

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church, Vesta Avenue, AL1 2PE

Rev Fr Francis Antwi-Darkwah (Parish Priest), Rev Deacons Justin Cross & Paul O'Connor, Tel: **01727 850066**

Web site: [www.rcdow.org.uk/stalbanssouth](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/stalbanssouth) email: [stalbanssouth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:stalbanssouth@rcdow.org.uk)

The Parish Office is normally open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30 am until 12.30 pm (term time only)

For Parish Centre Bookings please call the Parish Office or email.

Parish administrator: Mrs. Michelle Fitzgerald email: [michellefitzgerald@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:michellefitzgerald@rcdow.org.uk)

## 22ND NOVEMBER 2020

### JESUS CHRIST, THE UNIVERSAL KING

Mass times and intentions are subject to change if there is a funeral

Cyril Ryan (Anni)  
Richard O'Reardan (Rec.dec)  
Private Prayer with Adoration

Sa 21 6.00 pm  
Su 22 9.00am  
10.30 -  
11.300

Mo 23 12noon St. Clement 1, Pope & Martyr  
Tue 24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac, & Companions  
We 25 10-11am St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virg & Mart  
Thu 26 feria  
Fri 27 11.00am Feria  
Sat 28 9am-10 B.V. Mary

Helen Clement (R.I.P)  
Private Mass (Holy Souls)  
Private Prayer with Adoration  
no Parish Mass (private mass) H. Souls  
Tom Mongan Sons & Grandsons (Anni)  
Adoration



## FRIST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat 28  
Su 29 9.00am  
10.30-11,

For those who are losing their jobs  
Bridget Ahern (Anni)-Private Mass  
Private Prayer

**Confessions:** 9.15am – 9.45am Saturday

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** 9am-10am Saturday morning

**Holy Matrimony:** in accordance with the norms of Canon Law, at least six months' notice must be given, whether the marriage is here or abroad, to enable the required spiritual preparation to take place and for the paperwork to be gathered and, if necessary, submitted to the Chancellor of the Diocese. Please make an appointment to see the clergy.

**HOLY HOUR** for private prayer WITH Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions in the Church from 9.15 to 9.45am each Saturday morning.

### COMMUNICATION

Let us try to maintain contact with as many parishioners as possible, sending copies of this newsletter by E-mail and telephoning older and housebound parishioners. Please I am relying on you all to do your best on this matter. Let us try not to ignore those we know that are living alone. If there are parishioners out there who would like newsletters or to be called, with their permission, please let me have their details.

### INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: Universal -

Artificial Intelligence: We pray that our personal relationship with Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer..

### LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS: YEAR A

WEEKDAY LECTIONARY 33rd Week YR 2; Psalter: Week 1

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

In all hospitals and care homes, especially in our parish, Vesta Lodge, Grace Muriel, Foss House and Font Hill. And please remember in your prayers Ken & Paul Liversidge. Mavis Nairn, Mark Smith, Pauline Mort, Paul Willams.

For all suffering from the virus, Covid-19. For those who have died, especially Jamie Ferguson after five months in hospital, and those mourning them.

### Please pray for all those have died recently:

Fadhil Hanna Al-Nasir, Patrick Cahill, Keith Stephens, Charles Still, Allan Coombes, Irene Cram, Eveline Mulligan, Tony Foster, Patsy Bannister, and Dave Keiley. John Holt & Chris East. Stan Penstone **Richard de Castro**. May they rest in perfect peace. Amen

### PLEASE REMEMBER ALL IN YOUR PRAYERS

Let's continue to pray that by God's grace this evil sickness (COVID-19) will come to end. Please pray for all those who, in whatever capacity, care for the sick, the dying and the deceased. Remember those who are frightened for being alone, or isolated, for married couples who can't get on or cope with the isolation. Pray for all of the sick, elderly and those dying today or in the days ahead, for those whose anniversaries occur about this time and the recently departed.

*May the angels lead them into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome them; and take them to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.*

*May choirs of angels welcome them and lead them to the bosom of Abraham; and where Lazarus is poor no longer may they find eternal rest. AMEN*

### TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS

Beginning from Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> November the times for individual prayers are:

Wednesday 10.00 to 11.00am  
Saturday 9.00 to 10.00am  
Sunday 10.30 to 11.30am

### **POPE FRANCIS SAID THIS RECENTLY:**

"After many months we meet each other again our face to face, rather than screen to screen. Face to face. This is good! The current pandemic has highlighted our interdependence: we are all linked to each other, for better or for worse. Therefore, to come out of this crisis better than before, we have to do so together; together, not alone. Together. Alone no, because it cannot be done. Either it is done together, or it is not done

### **FROM THE CARDINAL**

Today, following that meeting, the Bishops have issued a statement on safeguarding. Also, a press conference was held this morning, at the beginning of which the Cardinal made a personal statement. Copies of both statements are attached to this e-mail, and are also available on the diocesan website at <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/bishops-statement-on-safeguarding/> and <https://rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/news/cardinals-personal-statement-on-safeguarding/>.

### **NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY**

Today, Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, the Church in England and Wales celebrates National Youth Sunday. On this day, we celebrate the young people in our parish and community and all the gifts and talents they share with us. The theme for this year's NYS is 'Together'. This weekend especially, we pray for the young people of our Parish. For more information, please go to [www.nationalyouthsunday.com](http://www.nationalyouthsunday.com).

### **SICK & RETIRE PRIESTS FUND.**

As we all know, every year the Cardinal humbly asks us to support him in taking care of all our sick & retired priests. Please if you would like to contribute towards this welfare could you do so online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). On the other hand, you can post a donation through the presbytery door in an envelope marked 'Sick & Retired Priests' Fund'. Please let's keep our sick and retired priests in your prayers.

### **First Holy Communion 2021**

Forms for First Holy Communion (Year 3) are available upon request and will be emailed. Unfortunately, due to the current situation we are unable to leave forms at the back of Church. Therefore if you wish to apply for your child to receive First Holy Communion in 2021 then please email your request to:- [michellefitzgerald@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:michellefitzgerald@rcdow.org.uk). Please complete them as soon as possible and return them to the Presbytery without delay. **The absolute deadline for applications for this is 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Any forms given in after this date will be accepted**

### **CERTIFICATES of CATHOLIC PRACTICE (CCP)**

Please submit your request for a CCP for Primary School reception entry in writing to Fr Francis, enclosing a copy your child's baptism certificate, their date of birth, a photo of you (not the child) and your address and contact details. Deadline is **10<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

### **Ecumenical Advent 2020 Groups with South St Albans Churches**

Starting w/c Monday 29 November for 4 weeks, mainly via Zoom and one face to face session (max 6) planned. Full details on course and timings of groups are on the Parish website. Contact Christine Lambert on 07957 486099 or [cmljidl@aol.com](mailto:cmljidl@aol.com) to book a place by **Tues 3 November**. Zooms sessions on Mon & Thurs evenings or Tues am.

### **FUNDRAISING**

The Catholic Worker Farm is in great need of funds – their usual means of fundraising has stopped and some key

donors have pulled out. Please help if you can. Go to [www.crowdfunder.co.uk/the-catholic-worker-farm](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/the-catholic-worker-farm) or leave a donation in an envelope in the Presbytery clearly marked – Catholic Worker Farm. Follow the CWF on social media: Instagram cwfarmfest. Facebook The Catholic Worker Farm **200 CLUB**

It is that time of year for the 200 club to start again. Last year we raised nearly £750.00 for the HCPT Group to take a child to Lourdes. Let's make this year even better. Attached to this week's newsletter is a 200 Club form please sign up to this good cause.

### **Christmas Giving Tree**

Thank you for supporting our more vulnerable families with your generosity. This year we ask you to donate vouchers instead of gifts, so they can safely order online and get gifts delivered to their homes. Please choose vouchers from Argos, Smyth's Toys, Entertainer or any major supermarket with an online toy section. Thank you again for your support for our families, many of whom will have their Christmas Day made special by your kindness. Nikki Casey STEPs CIC

We know that this has been a difficult year for many, but if you are able to help give a Christmas treat to a vulnerable child, please put your voucher in an envelope marked "Giving Tree" and post it through the presbytery door by Tuesday 8th December. Many thanks

### **Mary's Meals**

In this year of so many challenges for us all, it is with great joy that Mary's Meals can share some incredible news with you. From 1<sup>st</sup> November until 31 January 2021, donations made to its **Double The Love** appeal will be matched by a funder\*, up to £2 million i.e. if you give, say £20 to Mary's Meals it will effectively be doubled up to £40! Feel free to fundraise for Mary's Meals getting others involved e.g. a virtual quiz, sponsored walk/run, fast from something (chocolate!) during Advent in preparation for Christmas and so on. This funding will bring new hope to families in Liberia who struggle daily to feed their children. **The Love** campaign, we can transform the lives of more than 43,000 desperately hungry children across 167 primary schools in Bong County, Liberia.

There will be a collection after mass on the 8<sup>th</sup> November.

### **St Columba's College Entrance Assessments for Sep 2021 entry**

Prep School (4-11 years) assessments are taking place on Sat.9th Jan. 2021, or by arrangement with the Admissions Registrar. The deadline for 11+ and 13+ applications for Sept 2021 entry is Fri 27 Nov. The 11+ assessments are on Sat. 5 Dec. 2020, and the 13+ assessments and interviews on Sat. 9 Jan. 2021. The Sixth Form application deadline is Mon 14 Dec. 2020. St Columba's College is an independent Catholic day school for pupils aged 4-18 years in St Albans. We welcome students of all faiths and none. We will be welcoming girls into the Sixth Form and Lower Prep from Sept 2021, and this will be followed by a phased transition to co-education. Parents can apply on our website, [www.stcolumbascollege.org/admissions/visit-us](http://www.stcolumbascollege.org/admissions/visit-us) or by contacting the Admissions Registrar, Mrs Hilary Causer, at [admissions@stcolumbascollege.org](mailto:admissions@stcolumbascollege.org) or 01727 892040.

### **WANTED URGENTLY - 3 or 4 Bedroom House for Rent**

A family in St Albans is currently looking to urgently rent a 3 or 4-bedroom house locally. They are looking for a long term rental. They have to move out of their current property on the 9<sup>th</sup> December. They are a family of 5 i.e. two adults and three children. If you know of a property that this family can rent please contact Mystica on 07476 802415