

St Alban's Parish Church



Sunday 21st May Seventh Sunday of Easter

Jesus leaves his disciples as he returns to his heavenly Father. We reflect today on what it means to live in the post-ascension world, shaped by the transforming power of the resurrection.

9.00 am Said Mass Fr Graham

10.00 am Parish Mass
President and Preacher Fr Graham
Readings Jim Weller
Intercessions Geraldine Rainey

6.00pm Evening Prayer Fr Graham

Today at the Parish Mass:
Hymns: NEH 349, 296, 304

During the Week

Tues 23rd 19.00 Said Mass Fr Graham

Thur 25th 10.00 *The Venerable Bede*
Said Mass Fr John

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

Intercessions

We pray that the Church may be renewed in its mission to the whole world – to share the news of God's love with all people.

We pray for the world, longing to hear of love, peace and joy. May all God's children find life and hope and share in the world's good gifts.

We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith; for all who are silenced, imprisoned or exiled on account of Christ. May they find fresh strength and hope in God's power to transform the world.

We pray for all who are mourning, especially for those for whom grief is sharp today. May they find hope in the promises of Christ.

We remember those who have died, giving thanks for those who have been precious to us. May they, and we, come to know God's life in fullness.

We pray for those who have recently died, together with all whose years mind occurs this week; Andrea Brown, Pat Day, Monica Cranswick, Charles Mowforth, James William Jago.

Next Sunday 28th May Pentecost Sunday

We remember the day when the Holy Spirit came to bring power and strength to the new Church. As we rejoice, we reflect on what the presence of the Holy Spirit means for us today.

First Reading Acts 2:1-21

The Holy Spirit dramatically fills the disciples and they speak in many languages, amazing those who hear them.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul lists the gifts of the Holy Spirit, telling the Corinthians that the Holy Spirit inspires us to say "Jesus is Lord".

Gospel John 7:37-39

At the Jewish festival of the Tabernacles, Jesus tells the crowd to come to him and drink if they are thirsty. Speaking of the Holy Spirit, he reminds them of the scripture which tells them that rivers of living water shall flow from a believer's heart.

Services

9.00 am Said Mass Fr Graham

10.00 am Parish Mass
President Mtr Linda **Preacher** Fr Graham
Readings John Hotchin
Intercessions Mark Lindsay

6.00pm Evening Prayer Mr Jim Weller

Notices

18th June - St Alban's Day Lunch followed by a Buckrose Band Concert.

Lent Appeal The portable generator and tourniquets have been very gratefully received in Yaltushkiv and Odesa respectively.

Church Finance: In April we received £4,386 and we spent £6,512

So far this year we have received £13,938 and we have spent £32,215

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First Reading**Acts 1:6-14**

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Responsorial Psalm: 68 verses 1-6**R.**

Our God is a God of sal - va - tion.

Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered; ♦
let those that hate him flee before him.
As the smoke vanishes, so may they vanish
away; ♦
as wax melts at the fire,
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. **R**

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before
God; ♦
let them make merry with gladness.
Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
exalt him who rides on the clouds. ♦
The Lord is his name; rejoice before him. **R**

Father of the fatherless, defender of widows, ♦
God in his holy habitation!
God gives the solitary a home
and brings forth prisoners to songs of welcome, ♦
but the rebellious inhabit a burning desert. **R**

Second Reading 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled

for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you,
and your hearts will be full of joy.
Alleluia!

Gospel**John 17:1-11**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

