St Alban's Parish Church



Sunday 15th November
The Second Sunday before Advent

Rejoicing in the glorious diversity of humanity, we come together to pray, to worship and to give glory to God, who has given each one of us some special talent perfectly designed to help us accomplish God's purposes.

9.00 am **Said Mass** Fr Graham

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

6.00pm Deanery Service (Choral Evensong)

Today at the Parish Mass:
Hymns: NH&WS 142, 309, 323, 168

During the Week

Tues 17th *St Hugh of Lincoln* **19.00 Said Mass** Fr Graham
Thur 19th *St Hilda of Whitby* **10.00 Said Mass** Fr Graham

WELCOME We are really pleased to see you. If you have any queries or are unsure about anything please ask.

Intercessions

We pray for that we will be open to the opportunities we have to transmit God's grace to one another -friends, family, colleagues and strangers.
We pray that we will work together to rediscover our common morality and that God's truth will prevail.
We pray that God will help us to discern the special talents and gifts we have been given and guide us in using them.
We pray that the Lord will grow close to people facing challenges that appear to be insurmountable – for those overwhelmed by what lies ahead; for those who feel lonely, helpless and frightened.
We pray for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, including Nicola Blake, Alison McKnight, John Appleby, John Craven, David Craven, Kevin Kelly, Nerys Martin, Marie Askey, Pam Hickling, Liz Donaldson, John Duffield, Kevin Moore, Jonathan Stone, John Weller, Steve, Sandra, Chris.
We pray for all who have recently died along with those whose years mind occurs this week including: Alice Beall, Robert Minter, Hilda Brown, Francis Pluves, Don Bulmer, Patti Neale, Enid Day, Stan Petterson, Arthur Busby.

Next Sunday 22nd November
Christ the King

'Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,' sings the psalmist. 'Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.' So let us join our worship and praise with those of all who have gone before us.

First Reading **Ezekiel 34:11-16. 20-24**
The future welfare of God's people rests solely on God's gracious mercy and care.
Second Reading **Ephesians 1:15-end**
The Lord Jesus in whom we put our trust is the eternal ruler of the universe at the right hand of God the Father.
Gospel **Matthew 25:31-end**
Christ the King asks kindness and compassion of his followers, and it is those qualities on which we will finally be judged.

Services

9.00 am **Said Mass** Fr Graham

10.00 am **Parish Mass**
President and **Preacher** Fr Graham
Readings Patrick Newman
Intercessions Judy Appleby
Eucharistic Minister Liz Pacey

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.

Christ Lives Here

As at beginning of November, 17 people have signed to sponsor the Sanctuary lamp. Keeping the lamp burning tells everybody coming into our church that Christ lives with us and among us.

Notices

Saturday 28th 1-3pm Christmas Fayre
Advent Sunday 29th After Mass Our Lady's Bookshop will have a stall at the back of church.
Sunday 13th December 2.00pm
Christmas Concert by Buckrose Concert Band

Serving the parish with you:

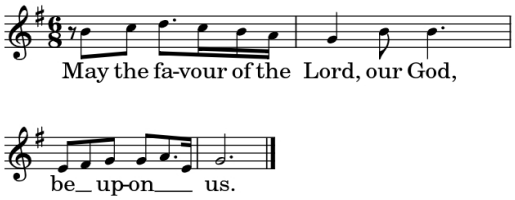
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First Reading Zephaniah 1:7. 12-end

Be silent before the Sovereign Lord,
for the day of the Lord is near.
The Lord has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated those he has invited.
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Psalm 90, 1-6



Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were formed,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God. ***R.***

You turn us back to dust and say;
"Turn back, O children of earth."
For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday,
which passes like a watch in the night. ***R.***

You sweep them away like a dream;
they fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up ad withered. ***R.***

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'Peace and safety', destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.
But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Gospel acclamation

Stay awake and stay ready, for you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

'Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.
'After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more."
'His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"
'The man with two bags of gold also came. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with two bags of gold: see, I have gained two more."
'His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"
'Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. "Master," he said, "I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you."
'His master replied, "You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.
'"So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Please use this sheet in your prayers