



St Alban's Parish Church



Sunday 23rd March The Third Sunday in Lent

We give thanks for the opportunities God gives us to change and learn. Despite our many failures, we can always make a new start thanks to the work of Jesus.

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 Sue Storey

6.00pm Evening Prayer Fr Graham

Today at the Parish Mass:
Hymns: NEH 360, 94, 379

During the Week

Tues 25th 19.00 **Said Mass** Fr Graham
Thurs 27th 10.00 **Said Mass** Mtr Linda
Fri 28th 19.00 **Stations of the Cross** 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 all those who are responsible for decisions that affect the nations and their people and for all those in positions of power, that they may have wisdom and humility.

We pray for those who are brought low by failure. We think of those who have caused harm to others and are full of guilt, believing they are beyond redemption.

We pray for those who are sick or struggling. We ask for confidence that God is with them even in the darkest times.

We pray for the departed, for those who have recently died and those whom we have loved: especially those we know including: Mildred Sheffield, William Sheffield, Sheila Batten, Beryl Goodier, Joseph Flint, Karen Parker, Elizabeth Thompson, Mary Jago, Kenneth Savory, Kathleen Childs.

**Please use this sheet
in your prayers**

Next Sunday 30th March Mothering Sunday

When a mother looks at her newborn child all other preoccupations dissolve in love. Whether or not we are parents, this Mothering Sunday we are asking God to show us such a pure quality of love.

First Reading 1 Samuel 1:20-end

When Hannah gives birth to her miracle baby, she dedicates and names him Samuel, beginning the Davidic dynasty. This faithful mother leaves a legacy.

Second Reading Colossians 3:12-17

As we spiritually dress ourselves, we are to put on compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience, bearing with and forgiving one another.

Gospel Luke 2:33-35

Simeon's famous prophecy to the parents of the baby Jesus. He tells Mary that "a sword will pierce your own soul too".

Services

9.00 am Said Mass Fr Graham

10.00 am Parish Mass
President – Mtr Linda **Preacher -** Fr Graham
Readings Organisations
Intercessions Organisations
Eucharistic Minister Geraldine Rainey
6.00pm Evening Prayer Fr Graham

Notices

The new weekly envelopes (start 6 April 25) are available to collect from the back of church. Our **Lent Appeal** this year is for Dove House Hospice.

Digital and Online Giving

St Alban's relies solely on donations to maintain services and our work in the community. We know people want to be generous but don't always have the means at hand to make a donation when they are in church.

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First Reading Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not
bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of
Israel,
for he has glorified you.
Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have
mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalm 63, 1-6



O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul is athirst for you.
My flesh also faints for you,
as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.

So would I gaze upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and glory.
Your loving-kindness is better than life itself
And so my lips shall praise you.

I will bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.
My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and
fatness,
and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and
sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud,
and all passed through the sea, and all were
baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the
sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all
drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from

the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock
was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased
with most of them, and they were struck down in
the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so
that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not
become idolaters as some of them did; as it is
written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and
they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual
immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three
thousand fell in a single day. We must not put
Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were
destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as
some of them did, and were destroyed by the
destroyer. These things happened to them to serve
as an example, and they were written down to
instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have
come. So if you think you are standing, watch out
that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you
that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and
he will not let you be tested beyond your strength,
but with the testing he will also provide the way out
so that you may be able to endure it.

Gospel Acclamation

I will leave this place and go to my father and say:
"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against
you".

Gospel Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told
him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had
mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do
you think that because these Galileans suffered in
this way they were worse sinners than all other
Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you
will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who
were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—
do you think that they were worse offenders than all
the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but
unless you repent, you will all perish just as they
did.'

Then he told this parable:
'A man had a fig tree
planted in his vineyard;
and he came looking for
fruit on it and found
none. So he said to the
gardener, "See here! For
three years I have come
looking for fruit on this
fig tree, and still I find
none. Cut it down! Why
should it be wasting the
soil?" He replied, "Sir,
let it alone for one more
year, until I dig round it
and put manure on it. If
it bears fruit next year,
well and good; but if not,
you can cut it down."'



