



ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 7th February 2021
+ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS TIMES

NO PUBLIC MASSES

Mass will be live streamed daily:

Monday:	9.30am
Tuesday:	9.30am
Wednesday:	9.30am
Thursday:	9.30am
Friday:	9.30am
Saturday:	6pm
Sunday:	10am

Please note:

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

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for all weekly updates and
Children's liturgy lessons.

First reading: Job 7: 1-4, 6-7
Responsorial Psalm: *Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.*
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Gospel: Mark 1: 29-39

After the exorcism that is the first of Jesus' miracles, Jesus performs a physical healing on Peter's mother-in-law. Mark shows that Jesus exercises authority over both demonic possession and physical illness. Indeed, Jesus' ability to cast out demons and to heal the sick becomes the way in which the world first knows him.

The difference in the details of the two healings is significant. Jesus orders the demon out; he touches the mother-in-law, and the fever leaves her.

For Mark, exorcism is accomplished through verbal authority (demons respond to command), and it is often an instrument for teaching and preaching. By contrast, physical healing is brought about by the touch of one who is holy. In both of these incidents, by command and by touch, Jesus is authoritative. His cure of both victims is total.

In the evening exorcisms that follow, Jesus will not allow the demons to speak, because they know him. Mark will show this many more times as

Jesus seeks to be known in the full context of the passion and Resurrection and not just in a handful of miraculous healings. This 'messianic secret' of Mark's account of the Gospel places the full revelation at the end of Jesus' public life, not at the beginning.

Night is the traditional time for confrontation with evil, and here the sick and possessed are brought to Jesus at sundown. The power that Jesus wields is not diminished by darkness. In fact, it offers a way to encounter

God with no distractions. Jesus seizes the opportunity to pray in a deserted place apart from the disciples and the crowds. Mark connects

Jesus' power to his prayer by interrupting the healings to narrate this incident. When the disciples search him out, though, he immediately returns to his work, extending his mission to the neighboring towns, proclaiming the message and exorcising demons. Jesus' fame spreads, but it also attracts the attention of the Jewish leaders who will begin to question him.

NO PUBLIC MASS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Our church will be closed for public Mass until further notice. Mass will be streamed daily. Times of daily Mass can be found on the left-hand side of this newsletter.

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Sacraments

Under current COVID restrictions:

Baptisms: No more than 6 people at the ceremony. To arrange a baptism please contact Fr Dermot.

Funerals: It is the normal procedure to first contact your chosen Funeral Director. They will liaise with Fr Dermot. At present only 30 mourners can attend the church service.

Weddings: Preparation for marriage: Six months' notice is required. Please contact Fr Dermot.

Newsletter

If you wish to receive a copy of our weekly newsletter by email, please sign up by using the website e-Alert or email the parish office to request.



FR BERNARD MCCUMISKEY RIP

You will be aware of the sad news of the death of Fr Bernard McCumiskey. Fr Bernard died on 23 January, at Redesdale Court Care Home in North Shields close to where he had been living in retirement in Whitley Bay until his needs required more care. Fr Bernard was born in Northumberland on 9 August 1938 and ordained to the priesthood as a Carmelite at Aylesford Priory in 1971. He was incardinated as a priest of the Diocese of Westminster in 1977. Fr Bernard arrived at St Alban's in 2000 until his retirement in 2013.

His funeral will take place at St Mary's Church, Cullercoats, North Shields on **Friday 12th February at 10am**. It is hoped that the Mass will now be streamed. Details will appear on our website as soon as they are known. If you wish to send sympathy cards or Mass cards, please forward to Bernadette Richardson, 4 Turnberry, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear NE25 9NZ. May he rest in peace.

RESTORED LIVES

Monday 8th February 2022 for nine weeks (via Zoom). This ecumenical resource is designed to enable individuals to recover from relationship breakdown. Through facilitated sessions guests are provided with the tools and insights to resolve the emotional impact of separation and divorce. To book your place on the course visit https://www.restoredlives.org/online_course_relationship_breakdown

CAFOD

Daily Walk? Something positive this Lent. Could you walk 10000 Steps either on one day or everyday this Lent? The walk could be a sign of your solidarity with all those who do not have access to a safe water source and who have to walk for water each day. Find out more or sign up online at cafod.org.uk/walk and go the distance this Lent and help to end water poverty.

CAFOD Westminster is looking for volunteers, who care about global poverty, to help us inspire others to act here, so we can tackle poverty and injustice across the developing world. Are you a people-person who would relish involving and encouraging others? Are you a good communicator who would enjoy speaking about our work in a Parish or School? Please get in touch with us on westminster@cafod.org.uk or 020 8449-6970 to find out more and book a place on one of our CAFOD online information sessions.

ST BARNABAS FOODBANK

St Barnabas Foodbank at 913 High Road North Finchley, accepts donations of food each Saturday between 9.30 & 12.30. They are open for those in need on Mondays 12.30 – 2pm.

Please remember in your prayers the sick:

all the recently departed and their loved ones.

Jane Evans
Joe Mendonca,
Fr Bernard McCumiskey,
Maria De Vito

and the faithful departed whose anniversaries occur at about this time:

Orazia Scala, Margaret Kennedy

