



St Alban's Parish Church



Sunday 18th October St Luke the Evangelist

On St Luke's Day we remember the strength and hope that God gives in our times of need, worshipping the Lord of all mercy and trust God with our lives.

9.00 am **Said Mass** Fr Graham

10.00 am **Parish Mass**
President Fr Graham **Preacher** Mtr Linda
Readings Sister Julie
Intercessions Liz Pacey
Eucharistic Minister Wendy Bishop

6.00pm Evening Prayer Liz Pacey

Today at the Parish Mass:

Hymns: NEH 466, 360, 431, 338

During the Week

Tues 20th **19.00 Said Mass** Fr Graham
Thur 22nd **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.

Intercessions

We pray for Elizabeth and Rachel as they are commissioned as Mustard Seed Community Ministers today.

We pray for all who find themselves in need today. May they know encouragement and hope for all they face.

We pray for all who work in healthcare. May they find the strength they need to care with skill, efficiency and compassion.

We pray for all who are sick, and for those who love and care for them. May they know healing in all the ways they need.

We pray for all who are close to the end of their earthly life. May they know peace of mind and freedom from fear.

We pray for all those who have died recently and those we have known and loved whose years mind falls this week:

Alice Cooper, May Hopper, Kenneth Lord, David Downing, Elsie Blackburn, Jane Redpath, Nellie Gresham, Ivan Forward, Lillian Donaldson, Eva Smart, Betty Callan, Norah Wildridge.

Next Sunday 25th October The Last Sunday after Trinity

We listen as Jesus enters into a debate about the identity of the long-awaited messiah. We join together to praise and worship with all our heart and soul God the Father, who sends his Son to bring salvation to us.

First Reading Leviticus 19:1-2. 15-18

The Lord gives Moses commandments concerning relationships among the people of Israel. These are summed up in the words 'you shall love your neighbour as yourself'.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Paul writes of his ministry among the Thessalonians: his courage in God to declare the Gospel, his personal integrity and his love for those who received his message.

Gospel Matthew 22:34-end

Jesus enters into a question-and-answer session with some Jewish leaders, who end up unable either to answer him or to ask him any further questions.

Services

9.00 am **Said Mass** Fr Graham

10.00 am **Parish Mass**
President Mtr Linda **Preacher** Fr Graham
Readings Andrew Mould
Intercessions Geraldine Rainey
Eucharistic Minister John Hotchin

3.30pm Pet Blessing Service Mtr Linda

6.00pm Evening Prayer Fr Graham

Mustard Seed Prayer

Lord Jesus, you show us what life could be. Help us to plant your seeds of hope in places where life is tough, so that people can find your love and your way.

We offer this small prayer, like a mustard seed, for your kingdom to come among us.
Amen

Stewardship

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First Reading Isaiah 35:3-6

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

Psalm 99, 1-7



The Lord is king: let the peoples tremble;
he is enthroned above the cherubim: let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion
and high above all peoples.
Let them praise your name, which is great and awesome;
the Lord our God is holy. **R**

Mighty king, who loves justice,
you have established equity;
You have executed justice and righteousness
in Jacob.
Exalt the Lord our God;
bow down before his footstool, for he is holy. **R**

Moses and Aaron among his priests
and Samuel among those who call upon his name;
they called upon the Lord and he answered them.
He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the law that he gave them. **R**

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:5-17

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

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.

Gospel acclamation

Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

Gospel Luke 10:1-9

After this the Lord appointed seventy[a] others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."