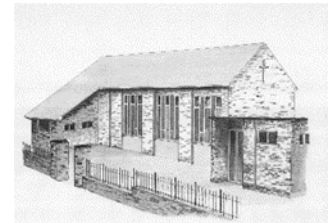


ST MARY & ST ALBAN

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THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 25TH JULY 2021

CELEBRATIONS LIVE IN ST MARY'S AND STREAMED VIA YOU TUBE (L)

Day	Time	CHURCH	Intention
Sunday 25th July—The Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time	9:30a.m.(L)	St Mary's	Thanksgiving
	11:00a.m.(L)	St Mary's	For the Parish
	1:00p.m.	St Mary's	Polish Mass
	6:00p.m.	St Mary's	Harry McCormack
Monday 26th—Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass		
Tuesday 27th—Weekday in Ordinary Time	11:00a.m. (L)	St Mary's	Requiem Mass for Philomena McCormack
	7:00p.m.	ST ALBAN'S	Joan Smith
Wednesday 28th—Weekday in Ordinary Time	9:30a.m.(L)	St Mary's	Angela Clark
Thursday 29th—St Martha	9:30a.m.	ST ALBAN'S	John Hopkins
Friday 30th—Weekday in Ordinary Time	9:30a.m.(L)	St Mary's	Ellis and Ellis Henderson Families
Saturday 31st— St Ignatius of Loyola	12:15p.m.(L)	St Mary's	Marie Finn
Sunday 1st August—The Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time	9:30a.m.(L)	St Mary's	
	11:00a.m.(L)	St Mary's	Polish Mass
	1:00p.m.	St Mary's	
	6:00p.m.	ST ALBAN'S	

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from 11 to Noon on Saturday at St Mary's and the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available from 11 to Noon on Saturday at St Mary's and from 5:45 p.m. on Sunday at St Alban's.

PRAYER GROUP

There will be a Rosary Zoom Meeting 882 976 305
Password 7riK44
on Wednesday evening at 7pm:

PLEASE PRAY FOR Philomena McCormack and all those who have died recently and Canon James Gordon and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYER LIST

Gladys Megson, Patricia Hintze, Patricia Ellison, Margaret Burke, John Wallis, Millie Haigh David Murphy, Peter Fekete, Fawzia Mohamed, William Long, Sonya Box, Julie Simpson, Charlotte Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Knapton, Peter Carolan, Peter Smith, Julie Hall, David Hopkinson, Moya Andrew, Tony Lennon, Suzanne Peaker, Larry Byrne, Winnie Whelan, Kathleen Hannan, Nancy McGrath, Eleanor Foran, Maureen Colleran, Pat Reynolds and all the sick and housebound of the parish, their families and those who care for them.

MASSES RECEIVED: Ellen Mackrill, Harry McCormack, Vera Massemo, Tess Mullan, Thea Colleran, Private Intention.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

On the Parish website there is a link on the Home Page to details of this week's activities.

SVP

Anyone who needs to get in touch with the SVP in the Parish can now call 07512 011 440.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

After 2 Covid cancellations we pray that **THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** will be administered to our Year 6 children on Saturday 31st July at 2:00 p.m. Please pray for the children, their families, sponsors and those who have helped with their preparation.

THE GATHERING PLACE (EBENEZER FOOD BANK)

Next Sunday is the first in the month and the day that we make our donations of Food and Domestic Products. You can bring donations to Mass any day during this week and they will all be taken to the food bank.

EASING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS

As you will be aware, the government has eased the legal restrictions in place because of Corona virus. However, the government are also urging us to be cautious. Given the present infection rate, we will ease some restrictions but will keep others. I would ask that people respect the restrictions that remain in place for the safety of everyone and recognising that many people are still very nervous and they should be able to attend church without that being exacerbated by unthinking behaviour.

FACE MASKS: We would ask that people continue to use face masks in church unless exempt from doing so.

SOCIAL DISTANCING: There is no requirement to socially distance from others however I would like to make provision for those who wish to. Therefore as you enter St Mary's, the benches on the right (organ side) will remain as they are with social distancing in place. The benches on the left can all be used with no social distancing. This will also allow us to increase the number who can safely attend Mass.

HAND SANITISING: Please continue to use the hand sanitising gel as you enter and leave church.

STEWARDS: I am extremely grateful to the stewards, who have served us all so faithfully over the past months. I would ask them to continue stewarding where possible as the church will still need to be sanitised after Mass and to ensure that people are directed to the proper side of the church.

BOOKING SYSTEM: The booking system **will remain in place** for the coming weeks in order to assist with 'Track & Trace'.

HOLY COMMUNION: Those on the left side of church should make their way to the altar gates to receive Holy Communion. Those who are socially distancing on the right will have Holy Communion brought to them as is the present practice.

SINGING: Congregational singing is now permitted. Please keep masks on even when singing (except the choir). I will produce hymn sheets for each Sunday in the coming weeks so that hymn books do not have to be used.

ST ALBAN'S CHURCH

At this stage, I would like to reopen St Alban's Church for Mass on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday **evening** Masses. Please bear with me with regard to the 9.30am Sunday Mass. The numbers at that Mass are such that we cannot use St Alban's safely at this stage so the Mass will continue at St Mary's temporarily. Mass will recommence at St Alban's this Tuesday (27 July). Social Distancing cannot be guaranteed at any Masses at St Alban's.

In all of this, I thank you for the generous way that you have looked after and assisted one another in feeling safe when coming before the Lord in prayer.

FROM THE DIOCESE—CATHOLIC CARE VACANCIES: There are many vacancies for employment within Catholic Care, as well as opportunities for volunteering. Please see website: <https://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruitment/latest-vacancies/> for full details.

Mass Offerings, Notices and News Items for the Parish Bulletin should be given to Fr Martin or Deacon John by Wednesday evening at the latest. Notices and News Items but not Mass Intentions can be sent to John Coates (01422 360469 or jcoates@btinternet.com) again by Wednesday evening. The Parish Safeguarding Representative is Clare O'Neill (07792147620 psr.coneill@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)
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