



St Alban's Parish Church



Sunday 26th October The Last Sunday after Trinity

As we gather to worship, we reflect on the nature of our relationship with God and on how we come into closer proximity to God to worship. In our readings we will hear how God values humility above piety and is just and merciful to those who have humble hearts.

9.00 am Said Mass Fr Graham

10.00 am Parish Mass
President and Preacher Fr Graham
Readings Patrick Newman
Intercessions Geraldine Rainey
Eucharistic Minister Jim Weller

6.00pm Evening Prayer Fr Graham

Today at the Parish Mass:

Hymns: NEH 461, 383, 273, 440 (omit*)

During the Week

Tues 28th Ss Simon & Jude **19.00** Said Mass Mtr Linda
Thurs 30th **10.00** Said Mass Mtr Linda

WELCOME We are really pleased to see you.

If you have any queries or are unsure about anything please ask.

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Next Sunday 2nd November All Saints

We share the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom where Christ reigns for ever. In his name we offer our prayers and praises to our heavenly King.

Readings

First Reading **Daniel 7:1-3.15-18**
Whatever may happen in human history, God's people will have a place in God's kingdom.

Second Reading **Ephesians 1:11-end**
As God's own people through Christ, we have a glorious and eternal inheritance.

Gospel **Luke 6:20-31**
Jesus sets out the values that characterise God's kingdom. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping and hated will experience a reversal of fortune, as will those who are rich, well fed and spoken well of. He finishes with an exhortation to "do to others as you would have them do to you".

Services

9.00 am Said Mass Fr Graham

10.00 am Parish Mass
President and Preacher Fr Graham
Readings Sr Julie
Intercessions John Appleby
Eucharistic Minister Wendy Bishop

6.00pm Evening Prayer Jim Weller

Dates for your Diary:

Saturday 29th November Christmas Fayre
Sunday 14th December Buckrose Band Christmas Concert.

Digital and Online Giving

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First Reading Joel 2:23-end

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

Psalm 65:1-5



Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.
To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins;
when our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away. **R.**

Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there.
We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house,
even of your holy temple. **R.**

With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.
In your strength you set fast the mountains
and are girded about with might. **R.**

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8.16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 18:9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

Intercessions

We pray for those who are marginalised, in the world and the church community; that they might find welcome, respect and belonging.

We pray for those who are persecuted or oppressed for being minorities, especially for those who are persecuted on grounds of belief.

We pray for those in authority; that they might act with gentleness and compassion and avoid arrogance and hard-heartedness.

We pray for all who are distressed, ill or dying; that they might find comfort and the knowledge of God's love and mercy.

We pray for the departed, especially those we have known and loved. This week we remember George Thorley, Monica Thorley, Norman Lister, Muriel Callan, Joseph Drifill, Cedric Marshall.