



PARISH OF ST JOSEPH & ST ALBAN

Serving the Communities of
Our Lady Star of the Sea & St Joseph & St Alban
Local Pastoral Area 21

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 22nd December

6pm (St Albans) Ken Thompson

Sunday 23rd December

9.30am (St Alban's) Fr Ultan Murphy
11am (St Joseph's) Kay & Joe Aldag
6.30pm (St Joseph's) Our Parish Family

Monday 24th December

12noon (St Alban's) Funeral service of Derek Jones

VIGIL MASSES CHRISTMAS EVE

6pm (St Alban's) Peter McGee
6.30pm (St Joseph's) Fr Ged Walsh & Fr Tom Mannion
11.30pm (St Alban's) Carols before Midnight Mass
12 Midnight (St Alban's) Mike Kelly

Tuesday 25th December NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9.30am (St Alban's) Marty & Ruth Size
11am (St Joseph's) Rev Norman Carew

Wednesday 26th December ST STEPHEN

11.30am (St Joseph's) Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
12 noon (St Joseph's) Harry Edmundson & Family

Thursday 27th December ST JOHN

12 noon (St Alban's) Service of Word & Communion

Friday 28th December THE HOLY INNOCENTS

11.30am (St Alban's) Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
12 noon (St Alban's) Service of Word & Eucharistic
7pm (St Joseph's) Padre Pio Prayer Group

Saturday 29th December St Thomas Beckett

11.30am (St Alban's) No Rosary
12 noon (St Alban's) No noon service

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday 29th December

6pm (St Albans) Our Parish Family

Sunday 30th December

9.30am (St Alban's) Veronica Rafferty
11am (St Joseph's) Tony Corri
6.30pm (St Joseph's) Phil & Mary Parker

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Alban's - Saturday 11am-11.45am
St Joseph's before weekend Masses or by appointment

Morning Prayer at St Alban's

9.00am ~ Tuesday - Thursday

Ecumenical Morning Prayer for Central Wallasey Churches ~ January ~ Marlow Road led by Marlowe

Offertory Collection

Loose £290.92 Gift Aid Envelopes £315.80

Non Gift Aid envelopes £232.05

Total £838.77

Thank you for your continued generosity

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who are sick

Dave Dodgson, Christine Turner, Sheila Ronayne, Kevin Thompson, Anne Croman, Brian McNamee, Gwen Bucknell, Mary Pelling, Bart Cosgrove, Len Durkin, David Taylor, John Dittman, Frank Gibson, Allan Bucknell, Anthony Jones, Brendan Mason, Miriam Bridson, Joan Smethurst, Andrew Goldsmith, Peter Maher, David Brown, Leonard Block, Ms Callaghan, Jimmy Dawson, Kathleen Davies, George Cornah, Joan Hyslop, Irene Sadler, John Moroney, Brenda Cook, Ken Thompson, Mary Parker, Peter Malone, Dorothy Kineally, Margaret Davies, Kay Tyrrell, John Richards, John & Pat McDavitt, Margaret Casey, Nicky and Pam Day, Jerry Murray, Philip Parker, Aaron Cameron, Terry MacDougal, Fr Michael Murray, Hilary Docherty, Margaret Churchill, Chris Cotton, Lesley Elliot, Vincent Langford, Patricia King

Recently Deceased

Derek Jones, John Asbury, Irene Brandon, Patricia Steele

When it is appropriate please advise the parish office (638 1520) when names can be taken off the sick list.

CARITAS AT CHRISTMAS

Please support the Caritas Christmas Appeal by giving at the Crib and supporting the retiring collection which will take place

**on Sunday 30th January
The Feast of the Holy Family**



ROTAS

St Alban's (w/b)

Flowers	23rd Dec	All teams at 2pm	30th Dec	Pat & Gill
Cleaning	23rd Dec	Team 3	Dec 30th	Team 4
Counting	23rd Dec	Tony	Dec 30th	Jim
Teas	23rd Dec	Clara & Co	Dec 30th	Maria & Kate
Offertory	23rd Dec	Mary & Pat	Dec 30th	Mary & Pat

St Joseph's

Teas	January	Betty, Eleanor, Helen & Tom
Cleaning	4th/5th January	Sandra and Sylvia
Counting	23 Dec	Denis & Mandy
	30 Dec	El & Phil



Christmas and New Year

Saturday 29th - 30th December 2018 ~ Special prayer and blessings for all families

Monday 31st December ~ 9.30am St Joseph's ~ Thanking God for the year 2018

Tuesday 1st January ~ Mary, Mother of God ~ New Year's Day ~ Rosary at 10am ~ 12noon

Sunday 6th January ~ God's revelation to Humanity ~ International Mass at 9.30am & 11am

Saturday 12th / Sunday 13th ~ Baptism of the Lord

An invitation to all who were baptised in 2018 to receive a special blessing during each Mass

TRUSSELL TRUST FOOD BANK

59.77 kg

Thank you for your continued generosity, the Foodbank warehouse is in need of supplies of: washing powder/tabs, squash; shampoo; jam; coffee deodorants; sponge puddings; pasta sauce; tinned fruit or vegetables or fish or meat

WE HAVE PLENTY OF BEANS AND PASTA

St Alban's Distribution Centre - Tuesday 5 - 7pm

To obtain help from the Foodbank you need to request a voucher from one-stop shop, health visitor, doctor, social worker or Citizens Advice Bureau.

Charity No. 1167967

St Albans 200 Club

£25	47	K Simpson
£10	26	M Molyneux

ST JOSEPH'S LOTTERY

2 5 6 9 11 12

Estimated Jackpot for draw on 10th Jan £1140

Tickets are 50p and can be purchased after Sunday Masses or from Campbell's Chemist, Maritime Grange, Elegance Hairdresser, Mersey Ferries; Technique Hairdressers, Wynn Ellis Chemist, Great Float Social Club, Nelsons Newsagents

Thank you for your continued support of the Lottery

A message from Fr Michael Murray ...

Thank you so much for all the many cards, masses and prayers I have received. The chemotherapy is going well and I have not yet suffered any side-effects from the treatment. I have another 4 months of treatment and look forward to a good recovery.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to make a contribution to the altar flowers, perhaps in memory of a loved one, please leave your donation at the parish office or at the sacristies. **Thank you**

St Alban's Lourdes Group CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The winning ticket was sold at a 9.30am Mass and is **BLUE 51 - 52** Please check your tickets and contact the parish office to arrange collection as we don't have your contact details!!



St Joseph's Lourdes Group Christmas Hamper Raffle

Tickets available after weekend masses
To be drawn after the vigil mass on Christmas Eve

BRUNCH TIME

During the Christmas holidays Brunch Time will take place in **St Alban's** 12pm-1pm on **Thurs 27th Dec / Mon 31st Dec and Thurs 3rd Jan** and at



St Joseph's 12pm-1pm / Fri 28th Dec and Fri 4th Jan. We will be providing a hot meal for parents and children and a snack pack for children to take home with them. **We will also have Arts and Crafts for the children.**

Children

MUST BE accompanied by an adult.

We look forward to welcoming you



YOU ARE INVITED

to a Parish Celebration

on Friday 11th January
at 7pm in St Joseph's Church
followed by a Social Evening
in St Josephs Parish Centre



To begin 2019 you are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate our parish family, especially those who give their time to clean our churches, count the collections, our sacristans and servers, the readers and ministers, musicians and singers, those who make the teas, run the clubs, support the housebound and care for those in need, who 'man' the foodbank, organise brunch time and Messy Church, the flower ladies and gardeners, our prayer groups and housebound who pray for our intentions and all who say yes when asked to help.

Please let us know if you will be able to join us
by adding your name to the list
at the back of church,
or emailing stjosephandstalban@yahoo.co.uk
or ringing Eleanor at the office on 638 1520

PLEASE SAVE YOUR USED POSTAGE STAMPS
and leave them at the parish office or sacristies. Julie is collecting them again this year for St John Ambulance.