

St Alban's Parish Church



Sunday 28th August Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Our Bible readings invite us to look deep into the meaning of hospitality, recognising its place at the heart of the kingdom of God. Our place in it depends on God's infinite and generous hospitality, and we are called to reflect that hospitality in our relationships with others.

9.00 am Said Mass Fr Graham

10.00 am Parish Mass
President and Preacher Fr Graham
Readings Ian Franklin
Intercessions Jim Weller

18.00 Evening Prayer Mtr Linda

Today at the Parish Mass:
Hymns: NEH 362, 383, 74

During the Week

Tues 30th 19.00 Said Mass Mtr Linda
Thurs 1st 10.00 Said Mass

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

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Next Sunday 4th September Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Jesus makes it clear that if we wish to be genuine disciples we must make the choice to follow him wholeheartedly. So, let us each, in our heart, agree to be wholehearted in our worship.

Readings

First Reading Deuteronomy 30:15-end
A choice between life and death is put before us – a choice between idolatry and worship of God alone. We have a God who loves us but will not force the choice upon us. We must make the choice to walk in the ways of the one who loves us, so that we may have life.

Second Reading Philemon 1-21

This letter is about how Christians relate to each other and face very difficult choices, as their call to love can involve going against what is ingrained in society. The love that Christ calls for overrides all our barriers and boundaries

Gospel Luke 14:25-33

If we are truly to follow Jesus, we must take up his cross daily. Discipleship is no easy journey – we must give ourselves without reserve, giving up our earthly attachments. Discipleship has its cost and we have tough choices to make.

Services

9.00 am Said Mass Fr Graham

10.00 am Parish Mass
President and Preacher Fr Graham
Readings John Hotchin
Intercessions Elizabeth Franklin

18.00 Evening Prayer Mr Jim Weller

Notices

Our Food Pantry is in desperate need of food, especially tins, jars, packets (including cereals), tea, coffee, biscuits, sugar.

Proms concert by Buckrose Band Sat 17th Sept.

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.

Information and Notices for Pew Sheet
to Elizabeth Franklin elmfranklin@gmail.com

First Reading Ecclesiasticus 10:12-18

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord;
the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.
For the beginning of pride is sin,
and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.
Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of
calamities,
and destroys them completely.
The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers,
and enthrones the lowly in their place.
The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations,
and plants the humble in their place.
The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations,
and destroys them to the foundations of the earth.
He removes some of them and destroys them,
and erases the memory of them from the earth.
Pride was not created for human beings,
or violent anger for those born of women.

Responsorial Psalm 68:4-7, 10-11

R.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R.**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom: **R.**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved you gave them new life.
It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R.**

Second reading Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show
hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have
entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those
who are in prison, as though you were in prison with
them; those who are being tortured, as though you
yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in
honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept
undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and
adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money,
and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I
will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with
confidence,

'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of
God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life,
and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let
us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is,
the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to
do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices
are pleasing to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the
house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on
the sabbath, they were watching him closely.
When he noticed how the guests chose the places
of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are
invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not
sit down at the place of honour, in case someone
more distinguished than you has been invited by
your host; and the host who invited both of you may
come and say to you, "Give this person your place",
and then in disgrace you would start to take the
lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit
down at the lowest place, so that when your host
comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up
higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence
of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt
themselves will be humbled, and those who humble
themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When
you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your
friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich
neighbours, in case they may invite you in return,
and you would be repaid. But when you give a
banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and
the blind. And you will be blessed, because they
cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the
resurrection of the righteous.'

Intercessions

We pray for the Church, and especially for the
hospitality it extends in so many ways, through services
of worship, coffee mornings and toddler groups, through
baptisms, weddings and funerals, and much more. May
we never tire of opening our doors and hearts to
strangers, and may all who come find welcome.

We pray for the world, and especially for all places of
turmoil, distress and disaster. Through God's power and
compassion, may helpers be found in every place of
need. May justice and mercy flow into the darkest
situations and into the heart of every world leader.

We pray for all those battling with health issues,
whether in themselves or in those dear to them. May
they know peace and strength. We also pray for all
those in the medical profession – may the compassion
that is at the heart of healing be restored and sustained
in every medical encounter.

We remember those who have gone ahead through the
gates of death. May each know the fullness of God's
hospitality for all eternity. Let us give thanks for all who
have been dear to us, and especially for those whose
lives have shown us something of God's love.

We pray for those who have died recently; along with
those whose years mind occurs this week including Alf
Dales, Rose Hillman, Kim Button (priest), Gladys Smith,
Charles Day, Daniel Downing, Joyce Busby.