



# St Alban's Parish Church



## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December Advent Sunday

Moving into Advent, we prepare to see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory".

**9.00 am Said Mass** Fr Graham

**10.00 am Parish Mass**  
**President and Preacher** Fr Graham  
**Readings** Jim Hickey  
**Intercessions** Andrew Mould  
**Eucharistic Minister** Andrew Mould

**6.00pm Evening Prayer** Fr Graham

**Today at the Parish Mass:**  
**Hymns:** NEH 9, 16, 3

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### During the Week

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> St Francis Xavier 19.00 Said Mass** Fr Graham  
**Thur 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Notices

**Advent Course** is looking at prayer and how to pray. Sign up on sheet at back.

**Christmas Fayre** This Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Stubs and money to Joan ASAP, please.

### Our Lady's Bookshop

Next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December. After Mass

**Christmas Concert** : Buckrose Concert Band  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm. Free entry.

Thank you to all who supported the Scout group sponsored walk which has raised approximately £1,000



## Next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December Second Sunday of Advent

The prophets called all people, not just God's people, to hear God's word and to respond. Giving thanks for their witness, may we also hear God's vision for us and our generations, finding the confidence, language and actions to make Christ visible throughout our own society.

**First Reading Baruch 5**  
Through inspirational, lyrical language, Baruch challenges Jerusalem to look beyond present crises and to respond with joy rather than sorrow, trusting in the promise of God's covenant.

**Second Reading Philippians 1:3-11**  
Joyfully, Paul gives thanks for the Philippian Christians, confident that their strong faith will hold firm until they become witnesses to the completion of God's unfolding plan.

**Gospel Luke 3:1-6**  
Citing Isaiah, Luke describes the call of John the Baptist, whose prophecies of divinely authored change stir up society with a challenge to recognise God's work and to respond.

### Services

**9.00 am Said Mass** Fr Graham

**10.00 am Parish Mass**  
**President** Mtr Linda **Preacher** Fr Graham  
**Readings** John Appleby  
**Intercessions** Judy Appleby  
**Eucharistic Minister** Wendy Bishop

**6.00pm Evening Prayer** Jim Weller

### 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      Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

## Psalm 25, 1-6



To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust;  
let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me.  
Let none who look to you be put to shame, but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.  
Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;  
For you have I hoped all the day long.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.  
Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions,  
But think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love.

## Second Reading      1 Thessalonians 3:9-end

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel      Luke 21:25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

## Intercessions

**We pray for** the Church; that our eyes will be fixed upon God – may we trust God in glory.

**We pray for** those displaced by warfare and terror – may they trust God in glory.

**We pray for** those who cannot meet their debts – may they trust God in glory.

**We pray for** those facing life-changing illness – may they trust God in glory.

**We pray for** those burdened with loss and grief – may they trust God in glory.

**We pray for** those who have recently died; especially those whose years mind occurs this week including: Ethel Dales, Alice Overend, Mollie Johnson, Gladys Stock, Dilys Hine, Doreen Hopper, Eric Storey, George Smart, Harry Hayes, Hilda Gilbey, Ida Curbeson.

