

St Alban's Parish Church



Sunday 25th December Christmas Day

The glory of the Lord shines around us as we share good news of great joy for all people. Let us joyfully worship God who, in great tenderness, comes to dwell in our midst.

Christmas Day

No 9.00 am Mass

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

No Evening Prayer

Today at the Parish Mass:

Hymns: NEH 24, 29,22

During the Week

Mon 26th	10.00	Said Mass	Mtr Linda
Tues 27th	19.00	Said Mass	Fr Graham
Wed 28th	10.00	Said Mass	Mtr Linda
Thurs 29th	10.00	Said Mass	Fr Graham
Fri 30th	10.00	Said Mass	Mtr Linda
Sat 31st	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.

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,

Please use this in your prayers

Next Sunday 1st January Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

In our worship today let us bear in mind that in Jesus Christ we have a great Saviour and a high calling – and also that Christ makes us children of God.

Readings

First Reading Numbers 6:22-end
Known as the Aaronic blessing, these words have always been precious to God's people. The Hebrew is carefully crafted, with each line building in length. But no less important is the conclusion: "So they shall put my name on the Israelites". Attachment to God's name comes at a cost, but it is a blessing.

Second Reading Galatians 4:4-7
A perfect and succinct statement of the Gospel and its purpose in our lives. Here we have incarnation, full humanity, redemption, adoption, sanctification, our lives caught up in personal relationship within the Trinity, vocation and destiny. None of this is purely individual, but in the context of God's cosmic plan.

Gospel Luke 2:15-21
The angels have gone back into heaven. The flurry of the birth is over. Now the Son of God submits to the fleshly realities of humanity. Yet his divine origin is never forgotten, nor his divine purpose.

Services

9.00 am Mass Fr Graham

10.00 am Parish Mass
President and Preacher Fr Graham
Readings Andrew Mould
Intercessions John Appleby

6.00pm Evening Prayer Mr Jim Weller

Notices

Food placed in the box at the back of church will be shared between our **Pantry** and the **Hull Foodbank**. They need tins, jars, packets (including cereals), tea, coffee, biscuits, sugar.

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First reading Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion.

Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Responsorial Psalm 98

R.



Sing to the Lord a new song, ♦
for he has done marvellous things.
His own right hand and his holy arm ♦
have won for him the victory. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation; ♦
his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of
the nations.

He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the house of Israel, ♦

and all the ends of the earth have seen the
salvation of our God. **R.**

Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth; ♦
break into singing and make music.
Make music to the Lord with the lyre, ♦
with the lyre and the voice of melody. **R.**

Second reading Hebrews 1:1-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,
a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Intercessions

We pray for the world God came to save. May God's love and light be born anew in every place of darkness. As we hold before God the headlines that fill our news channels, so we pray that no situation be untouched by grace today.

We pray for the Church that bears Christ's name. May our life together reflect the joy and hope of Christmas, however challenging our circumstances.

We pray for those for whom Christmas is a difficult time – especially for those who are sick, and for those who care for them. We pray also for those who grieve through these days, and for all families where relationships are strained. May grace, courage and peace suffuse them all.

We pray for those who are close to death today, and for those who watch and wait with them. May they know deep peace and strength.

We pray for those who have recently died, together with all whose years mind occurs this week; Doris Marshall, David Batten, Margaret Rogerson, Brenda Grant. May the joy and life of God-with-us be theirs for all eternity.

