



St Alban's Parish Church



Sunday 21st June
St Alban's Day

St Alban gave himself up for his friend and was the first in this land to shed his blood for Christ. We celebrate his feast and pray that we may never be ashamed to confess our faith in the crucified Christ.

9.00 am Said Mass Fr Graham

10.00 am Parish Mass

President Mtr Linda **Preacher** Fr Graham
Readings Geraldine Rainey
Intercessions John Appleby
Eucharistic Minister John Hotchin

6.00pm Evening Prayer Mtr Linda

Today at the Parish Mass:

Hymns: Booklet

During the Week

Tues 23rd St Ethelreda **19.00 Said Mass** Fr Graham
Thur 25th **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.

St Alban (3rd century)

St Alban was the first British martyr in the mid-3rd century). He was a Roman soldier who lived in Verulamium (now St Albans) and sheltered a fleeing Christian during a persecution. He was converted, and was executed.

All we know about Alban is all we need to know: that he was faced unexpectedly with a simple, straightforward decision, and he made the right choice. His entire life and character that were summed up in that single split-second decision.

A Prayer for St Alban's

God of Mission who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Next Sunday 28th June The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

The theme of our worship is the reward of selfless giving. In humility and honesty we reflect on how this applies to us and pray about how our words and actions affect those around us.

Readings

First Reading **Jeremiah 28:5-9**
Jeremiah addresses the false prophet Hananiah, warning that prophecies of peace will come to pass only when the Lord has sent a real prophet.

Second Reading **Romans 6:12-end**
Paul urges his listeners not to succumb to sinful ways, since they are not under law but under grace. Former slaves to sin have become slaves of righteousness, and God's free gift is eternal life in Christ.

Gospel **Matthew 10:40-end**
Jesus explains that anyone who welcomes one of his disciples receives Jesus himself and, by extension, his heavenly Father. Even the smallest gesture of kindness will be rewarded.

Services

9.00 am Said Mass Fr Graham

10.00 am Parish Mass

President and Preacher Fr Graham
Readings Andrew Mould
Intercessions Ian Franklin
Eucharistic Minister Geraldine Rainey
6.00pm Evening Prayer Fr Graham

Stewardship

This QR Code can be easily scanned by anyone wanting to make an online one off donation or a regular gift to St Alban's. Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you to everybody who has shown interest in the Parish Giving Scheme and how it can be used for your personal giving whilst also greatly helping St. Alban's income, charges and cash flow. If you have any further questions - or if you would like any support to transition to PGS please let Jim, our treasurer, know



Notices

Parish Lunch today in church

Enjoy the music provided by Eclectic while the buffet is set out.

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First Reading Isaiah 44:21-26a

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you, you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it; shout, O depths of the earth; break forth into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it!

For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and will be glorified in Israel.

Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb: I am the LORD, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who by myself spread out the earth; who frustrates the omens of liars, and makes fools of diviners; who turns back the wise, and makes their knowledge foolish; who confirms the word of his servant, and fulfils the prediction of his messengers; who says of Jerusalem, 'It shall be inhabited', and of the cities of Judah, 'They shall be rebuilt, and I will raise up their ruins';

Responsorial Psalm 31



In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; ♦ deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me. ♦ Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my stronghold. **R**

Guide me and lead me for your name's sake, ♦ Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me, for you are my strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit; ♦ for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

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Second Reading Romans 12:14-21

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel Acclamation

Happy are those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Intercessions

We pray for people throughout the world who live in dangerous situations, whether at the mercy of the elements, or in turbulent political situations; that they will know the Lord will abide with them throughout their trials and reward them at the last.

We pray for new Christians everywhere; that their zeal for faith in Jesus will be set within a wide narrative of his salvation for the whole world, and directed towards a life of service in his name.

We pray for those who have never experienced prayer or communion with God and for those who struggle to find direction and purpose; that the Lord will open their ears and expand their hearts to be receptive to his call.

We pray for ourselves, when following Jesus is difficult; that we will remember to call on the Lord to help us in our faith.

We pray for all who are troubled, sick, or anxious, for those who are overwhelmed by life, all who are in pain, and for those who are grieving. We pray especially those we know, for their families and carers, and for all who are in need of our prayers.

We give thanks for those who have gone before us, carrying the stories of the faith down the centuries. May those who have recently died find their place with them in the presence of Christ; along with those whose years mind occurs this week including:

Mary Shelley, Mark Chester, Ann Venter.