



PARISH OF ST JOSEPH & ST ALBAN

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA - ST JOSEPH & ST ALBAN
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DAY DATE	CELEBRATIONS	CHURCH/TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
Sat Mar 18	Vigil - Fourth Sunday of Lent	STA 05.00 pm	Eileen Brown
Sun Mar 19	Fourth Sunday of Lent	STA 09.30 am	Stan Hunt
	Mothering Sunday - Special Prayers for all Mothers	STJ 11.00 am	Sheila Dunne
		STJ	Stations of the Cross after the 11 am mass
		STJ 06.30 pm	Our Parish Family
Mon Mar 20	Solemnity of St Joseph	STJ 09.30am	St Joseph's School Mass
Mon Mar 20	Solemnity of St Joseph	STJ 12 noon	Our Parish Family
Tue Mar 21	Ferial	STA 09.30 am	Ramsey Howell
Tue Mar 21	Funeral Service	STA 01.30pm	Mark Wong - RIP
Wed Mar 22	Ferial	STJ 12 noon	Gerry Murray
Thu Mar 23	Ferial	STA 12 noon	Pat Doir
Thu Mar 23	Requiem Mass	STJ 12 noon	Robbie Pace - RIP
Fri Mar 24	Requiem Mass	STA 12 noon	Peter Cawthron - RIP
Fri Mar 24	Stations of the Cross	STA 12 noon	After the mass
Sat Mar 25	Sol. of The Annunciation of the Lord	STJ 12 noon	Special Intention
Sat Mar 25	Vigil - Fifth Sunday of Lent	STA 05.00 pm	Kathleen Davies
Sun Mar 26	Fifth Sunday of Lent	STA 09.30 am	Mgr Peter Walton
		STJ 11.00 am	Pat Higgins
		STJ	Stations of the Cross after the 11 am mass
		STJ 06.30 pm	Our Parish Family

WEEKLY SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES	DAY	TIME	VENUE
Morning Prayer	Tuesday - Thursday	09.00am	STA
Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament	Weekdays	30 Minutes before Mass	As Mass
Rosary	Tuesday	10.00am	STA
Ecumenical Morning Prayer	Friday	09.30am	STA PARISH HALL
Divine Mercy Rosary	Friday	11.00am	STA
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Friday & Saturday	11.30 - 11.55 am	As Mass

SUNDAY MASS READINGS - Samuel 16:1.6-7.10-13 The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Response to the Psalm: **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14 You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said, 'Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you'.

Gospel Acclamation - Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! **I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life.** Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel Reading: John 9: 1 - 11: The blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Christine Turner, Mary Pelling, Bart Cosgrove, John Dittman, Tony Jones, Joan Smethurst, Andrew Goldsmith, Leonard Block, Brenda Cook, Dorothy Kinealy, Margaret Casey, Pam Day, Phil Nicholson, John McDavitt, Christopher & Clifford Browne, Tom Goodwin, Sandra Du Rose, Joseph McLean, Peter Murphy, Michael Cox, Stephen Suffield, Tony Clarke, Suzy Hesketh, Mary Buckley, Mary Murphy, Ronald Cox, Ellen Grugel, Riley Owen, Teresa Smith, Ruth Scott, Laura Howard, Jackie Jones, Jo Dilworth, Donna Parkhill, Clare Morris, Kathleen Kehoe, Leanne Hughes, Derek and Elsie Bellis, Val Burns, Beth Dawson, Kevin Bradford, Ruth Grant, Anne Steward, Bishop Patrick Kelly - Emeritus Archbishop of Liverpool, Msgr. Peter Walton, Andrea Clement, Margaret Flowerdew, Roger Baker & Margaret McGarry.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mark Wong, David Loon, Robbie Pace, Patricia Cleary, Peter Cawthron & All victims of War and Covid.

LPA Lenten Recollection & Reconciliation Service on March 30 at St. Joseph's

10.30 am - Talk 1
11.30 am - Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
12 noon - Mid-day Mass at St. Joseph's
12.30 pm - Lunch
01.30 pm - Talk 2
3.00 pm - Reconciliation Service with Confessions.
Deacon Thomas Mannion will animate the Recollection & Reconciliation Service. LPA Priests will be available for individual confessions.

JOEY'S LOTTO: Winning Numbers for this week **3 5 6 9 12 13**. £10 Winners are 27535 & 27595. Jackpot for next week is **£250** in 15 numbers. Tickets are 50p and can be purchased after weekend masses in St Joseph's and St Alban's. **Thank you for your continued support.**



SAVE THE DATE
Saturday 25th March
to celebrate the
40th Birthday of Fr Ramzsh
in St Alban's Parish Hall
from 7pm
Please bring your own
nibbles and drinks
Entertainment provided!!

CURRY NIGHT FOR THE UP-KEEP OF ST. ALBAN'S PARISH HALL

Saturday 22nd April from 6 - 9.30pm

in St Alban's Parish Hall
£15 per adult / £7 per child for 3 courses with a choice of Sambal (V;GF) Korma (mild) or Keralan (hot) Quiz, Raffle, Music, Indian Dance Display

Limited tickets are available after weekend masses
Please sign on the list and select your curry option.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Envelopes for 2023-2024 are available at the back of both churches. Please take your envelopes but **please** note that they do not start until **9th April**. Boxes are listed in alphabetical order of surname - if you are unable to find your box please contact the parish office or ring Eleanor on 07808302256.

If you are now donating via standing order please return your envelopes to the parish office and if you would like to join the Gift Aid scheme or pay by Standing Order please complete the appropriate form.

Thank you!

FINANCE

Gift Aid **£ 228.00**, Non-Gift Aid **£86.00**

Loose Plate **£ 332.51p**

Total **£ 638.78p**

CAFOD ENVELOPES - £41.85p

2 Weeks Totalled for CAFOD - £794.98p

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. May God bless you!

The Letter film and feedback: Enthusiastic discussion from both parishes has resulted in many suggestions for joint actions. The main themes are included in this weekend's mailing. We all wanted to recycle more. Please join us on a visit to Gilmoor where our grey recycling waste is sorted. Monday 27th March, 10am to 12noon. Booking essential and lifts will be arranged. Please contact Anne 07910960316 asap. We are also meeting on Wednesday 7.30pm on Zoom to plan actions.

If you missed the film, this is the link. <https://youtu.be/Rps9bs85BI>. It is highly recommended. We can hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and act.

DIARY DATES...

March 20th **Solemnity of St. Joseph's.**

A solemn Mass in honour and devotion of St. Joseph's at **12 noon** in **St Joseph's.**

March 25th **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.**

March 30th **LPA Lenten Recollection & Reconciliation Day from 10.30 am at St Joseph's.**

UPDATES ON LPA Lenten Pilgrimage: on 3rd April 2023 to NODDFA, Penmaenmawr, North Wales: Not many have signed for the Pilgrimage. We extend another week for signing up till March 25. If we don't get the expected numbers, we may have to cancel the pilgrimage. If we cancel, please collect your deposit from John Green/Christine Parker. Thank you.