ST ALBAN’S R.C. PARISH, WINSLOW
Pastoral Area of Milton Keynes / Diocese of Northampton

Worshipping at
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The God Who Speaks: The Year of the Word
in the Catholic Church in England & Wales

PLEASE NOTE THAT, DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC, THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES HAVE SUSPENDED ALL PUBLIC WORSHIP FOR THE TIMEBEING.
THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.

Cardinal Nichol’s Address on the current situation: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/43836-2/

Live screenings of Mass on Weekdays and Sundays (including schedule) at our Cathedral: https://northamptondiocese.org/live/

The text of the readings for Daily and Sunday Mass can be found at: https://www.universalis.com/mass.htm

THIS NEWSLETTER WILL BE UPDATED WEEKLY ON THE PARISH WEBSITE

NOTICES FOR SATURDAY, 20th June, 2020
SOLEMNITY OF ST ALBAN, PROTOMARTYR, PATRON OF OUR PARISH
(5 pages in total)

TODAY’S LOCAL CELEBRATION OF ST ALBAN takes precedence over the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Homily and Sunday Plus on the website are of the Sunday. Prayers in honour of St Alban (and also Scripture references for readings at Mass of our Saint) can be found on the next page.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS, especially: Kenneth Lee, Yvonne Williams, Angela Dale, and Mary Lyons.

CATHOLIC CHURCHES OPEN IN THE PASTORAL AREA: Below is a list (from the diocesan website) of Catholic churches locally which are occasionally open. Do find an opportunity to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament. St Laurence is open Mon-Sat 10am to 6pm, Sun 12 to 6pm.

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EXPOSOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT has been permitted by Bishop David as long as it begins before a church is unlocked and ends after locking when the people have gone.
PRAYERS IN HONOUR OF ST ALBAN

It is a great pity that we cannot be together today to celebrate our Parish Saint, but do consider saying the following prayers in his honour today or sometime over the coming week in his honour. Pray for our Parish and all who live in Winslow and its surrounding villages.

Invocation (from an ancient Office Hymn)

Hail, First Martyr of the English!
Soldier of the King of Angels!
Oh, Alban, Flower of Martyrs!
Pour fourth your prayers to the Lord
For the salvation of the Faithful!

Excerpts from A History of the English People by St Bede the Venerable

Alban, though still a pagan, gave shelter to a Christian priest who was fleeing from his persecutors. In the days that followed, Alban observed this man’s constant faithfulness in prayer and vigil, and was touched by the grace of God and began to imitate the priest’s example of faith and devotion. Little by little, he received the priest’s instruction in the way of salvation until one day Alban renounced the darkness of idolatry, and whole heartedly accepted Christ.

Seeing Alban, the judge was furious that he had presumed to put himself in such danger by surrendering himself to the soldiers in place of his guest. But Saint Alban, who freely confessed himself a Christian to the enemies of the faith, was not intimidated. “My parents named me Alban,” he said, “and I worship and adore the living and true God, who created all things.”

Prayer to St Alban

O HOLY ALBAN, by the grace of God you gave up your life for your friend, and you were the first in this land to shed your blood for Christ.
Pray for the conversion of this country and this parish, that we may be a people dedicated to the love and service of our Lord Jesus Christ, fighting valiantly against the lures of sin, against ignorance and against ungodliness, for peace and concord, for civility and purity.

Obtain for us by your prayer the graces and virtues which were manifested in your life and your death, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Intercessions**

We pray for all living members of the clergy who have served our Parish. May they, through the grace of God and fidelity to prayer, be ever warm and welcoming pastors of God’s holy people.

For all those in our town and neighbouring villages, that they may be touched by the same kindness and generosity of our active parishioners which St Alban showed to his priest, and so come alive in the joy of the Lord which we share together.

For ourselves, that through the prayers of St Alban, we may be ever willing to proclaim our faith to others even when it may bring us ridicule and shame.

For all who are suffering in mind and body, that the Holy Spirit may help us to seek them out and bring them consolation in the light of Christ.

For all those who have worshipped in our Parish from its beginnings and who are no longer with us, and for deceased clergy. May God who created all things bring them to the fullness of life and happiness in His kingdom.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father…

**Concluding Prayer**

O God, by whose grace Saint Alban gave himself up for his friend and received the martyr’s crown as the first in this land to shed his blood for Christ, grant, we pray, that, following his example and supported by his prayers, we may worship you, the living God, and give true witness to Christ our Lord. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Blessing**

May the Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

For those who wish to read the Holy Scripture appointed for Mass of St Alban:

- **First Reading**: Wis. 3:1-9
- **Psalm**: Ps 123(4)
- **Second Reading**: 2Tim. 2:8-13; 3:10-12
- **Gospel**: Jn 12:24-26
Parish Angelus of Hope

Pray the Angelus every Saturday at 6pm from 25th March to 25th December, 2020:

- to join Mary in her pregnancy of hope
- to unite us all in prayer
- to commemorate our usual Mass time
- to pray for deliverance
- to pray for virus sufferers & carers
- in thanksgiving when we meet again

Pray standing (to commemorate the Sunday):

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary, full of grace…etc.
Behold the handmaid of the Lord;
Be it done unto me according to Thy word.
Hail Mary, full of grace…etc.
And the Word was made flesh, [how to honour the Incarnation]
And dwelt among us:
Hail Mary, full of grace…etc.
Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we unto whom the incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may, by His Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

OPTIONAL PRAYER SHEET FOR OPEN CHURCHES: The Diocese has prepared a Prayer Sheet that can be used when you visit a Catholic church from Monday. Printed copies will be found there. However, they must be taken away afterwards by the user. A link has been placed for this document at the bottom of the front page of our parish website so that you can enjoy the prayers digitally when you make your visit.

SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: The Diocesan Pilgrimage Director encourages you to make a spiritual pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday, 13th June. The Pilgrim Mass is at 12 noon and is available via the internet following the link http://www.walsingham.org.uk/

CAFOD PETITION, Unite Against Coronavirus: ever mindful that we are one global family, united in the struggle against Covid, CAFOD ask if you would consider signing their petition. They write, “Now is not the time to build barriers, but for the world to unite in love and compassion. Please sign the online petition asking the PM to ensure that the most vulnerable people are the priority in the UK’s international efforts as well as at home.” If you would like to sign the petition, please click on the following link: https://e-activist.com/page/59334/petition/1

STANDING NOTICES

IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: the Bishops have asked that all should make a Perfect Act of Contrition during this time. Perfect contrition (or a Contrition of Charity) is true and real sorrow for our sins which is created when we realise the immense love of God for each one of us. We express this contrition when we realise how we offend God by our sinful words, deeds and omissions in contrast to the immeasurable love and mercy that he continually shows us. This requires us to be contrite of heart for what we have done, know and be overwhelmed by the love and mercy of God for his children, and to approach this grace with humility and resolution not to sin again. An Act of Contrition: My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.”

NORTHAMPTON DIOCESAN DIGITAL NEWSPAPER can be found at www.ChurchPaper.co.uk

PRAYERS IN PLACE OF MASS, SUNDAY PLUS, & HOMILY can all be found at the bottom of the first page of the parish website.

MASS INTENTIONS can be offered any day by Fr Anton who says Mass daily. Email him your requests.

COLLECTION: Please consider visiting the donation facility at https://northamptondiocese.org/donate/ Although it is not possible to attend Mass, it is important still to consider financial support for the Parish. You can donate on that site through Virgin Giving. In order to ensure your donation goes to our Parish (and not just to the Diocese!), make sure to put in the Notes Section, “St Alban’s Parish, Winslow”. Please note that donations to the Parish can be gift-aided. The website explains what to do and is easy to use. If you prefer, for regular donations to the Parish, it is possible to set up a Standing Order via your bank, either online bank account or by visiting your branch. The information required to make the donation is as follows:

Bank, NatWest     Sort Code, 60-06-11     Account Name, 46898093
Account Name, Northampton Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust
Payment Ref, St Alban’s Parish, Winslow
PRAYER IN TIME OF PANDEMIC could be prayed daily:

Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress; in faith we pray look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders, and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.