### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# **ST ALBAN**

### PARISH NEWSLETTER - 11th February 2024

First reading Leviticus 13:1–2, 44–46

Psalm: You are my refuge, 0 Lord;

you fill me with joy of salvation

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1

**Gospel:** Mark 1:40-45

**Preface and Eucharistic Prayer: Reconciliation 1** 

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 10TH FEBRUARY

### Saturday 10th February

**6pm** Sister Marie Joseph Catney O.P (INT) Anita Sowa (RIP)

### **Sunday 11th February**

9:30am John Came (RIP)
11:30am Maureen Robertson (RIP)

Monday 12th February 10am REOUIEM MARY FLYNN

Tuesday 13th Februarys 9.30am Julia Fitzgerald (RIP)

### Wednesday 14th February-ASH WEDNESDAY

9.30am Bernard Grant (RIP)
7pm PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Bill O'Mara (INT)

#### Thursday 15th February

9.30am Anne & Stanislaw Lisaj (RIP)

### Friday 16th February

9.30am Narciso Calderato (RIP)

# Please remember in your prayers All the sick

Tom O'Connor, Anne Dooley, Loraine Baxter, Leroy Condor, Sarojini Rman, Giridharan Raman, Murdoch McGuire, Julia Forsyth, Adam Bogusz, Adriano Grazioli, Noreen Ellisdon, Bob Smith, Janet Crawley, Gabriel Hadid, Brendan O'Brien, Robert Rowe

All the recently departed and their loved ones

Mary Flynn

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

Anita Sowa, Bernard Grant, Marianinha & John Nunes

Our reactions to the leper in this story may be understandably mixed. On the one hand, he rewards Jesus's generosity with immediate disobedience, making Jesus's life harder. On the other hand, who could blame him? He has been seen and received and loved in a way his disease made impossible. Jesus's willingness to stop and hear him healed an ailment that should have been incurable. He has been the recipient of such love and such a wondrous gift that he cannot help but overflow in gratitude. When he approached Jesus to ask for healing, he likely was hoping to return to the life he had before the leprosy set in. He had been cast

# Gluten free communion hosts

what he has seen.

We have coeliac Hosts in this church which are gluten free. If you wish to receive Holy Communion with gluten free hosts please let Fr Dermot know before which ever mass you will be attending.

out from family and friends, from religious

Jesus's healing disrupts all that. Instead of

going to the priest and restoring his ritual

cleanliness, he has to go out and preach

observance and social participation. But

# CONTACT INFORMATION

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Childrens Liturgy - Takes place at the Family Mass at 9.30am on Sundays.

Repository - Open after both Sunday Masses.

### ABOUT ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins this Ash Wednesday-mass times are **9.30am & 7pm** with distribution of Ashes.

"Rend your hearts, not your garments," proclaims the Lord to the assembly gathered before him (J12:13). As intensely personal as Lent is—with its core disciplines of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving—it is a time of preparing a people worthy of the Lord's special care. As much as we must work on our individual hearts, Lent is also a time when we must work on the heart of the community, calling it to change of life. How might you make a resolution to change something in the Christian community in which you assemble?

### FAITH SHARING GROUP

The Faith Sharing Lent session will start shortly. There are two groups: one on a Sunday night with Chris Wood, the other on Tuesday night with Siobán Thomas in each of their homes. Both run for 5 sessions in the evening for up to an hour and a half. They follow the booklet provided by the Diocese. There is a focus this Lent on the Lord's Prayer which "single short prayer of Christ has everything that needs to be said about God, his kingdom, his life, about all of us". Each week will contain a reflection on Sacred Scripture and on our own experience of being a Catholic today.

Many parishioners have enjoyed these sessions during autumn and Lent in previous years. We reflect on and share aspects of our faith in a friendly group setting. No special knowledge or prior experience is required. If you would like to join us, please contact Chris on 020 8368 3536 or Siobán on 07586 254552. Booklets will be available in the repository.

# Helpers for the Thursday Club

The Thursday Club has been meeting for over 10 years with the same team organising activities and making older parishioners welcome in the Church Hall. Some helpers are to stand down and we are seeking new people to help. The club is held on the second Thursday of the month for two hours between 1.00-3.00pm. If you can help, please contact Margaret on **07885708218**, Mo on **07941855789** or drop in to the club on Thursday, 8 February.

### Community of Hong Kong

香港教友信仰小團體

Community of Faith Hong Kong

2月11日星期日11 Feb Sunday 12:30

恭賀新禧! 誠邀大家齊來參加廣東話信仰 及生活分享聚會

Happy Lunar New Year!! You are invited to join our Cantonese-speaking faith and life-sharing gathering

活動查詢Enquiries : stalbanhkersegmail.com



QR CODE

Parish QR code For online donations The church will remain open during the day for private prayer.