

# NEWS BULLETIN FROM THE PARISH OF SS ALBAN & STEPHEN

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We are a Fairtrade Parish.



**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## CALLED TO BE SAINTS

As we celebrate the great feast of All Saints, let us reflect on what St Paul might be saying to us at this time – that we are all called to serve the Lord and his community.

‘To the beloved of God called to be saints in SS Alban & Stephen Catholic Church: grace and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!’

We give thanks for the adventure of faith and growth which your Parish Community is embarking on; *to prepare the way for the Lord in our day* by building up the Body of Christ, His Church, in St Albans. Brothers and Sisters, God called you ... yes, **YOU!** ... into being, to share the Life of the Most Holy Trinity, One God.

**NOW** is the time to take your place in your parish community, with the gifts with which God has blessed you. The Spirit is given to each of us in a special way to be used for God’s service to build up the Body of Christ. **YOU** are called. Let your light shine so our parish may flourish and give witness in our City and beyond (LG:32; Eph 4:7; Rom 12:3-8).

**YOU ARE THE CHURCH.** We need every member of this Body to come forward in service for the sake of the whole.

We are blessed to have ordained priests to minister the Sacraments. But the Church is more than receiving the Sacraments. Ministry goes beyond ordained priesthood. Now is the time to exercise the *Priesthood of All Believers* to which we all belong by Baptism.

Do not be afraid! This is an opportunity to explore possibilities for Justice and Peace, Mission, Youth, Community Support and Liturgy: to engage in Lay Ministry in the service of your Faith Community for the sake of His Name and spreading the Good News (GS:43).

We’re companions on this journey, growing in Faith, Wisdom and Understanding to minister together to one another. In particular, we want to explore the theme of “Leadership of the Laity” proposed at your Parish Assembly, to meet you, to listen to your vision and to share ideas to help fulfil the future needs of our parish.’

Come and join in the discussion on **Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November** in the Parish Hall at 8.00pm. *Everyone* is invited and bring a friend with you! *If you can’t come on 15<sup>th</sup>, please pray for the success of these plans to look at the future needs of our parish and your roles in this mission.*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died recently including, **Elizabeth Gilbride, Kathleen Harrington, Seamus Carey, Paul Thompson, Luigi Basile,** and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including Brian Freeney.

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Please pray for all those who are ill at this time including Peggy Brampton, Betty Nicklin, Barbara Bolgiano, Douglas McLoughlin, Tom Williamson, Jim O’Neill, Elifbeth Page, Kathleen Murphy, Jim O’Connor, Therese Egan, Seamus Meehan, Sr. Annie Bromham IBVM, Geraldine McBride, Fiona Wright, Becki Vousden, Vertina Fernandes, Veronica Hamilton, Claire Whitehead, Alice Daly, Richard Mayes, Sheila Doohan, Janet Szymczak, Noah Gregorio, Edie Hale, Gerry Smith, Edmond Mansfield, Ethel Holloway, Teresa Hill, Ida Daswa, Catrin Rees-Doherty, John Rowland, Margaret Moloney, Jim Moss, Margaret Malloney, Ruth O’Gorman, John Baxter, Derita Whyte, Carmen Mincu & Teresa Virrueta; may the Lord comfort them.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29.10.2017

6pm Connolly Family  
8am People of the Parish  
9am M'wick Kit Cleary RIP  
9.30am Katie, Patrick, Matthew Conefrey Anniv.  
11.30am Jane McGeeney Anniv.  
7pm Clare Moss RIP

### MONDAY – Feria

10am Mary Newcombe RIP  
7pm David S. Fernback Anniv.

### TUESDAY – Feria

10am Priests' Intentions  
7pm Alexander and Loni Vengler Anniv.

### WEDNESDAY – All Saints

#### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

10am *Start of Novena*  
7pm *for the Holy Souls*

### THURSDAY – All Souls

10am *Praying for all the faithful departed*  
7pm *Lighting a Candle to remember those who have died in the Parish in the past year*

### FRIDAY – Feria

10am **FUNERAL OR LUIGI BASILE**  
7pm *Praying for deceased spouses, brothers & sisters*

### SATURDAY – St. Charles Borromeo

10am **Mass of the Angels**  
*Praying for all the children who have died*  
6pm *Praying for deceased relatives & friends*

### Next Sunday

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am *Praying*  
9am M'wick *for*  
9.30am *deceased*  
11.30am *parents*  
4pm *and*  
7pm *grandparents*

*Mass Intentions are subject to change if there is a funeral.*

**Month of the Holy Souls.** A Novena to remember the deceased will be held from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 9<sup>th</sup> November. If you would like a deceased relative or friend to be included in these Masses please put their name on the November List (purple leaflets available from the Church porch and Marshalswick Mass Centre). Please return completed lists to the presbytery in the envelope provided by 31<sup>st</sup> October.



Last weekend's offertory amounted to £1,980  
The second collection for APF (Overseas Missions) amounted to £1,216. Many thanks for your generosity.

### Welcome

We welcome into the Christian community **Michael Flegg, Matys Chevalier-Lee** and **Daniel Connor Clark** who were baptised at our Church last Sunday. We also offer our congratulations to their parents.

### November – Month of the Holy Souls



A Novena to remember the deceased will be held from Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November to Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> November. On Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November Masses will be celebrated for all the faithful departed. At 7pm we will remember those who have died in the past year and whose funerals have been held in the Parish. Lighting a candle to remember the following: **Annunziata Dickinson, Mary 'Maureen' Rowland, 'Alec' Alexander Francis Anderson, Thomas Taylor, Carmela Sellecchia, 'Peggy' Winifred Cassin, Russell Sinfield, Lillian 'Irene' Swaryczewska, Maria Del Carmen Heeton, James Francis Doran, Giovanna Mauro, 'Joe' Zdzislaw Sobieraj, Patricia Mundy, Teresa Carthy, Lillie Mae Relihan, Mary Attracta Neal, Kenneth Neal John Kirrane, Ann Whitehead, Giuseppe Campanella, Mario Gerardo D'Andrea, Savino Lamona, Maura Connellan, Annie Cooke, Marie Noella Amadis, Mary Josephine Sinnott, Noel Timothy Teahan, Clare Moss, Elizabeth Reed, Baby Thomas Collins, Mary Gallagher, Terence Mahabir, Betty Allen, Thomas O'Toole, Charles George Henning Brodersen, Mary Quaine, Albert Hulme, Annina Ortone, Anna Young, Gwendolen Tominey, Agostina Antosik, Concetta Avvinti, Henry Jozwiak, Mary Murphy, Stella Teresa Melbourne, Veronica Angela Palmer, Douglas George Palmer, Kenneth Colfer, Eryk John Szymonowski, Patrick Connolly, Sheila Cecilia Coyle, Rachele Sarno, Josephine Anderson, Joseph Deacy, Ana Supple, Kathleen Roser, Mary Agnes Murphy, Mary Newcombe, Brian Huckle, Brian Hodgson, Luigi Basile, Elizabeth Gilbride.**

### First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

The reading speaks of what love demands. It is love that demonstrates justice, fair play, generosity, kindness and selflessness.

### Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Paul is complimenting the Thessalonians for their spirit in being imitators of the example given.

### Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-40

Love cannot be evaluated. We search for it as if panning for gold. Not to have experienced love makes the search more desperate.

### Reading for the Week:

Mon: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 67:2-4.6-7.20.21; Lk 13:10-17  
Tue: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 125:1-6; Lk 13:18-21  
Wed: Apoc 7:2-4.9-14; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12  
Thu: Is 25:6-9; Ps 26:1.4.7-9.13-14; Rom 5:5-11; Mt 11:25-30  
Fri: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15.19-20; Lk 14:1-6  
Sat: Rom 11:1-2.11-12.25-29; Ps 93:12-15.17-18; Lk 14:1.7-11

# Dates for November

## Holy Hour For Men

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 in the prayer room at 8pm

Come join us for this Holy Hour. The Holy Hour includes Rosary, a Gospel reading and silent prayer, and is followed by cakes and coffee.

For more information please contact Michael Crabtree on 07510 140759 or via email

[michael.crabtree@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:michael.crabtree@hotmail.co.uk)

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## Mission and Parish Friends Groups present 'Beloved Disciples'

a warm and inspiring CAFÉ course for the over 60s

~ Thursday mornings, in the hall after 10am Mass

for 4 weeks: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Session 1: *The Autumn of Life*

Session 2: *Changing Your World*

Session 3: *Thy Will Be Done*

Session 4: *The Best is Yet to Come*

All sessions need not be attended.

Tea, Coffee and Cakes available

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**Blessed Sacrament Adoration in the Prayer Room. 11am Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November till 11am Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>.** If you can attend, even if it's for just half an hour, please enter your name in the rota at the back of the church.

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## CWL - The Gift of Years

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017

In the hall (Room 1) after the 10am Mass.

A talk given by Fr. Tom Hewitt, MSC at the Catholic Women's League. All are welcome!

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## Bingo

Thank you everyone that supported our last session. The amount of £160 was raised for the funds of the Knights of St. Columba. The next Bingo session will be on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm in the Parish Hall.

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## Christmas Liturgies

There will be meeting to discuss the Christmas Liturgies in Meeting Room 1 starting at 7.45pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, everyone interested is invited to attend. If you cannot be there but have some ideas about these services, please contact Sara on [sara.nash1@ntlworld.com](mailto:sara.nash1@ntlworld.com)

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## Mothers' Prayers Meeting

Monday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in room 2.

Anyone wishing to pray for children is welcome.

[office@mothersprayers.org](mailto:office@mothersprayers.org)



## Future Needs of our Parish – YOUR Role

As you will read in this week's reflection, YOU are being called to serve the Lord and your community.

YOU are being called to share your vision of the future needs of our parish, to reflect on how we parishioners can help take responsibility for making this happen. More of YOU are urgently needed to take on active roles so that our parish will flourish.

Come join in the discussion on **Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup>**

**November** in the Parish Hall at 8.00 pm

(refreshments from 7.45 pm).

## Confirmations 2018

Enrolment forms are now available from the back of the Church for all

those in **Year 10 and above** who would like to

receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year.

Please note that the deadline for submitting your

enrolment is **Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017.**

## Justice & Peace

Gathering of those interested in the Justice, Peace

and the Integrity of Creation on 16<sup>th</sup> November &

every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 8pm in the

Parish Centre.

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As a response to the request of Pope Francis on Peace Sunday this year, there will be a facilitated

workshop on Compassionate/Non-violent

communication. **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November: 11am-**

**3.45pm** in the Parish Centre. Lunch will be

provided. Everyone is welcome: if you expect to attend please telephone Sheila Clegg (01727 835004)

before November 8<sup>th</sup> for catering purposes.

## Bakhita Village says 'thank you'

Sr Sally Duigan (South African regional leader of Daughters of OLSH and Director of the Holy Family

Care Centre in Ofcolaco, South Africa) visited St

Albans and gave an important update about Bakhita Village (BV). Sr Sally explained that BV will sadly be

closed in December. An aging population of

Daughters who oversee BV and great geographic distances made the decision necessary. This follows

four years of generous funding by you, our

parishioners, for which all have been very grateful.

Sr Sally noted that '...what you're doing is really helping a lot...' We will help the Daughters finish the

work in the most appropriate way and continue to sponsor Anna and Clare, who are studying at St

Brendan's. Please pray for all involved at this time of transition.

## Thank You

Parish Friends would like to thank all those who helped in any way to make

the Harvest Festival Tea Party such a

success. All the guests were well fed and entertained and really enjoyed the afternoon.



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## English Conversation Classes for Ladies

Conversation classes for ladies whose first language is not English, every Monday afternoon during school term time from 1pm until 2.30pm. If you would like to volunteer to help – please contact Sara Nash on [welcomboxes@albanstephen.com](mailto:welcomboxes@albanstephen.com), no previous experience necessary.



## Christmas Day - Volunteers Needed

For several years the Parish has provided lunch in the Hall on Christmas Day for people on their own. It has become hugely popular with an increase in numbers each year. As our usual cooks are taking a break, we urgently need volunteers to organise and cook the Christmas lunch this year otherwise it will not happen. If you can help please contact Joanna Roche by email at [joanna.roche1@gmail.com](mailto:joanna.roche1@gmail.com) or phone 07960 519789.

## Traidcraft

Traidcraft next weekend 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> November after all masses at the church.

Traidcraft Coffee Morning: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am until 12noon at 43 Avenue Road AL1 3PY Everyone is welcome. Any enquiries or orders please contact Maureen on 01727 765549

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A Parishioner at 7pm Mass asked for apple and kale geobar. Could she contact Maureen on [grabecki@hotmail.com](mailto:grabecki@hotmail.com) with her details and the quantity.

## Rohingya Crisis Appeal

CAFOD is part of the Disaster Emergency Committee Rohingya crisis appeal. If you wish, you can donate directly to CAFOD at [cafod.org.uk/RohingyaCrisis](http://cafod.org.uk/RohingyaCrisis) or by calling 0500 85 88 85. Many thanks, the Parish Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation group.

## Winter Beds Project

Provision of beds in severe weather for rough sleepers in St. Albans, hoping to start in January, 2018. Initiated & managed by a small steering group of volunteers from the local community & members of the Open Door charity board. We are looking for volunteers to commit for a minimum of 6 months to join the steering group with relevant experience or transferable skills to fulfil the following roles:

Training and development lead, Staff and volunteer recruitment lead, Fundraising lead and Communication lead. Please email Simon Carver, senior minister at Dagnall St. Baptist church giving your phone number: [simoncarver@btinternet.com](mailto:simoncarver@btinternet.com)

## Baptism Course

The pre-baptism session will be held on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 10.30am, in Room 1 of the Parish Centre. Parents who wish to baptise their **FIRST** child need to attend. To book a place on this course, please call the presbytery on 853585. If you would like to baptise your **FIRST** child you will be unable to secure a baptism date before attending this session. Baptisms are held on Sundays at 1pm. If you live outside our Parish it is necessary to have a letter from your Parish Priest giving permission to baptise here.



## Happy Birthday

to our Parishioner Myra (Mary) Myers who will be celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. May peace be upon you as you add another year in your life and may God grant all the desires of your heart!

## PRAYERS NEEDED - 40 Days for Life.

27<sup>th</sup> October was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act with its resulting consequences. For the next 40 days, until the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady (8<sup>th</sup> Dec), we hope to have someone praying for those who have been affected, for those who may be considering having an abortion, and that there will be no relaxation of the abortion laws. Please put your name on the list in the Church porch for the day(s) on which you will pray for these intentions.

## You Can Be Santa

Many thanks to parishioners who have volunteered to visit families, your help in ensuring the success of this project is invaluable and much appreciated. A member of the Santa team will be present at all Masses next weekend (4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> November) to distribute visitor packs and answer any questions. The packs contain all the necessary details and relevant paperwork. Visits should take place during the following two weeks, and all paperwork should be returned by 20<sup>th</sup> November. Should anyone be unable to pick up their pack next weekend then please e-mail the Santa team ([santa@albanstephen.com](mailto:santa@albanstephen.com)) to make alternative arrangements. Details of how to become a benefactor (gift donor) will also be available next weekend. Your generous support to this initiative is continuing to spread the joy and true message of Christmas and help support those who are less fortunate!



## Parish of SS Alban & Stephen

Confessions: Sat 10.30am–11.30am,  
6.45pm–7pm.

Baptisms: by appointment.

