

Refugee Week

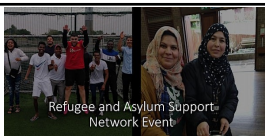
EVERY MIGRANT HAS A NAME, A FACE AND A STORY

Friday 23rd June 4-5pm, online As part of this week the Archdiocese

is hosting a conversation on 'Love the Stranger' - a new publication on migrants and refugees by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. We will discuss the principles it sets out, and review how our work with refugees has been lived out and celebrated during Refugee week.

The document can be found <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/love-the-stranger/>. Further details contact Pablo Guidi or visit <https://love-the-stranger.eventbrite.com>

'Celebrating Refugee' week at the Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Road L22 1RD, this Tuesday 20th June at 12 noon. Time of Creative Prayer then Guest Speaker Fr Peter Morgan. Followed by soup and a roll. EVERYONE VERY WELCOME. Contact The Irenaeus Project on 0151 949 1199 or email jennv@irenaeus.co.uk



Catholic Listeners

Catholic Listeners is a confidential telephone helpline service set up for those returning Catholics who want to return to the faith and need a safe space to be heard. A Diocese of Westminster initiative, the helpline is staffed by a team of volunteers who are welcoming, friendly, empathetic and non-judgemental. The helpline is also based on the Landings ethos of compassionate listening. Operating three days a week from 4pm -7pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays calls are free to the helpline on 0800 448 0704 or by email at Catholiclisteners@gmail.com

Catholic Listeners
Telephone Helpline



Spiritual life of our parish

At the Parish Council meeting on Monday evening, I asked, what can we do to improve the spiritual life of our parish? Now we have the Youth Club back in action, we have a space we can use, and it was suggested that we maybe have DVD evenings. There is a lovely series on the Life of Christ called The Chosen we could show, and maybe some movies. What do you think? Any other suggestions?

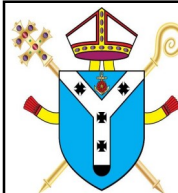
I also said that we could have a pilgrimage and/or a retreat. I was thinking of starting small, maybe going to Holywell in North Wales or the Ladywell shrine in Lancashire for a day. We could celebrate Mass and have a talk about the shrine and also a time of personal prayer. I was also thinking of maybe inviting a group in to lead a weekend retreat in the parish later in the year. Please come and talk to me and let me know what you think about these ideas, and what you want to see happening in the parish.



Day for Life

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. Today the church celebrates **a day for life**. The theme is 'Listen to Her' and focuses on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also men and others.

There will be a second collection for Day for Life today. The funds raised will support life projects across the whole spectrum of life. For more information on The Day for Life, please look at www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/



The Parish of
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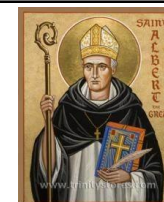
Parish Priest: Rev. David Gamble Parish Deacon: Rev. Daniel Piwowar

Newsletter



St Albert The Great RC Parish
Stockbridge Village

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11th Sunday of the Year (A)

18th June 2023

Mass Times & Intentions

Sunday 18th June
10.00am
5.00pm
(11th Sunday of the Year)
Mary Rice
Parishioners & Maria Kilgallon

Monday 19th June
No Mass

Tuesday 20th June
9.15am
(Saint Alban)
Sister Savio

Wednesday 21st June
9.15am
(St. Aloysius Gonzaga)
Peggy Duffy

Thursday 22nd June
9.15am
(Ss. John Fisher & Thomas More)
Cathy Creswell

Friday 23rd June
9.15am
Isabel Dunne

Saturday 24th June
9.15am
(Birth of Saint John the Baptist)
Sea Cadet Chaplains (North West)

Sunday 25th June
10.00am
5.00pm
(12th Sunday of the Year)
Tony Murphy
Parishioners



The harvest is rich but the labourers are few.

Please remember in your prayers:

The Sick in our parish:

Pat Fleming, Sylvia Fleming, Tobin Lee, Katie Westwell, Rose Mary Marston, Ethel Waite, Betty Carroll, Anne Viz, Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Tony Murphy, Carolyn Young, Canon Brendan Alger, Patricia Louise Jones, Mr & Mrs McDonagh, Christopher McRae, Sister Savio

Those who have died recently Peggy Duffy

*Eternal Rest, grant unto them O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace, Amen*

Altar Servers

I've received the names of 4 young people who would like to be Altar Servers, which is wonderful. Any more children who have made their First Holy Communion, who would like to become Altar Servers, please let me know this week. We will start your training very soon.



Parish Noticeboards

At the last Parish Council Meeting we discussed brightening up the area around the notice board in the church entrance and using it as an opportunity to display artwork created by children and adults from the parish. The theme of the display will be 'God's Awesome Creation' so it would be great to include your drawings and paintings of birds, flowers, animals, trees, fish, stars, butterflies, landscapes, people, insects and anything else you can think of. Remember to put your name clearly on the back of your artwork so we can include it in the display.



Parish Day Out— Save the date!

I have promised to take the Altar Servers out as a thank you for all their hard work over the year, and I would like to open it up to the parish. So this is a save the date notice—our parish day out will be **Tuesday 27th July**. All parishioners are welcome to join us, but all children (apart from the Servers) **must be accompanied by an adult!** I am looking around to see where we will go and will let you know next week and the cost of the day.



Parish Mass Times

Over the past few months I have been reflecting on the times of Masses, our numbers and if there are any tweaks or changes we could make. I have come up with the following suggestions.



Weekdays: At present our Mass is at 9.15am Tuesday to Saturday, and the biggest congregation we have had is 8. I wonder if the timing is too early, so I am proposing to move it to 10.00am with Exposition moving to 9.00am.

Sundays: People asked if we could have a Saturday evening Mass. I am reluctant to put one on, as there are many in the Deanery and there are times I am asked to cover Saturday Masses, when a priest is away, as some have covered our 5.00pm Mass. Mass at 10.00am seems to be popular time so I am proposing we keep this Mass at this time.

The 5.00pm Mass is poorly attended and there have been times we have not even reached double figures in the congregation. I am proposing, that we drop the Sunday evening Mass, and go down to one Mass on a Sunday.

One benefit of having just one Sunday Mass is that the whole of the parish community come together as one family around the table of the Lord, and we get to know each other, not just the community of the Mass we attend.

I have used the word proposed a number of times and that is what this is a proposal for changes in our Mass times. Nothing is set in stone, and nothing will change until you have had your say. Please come and talk to me, and let me know what you think of the changes proposed. Your view is important to me and I want to hear what you think. Please do let me know and I promise every view will be taken into consideration, if we make any changes to our Mass times.

Catholic Social Action

This month I have been working with colleagues on the Archdiocese environmental policy and strategy. This is in a response to Pope Francis's 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'*; to care for and protect our common home. It follows the call by Archbishop Malcolm to respond to the Ecological Crisis and the practical guidance issued to all Diocesan Departments by the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales in 2019. We work on this applying the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and the methodology of See – Judge – Act. You too can be part of this process, by joining the Environment event on the 15th June (see bulletin). For more information, email p.guidi@rcaol.org.uk

To book a place or for more information, Contact Pablo or visit https://Archdiocese_environment_network.eventbrite.com