your Parish Priest!

Of particular concern is access and egress to the Presbytery driveway. Increasingly in recent times, neighbours are parking exceptionally close to the edge of the driveway, often in tall vehicles with darkened windows, making the use of the driveway a hazard to the safety of your Parish Priest and other road users. I would ask parishioners to be mindful of this too, as it can give rise to neighbours saying that if others can park in such a way then why can't they. Thank you for your co-operation.