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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

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19/5/2024

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

Sat	18	9.00am	Easter Feria, Saturday in the Seventh Week of Easter	
		6.00pm	PENTECOST SUNDAY	Tony Bennett (Anniversary)
Sun	19	8.30am	PENTECOST SUNDAY	Intentions of Anthony Baker
		10.30am	PENTECOST SUNDAY	Intentions of Maureen Anderson
Mon	20	12.00pm	Mary, Mother of the Church	Intentions of Sefin Francis
Tue	21		FUNERAL MASS	Funeral Service for Martin McEvoy 10.30 am
Wed	22	9.00am	Feria, Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	Robert Duru (Recently deceased)
Thu	23		No mass	
Fri	24	9.00am	Feria, Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	Pat Walsh (Recently deceased)
Sat	25	9.00am	Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church	
		6.00pm	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Pat Walsh (Recently deceased)
Sun	26	8.30am	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	Intentions of Barry Fitzsimmons
		10.30am	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	



WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Thank you for your generosity!

Collection = £ & £ Contactless = £60

Standing Orders of £1,300 per week

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS:

WEEKDAY LECTIONARY Year B

WEEKDAY: READINGS OF YEAR II

Psalter:3

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'Loughlen, 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, Alan Ryan, Paul Fitzgerald, Dave Wright, Karine Jones, Agnes Cloherty, Fiona Forder, Mary McCarthy, Maureen Anderson, and all suffering both in body and in spirit.

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

For the formation of men and women religious and seminarians. Let us pray that men and women religious and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

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:

Veronica Grant, 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, Eilish Cunning, 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. You can also use the Dona**

REMEMBRANCE CANDLES

If you want to remember a loved one by lighting a candle at the remembrance Chapel and praying for the repose of his/her soul, please, contact the office. All proceeds go towards the heating fund.

CELEBRATION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our FHC celebrations will take place on the **19th, & 26th of May at 10:30**. There will be no children's Liturgy on these days. Please, let's warmly welcome all our visitors.

FATHER DAVID WILLIAMSON

There will be a Requiem Mass for Fr David on Wednesday 29 May at 7pm at SS Sebastian and Pancras church, Hay Lane, London NW9 0NG. Fr David's mortal remains will be received at the same church on Thursday 30 May at 5pm, followed by a Requiem Mass at 7.30pm. On **Friday 31 May, the Funeral Mass will be at 12noon**

Please let us continue to remember to pray for the repose of his soul. Eternal rest grant unto oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all faithful departed rest in peace. Amen! We are looking at hiring a coach to take parishioners to the funeral Mass of Fr. David Williamson on the 31st, subject to interest. A flipchart will be going up in the Church porch for those who wish to attend Please sign up by **19th May** so we can look at costs.

REV BECKY LEACH LEAVING ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

After 8 years Becky is leaving to become Chaplain at St Clare's Hospice, Hastingwood, near Harlow. All are welcome at her Farewell Service at St Stephen's on **Sunday 16 June at 10.00 am**.

LOURDES

If you donated for a candle/prayer at Lourdes, your postcard has been brought back and is available for collection from the parish office.

ALBAN PROCESSION - Saturday 22 June

The heart of St Albans beats a little faster this year! For the first time, the [Alban Pilgrimage](#) procession unites with the vibrant Alban Festival on a single day. Witness the awe-inspiring spectacle of 12ft puppets weaving through the streets, retelling the story of St Alban. We will walk from St Bart's after the 9am Holy Mass or meet under our banner at St Peter's Church at 11am, and our magnificent journey will take us down St Peter's Street and onto the High Street, culminating with an eye-popping spectacle at the West End of the Cathedral. Come and celebrate the feast of the first saint and martyr of our city and England!

UPCOMING TALK

"Full Speed Ahead: the journey we need to travel ecumenically" a talk to be given by Bishop John Gladwin in St Bartholomew's Church Hall on Saturday 8th June, 10.30 for 11.00. All welcome.



CONTACTLESS DONATION MACHINE QR CODE

We are grateful for your continuing support of the parish. Donations for offertory, votive candles, heating fundraising and flowers for the Church can also be made using the contactless machine or the QR code above. You can also gift-aid your donation if you are a UK taxpayer. Using the camera on your phone point your phone at the QR code and a yellow box will appear "mydona.com", press that and it will take you through the options. THANK YOU.

GIFT AID: If you are no longer paying sufficient tax to be eligible to gift aid your donations, we need to know so that we can update our records. If you are not gift-aiding your offertory donations and would like to do so, please complete the form at the back of the Church and return it to the office. You must be a UK taxpayer and pay at least as much Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year as the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all your donations. Many thanks to everybody for their continued support of the Parish.

WELCOMERS ARE NEEDED URGENTLY:

We need some volunteers to take the office of Welcoming Ministry for all the Masses, especially, at 6.00pm Mass, and also some people to help after 8.30 Mass at the Tea/Coffee bar for us.

DAY FOR LIFE - Sunday, 16 June 2024

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, Day for Life is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. This year it falls on 16 June. The theme is The Lord is my Shepherd - Compassion and Hope at the End of Life.

RIP - MARTIN McEVOY

We are sorry to announce Martin McEvoy's departure into his eternal home with God. His requiem Mass will take place on **Wednesday 21st May at 10.30 am**. We send our deepest sympathy and condolences to his family, relatives and friends. Remember them in your prayers, and pray for the repose of his soul. May he rest in perfect peace. Amen!

ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC CHURCH

We have the following vacancies: Attendance Officer, Learning Support Assistant (Primary), Cover Supervisor, Primary School Teacher. If you, or anyone else you know of, maybe interested please visit our website at:

<https://strichardreynolds.org.uk/whole-college/vacancies-2/>

Contact details: recruitment@srrcc.org.uk or call 020 8325 4630 and ask for Mrs Twose

SUSTFEST 24 7th-16th June

[SustFest24 - Sustainability Festival - Sustainable St Albans](#) Varied and inspirational events are packed into the two-week annual sustainability festival held in St Albans and the surrounding area. This year many of the events have been brought together under one roof for the first ever **SustFest Expo**, to be held on 7-9th June in the Alban Arena in St Albans town centre.

2023 PARISH FINANCE ACCOUNTS

We are to share with you the Parish Finance accounts for 2023. These will be added to the website.