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The Parish Office is normally open on Monday to Friday (except Thursday) 9.00 am until 12.45 pm

For Parish Centre Bookings please call the Parish Office or email Parish administrator: dawnpace@rcdow.org.uk

Safeguarding representative – Chris Blandford stalbanssouthsg1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

14/4/2024

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

Sat	13	9.00am	Easter Feria, Saturday in the Second Week of Easter	Intentions of Denis de Silva & family
		6.00pm	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – YOUTH MASS	Intentions of Jackie Harrison & family
Sun	14	8.30am	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sheila O'Shea (Recently deceased)
		10.30am	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	J Les Fryatt (anniversary)
Mon	15	12.00pm	Easter Feria, Monday in the Third Week of Easter	John Robb (Recently deceased)
Tue	16	9.00am	Easter Feria, Tuesday in the Third Week of Easter	Intentions of Ann McCarthy & family
Wed	17	9.00am	Easter Feria, Wednesday in the Third Week of Easter	Sheila O'Shea (Recently deceased)
Thu	18	NO MASS		
Fri	19	9.00am	NO MASS AT 9	Funeral Mass for Krystyna Montgomery @ 10am
Sat	20	9.00am	Easter Feria, Saturday in the Third Week of Easter	Rosalind Clark (Anniversary of death)
		6.00pm	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Eugene Martin (Recently deceased)
Sun	21	8.30am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Sheila O'Shea (recently deceased)
		10.30am	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Russell Huffer & Caron Caldwell (Healing)



WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Thank you for your generosity!
Collection = £ & £ Contactless = £105
Standing Orders of £1,300 per week

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS:

WEEKDAY LECTIONARY Year B
WEEKDAY: READINGS OF YEAR II
Psalter:4

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please remember in your prayers, Pauline Mort, Marie Shandley, Veronica Willans, Mary Murphy, Leonie Farrell, Brian Sweeney, Paul Williams, Betty Salazar, Vilma Ryan, Jenny Rogers, Brian O'Loughlin, Isaac Antwi-Darkwah, Theresa Docherty, Simon Rose, Adelheid Smith, Cath Carney, Ryan O'Malley, Martin Ashby, David Napper, Kathleen Griffin, Marguerite Walters, Margaret Cassey, Michael Cassey, Eilish Cuning, Alan Ryan, Paul Fitzgerald, Dave Wright, Karine Jones, Agnes Cloherty, Fiona Forder and all suffering both in body and in spirit.

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024:

For the role of women: Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

If you are going into Hospital do ask to see a Catholic Chaplain. Please call the Chaplaincy office on **01923 217994 or 07776598704** for Watford and St. Albans.

WELCOME TO ALL NEW PARISHIONERS

There are registration forms for you in the porch or from the Office. For any further information go to our website. We will be glad to have you in our Parish and hope you will be happy with us. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY AND WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Lorraine McLoughlin, Richard Bennett, Betty Thakurdas, Mary Bates, Aneurin Pearson and Brendan McArdle, Katherine Walsh, Shirley Parker, Carole Collins, Marek Bakowski, Fran Humpage, Michael Ryan, Monica King, Pat Nelson, Mavis Harris, Patricia Wood, Mary Hodgson and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in perfect peace.

HOLY HOUR for private prayer with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions in the Church from 9.30 to 10.15am each Saturday morning

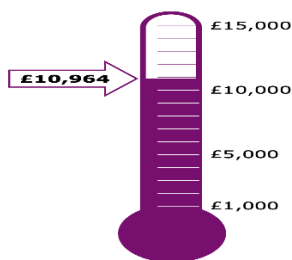
MARRIAGE PREPARATION

If you intend to marry, please note that the Diocese requires at least six months' notice with couples expected to complete a preparation course. Please email the Parish Office at stalbanssouth@rcdow.org.uk

RCIA

If you want to become a Catholic, know someone who wants to become a Catholic or if you are a Catholic baptised but not yet received your First Holy Communion & Confirmation, please contact Fr. Francis or the Parish Office for further information.

ST BART'S HEATING FUNDRAISING



How to donate

If paying by cheque/bank transfer let us know if you pay tax so we can claim Gift Aid. Bank details: 400520 81308440. St Albans South Catholic Church. **Please mark that it is for the heating fund**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Latin American Evening - Saturday 27 April at 7pm

Many thanks for supporting this parish, community social and fundraising event. If you have not already done so then please collect and pay for your ticket from Dawn at the presbytery.

For those members of the parish who are unable to attend but would like to support, we would welcome any donations for the evening's raffle. Don't hesitate to get in touch with Deirdre at 07849 070455 for any raffle questions. Donations may be given to Dawn at the presbytery on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays (9am-12.45pm)

REMEMBRANCE CANDLES

If you want to remember a loved one in this way then contact the office. All proceeds go towards the heating fund

- **27th April – 3rd May – Kathleen Healy**

RIP – Krystyna Montgomery

We are sorry to announce to you the departure of Krystyna into her eternal home with God. Her requiem Mass will take place on **Friday 19th April at 10.00am**. We send our deepest sympathy and condolences to her family, relatives and friends. Remember them in your prayers and let's continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Krystyna. May she rest in perfect peace. Amen!

CONFIRMATION CLASS - CAR WASHING EVENT

This year's confirmation group will be doing a car washing event on **Saturday 4th May**. £10 per car. Contact Sinead on 07775 557093 to book a place

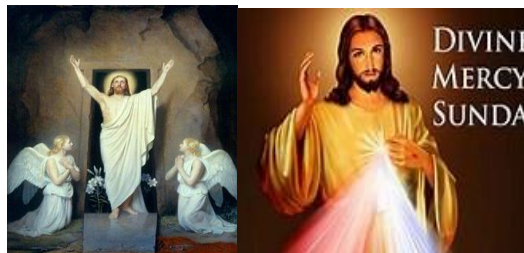
PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. Last year 3 deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese. The Priest Training Fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation

online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS

The Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse is observed on **30th April 2024**



PEACE BE WITH YOU. AS THE FATHER SENT ME, SO AM I SENDING YOU ALLELUIA

HE IS RISEN INDEED ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.

ROSARY BEFORE SUNDAY MASSES IN MAY

May is the month of MARY and we would like to say the Rosary before Sunday Masses in May, like we usually do. Would you be willing to lead the Rosary before the Mass that you attend on Saturday evening or Sunday? The Rosary will start 20 minutes before Mass begins. If you are interested please ring Margaret Leahy 01727 763832 or email margleahy@gmail.com

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA – MONDAY 13th MAY

Following the Mass at 12 noon there will be the opportunity for everyone attending to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, when Fr Francis will anoint those present with holy oil. Following this there will be soup/refreshments in the Parish Hall for everyone. PPC Spirituality Group

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 19th- 26th July 2024

Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols is now open via the application form at <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve.

All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by Tuesday 30th April.

UPCOMING YOUTH MASSES

The next 3 youth masses, 6pm on a Saturday, are:

- 11th May, 8th June, 29th June

TAIWAN EARTHQUAKE

Following the 7.4-magnitude earthquake that hit the eastern county of Hualien, Taiwan, on Wednesday 3 April, Bishop Tom Neylon, Lead Bishop for Asia, has called on the Catholic community to pray for those impacted by the quake.

WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

The Catholic Church's first World Children's Day takes place over the weekend of **25 – 26 May 2024**. World Children's Day is an occasion to put children, who are the present and the future of humanity, back at the centre of the world's attention... It offers children the possibility to become protagonists through moments of prayer, friendship, and formation. Cardinal Mendonça, Director, World Children's Day.

INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

A Catholic Mother's Journey.

A YouTube channel. catholicmothersjourney@gmail.com