

ST ALBAN'S CHURCH CHADDESSEN DERBY AND THE CHURCH ON OAKWOOD

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JUNE 21st 2009 ~ FEAST OF ST. ALBAN, PROTOMARTYR OF BRITAIN.

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| Saturday | 6.30pm | Pasquale Baldi RIP |
| Sunday | 10.00am 5.30pm | Carmine Parlato RIP At the Church on Oakwood Frank Deacy RIP (Barry) |
| Monday | 7.00pm | Martin Dempsey RIP (Forest) |
| Tuesday | 8.30am 9am ~ 5pm | Pat Murphy (RIP) Adams Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament |
| Wednesday | 9.15am 7.00pm | Peter Caruth RIP (Doyle) Service of the Word and Holy Communion At the Church on Oakwood |
| Thursday | 7.00pm | Bridie Doran RIP |
| Friday | 9.15am | Frank Deacy RIP (O'Sullivan) |
| Saturday | 6.30pm | Mary Noonan RIP |
| Sunday | 10.00am 5.30pm | For all Parishioners Johnny Kearney RIP ann. |

Sacrament of Reconciliation: On Request.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: - James Kelly, Jimmy and Lilly's son, who had a major operation last week. Dennis Horgan, Isobel Clegg, Frances Carter, and baby Reginald Thornton and all those in hospital or having treatment or tests. Jean Hester who has moved into Mt.Carmel Residential Home on The Broadway, for a month's trial.

WHY WERE WE CALLED ST. ALBANS?

We were built from St. Mary's Parish in 1956 and their parish priest was Monsignor James Hargreaves. He was then elderly and suffering with Parkinson's disease. My guess is that he called us after the seminary where he studied in central Spain ~ St. Alban's College, Valladolid. Mgr. Hargreaves name is part of the inscription which runs along the very top of the grotto.

THE BANNER OF ST. ALBAN'S CONVERSATION

Susanna Aitchinson writes "I have tried to capture a small part of the story of the conversion of Alban.

Alban lived in the 3rd century. The story takes us right back to the beginning of Christian faith in Britain. Alban was a worshiper of Roman Gods. One day he met and gave shelter to a stranger fleeing persecution. The stranger was a Christian priest called Amphilalus. The banner shows Alban - the Roman centurion - with the priest who teaches him about Christianity.

Alban was so moved by the faith and courage of this man that when the authorities came to arrest him, Alban exchanged clothes allowing him to escape. The Roman authorities order that Alban should receive the punishment due to the priest because of his conversion to Christianity. Alban refused to renounce his faith and declared 'I am Alban and I worship the true and living God who created all things'.

Alban was taken out of the town - crowds followed - and was executed on the hilltop.

Alban is honoured as the first British martyr. He died unbaptized, never having been to mass or ever having read the bible, yet he gave his life for his faith in Jesus Christ. The place of his death, Verulamium, was renamed St. Albans. His grave, on which the cathedral and abbey church of St Alban was built, is now a place of pilgrimage. For 1700 years, people have journeyed to this place to remember Alban and to pray for peace and healing and to seek God".

ST. ALBANS PRAYER

Among the roses of the martyrs brightly shines St Alban.

Almighty God we thank you for this place built to your glory and in memory of Alban, our first martyr, following his example in the fellowship of the saints, may we worship and adore the true and living God, and be faithful witnesses to the Christ, who is alive and reigns, now and forever.

Pray for us Alban, pray for us all saints of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

BELONGING TO ST. ALBANS PARISH

We have been going for more than 50 years now and literally thousands of people have belonged to St. Albans. Take a moment, this weekend, to remember the people of the past and give thanks for them.

Look around you and take in the faces of the people of the present. How do they strengthen and encourage you and walk beside you on the journey of faith?

Look too at the young. Look at the babies, infants, children and young people. How are we treasuring them and sharing faith with them?

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOS

The first Holy Communion photos have arrived! They may be purchased from Mrs. Beech in the Foundation Unit at St. Albans School. Please contact her this week.

THE CHURCH ON OAKWOOD ~ PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THOSE IN NEED

The Partnership Group have agreed to share a book in which anyone can write their requests for prayers. This is already being used by the Protestant congregation and will now be a joint venture. The book will be open on the table as you come into the porch, please write details of your request as briefly as you can. The book will then be brought to the altar at the intercessions and we will pray for all those mentioned - from all denominations within the Church on Oakwood.

RED BOXES

Many thanks to those who have already returned them. Are there any more? Next Sunday will be the last for their collection.

NEXT SUNDAY

We shall be baptising Matteo, Clara & Carlo Cuomo's new child and Joseph, Olivia and Luka's brother. There will be lots of guests, so please make them welcome.

COLLECTIONS:

Last week £840.47 plus £163 standing orders.

Thank you all. There will be a second collection next Sunday for Peter's Pence.

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEK 6.30pm Ellen Taylor & Alice White
10am Avril Mather & Sheila Caruth

COUNTERS NEXT WEEK Frank Holmes & Mike Allsopp

FIRST READING: A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 2:8-13; 3:10-12

Remember the Good News that I carry, “Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David”; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God’s news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live in him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

You know, though, what I have taught, how I have lived, what I have aimed at; you know my faith, my patience and my love; my constancy and the persecutions and hardships that came to me in places like Antioch, Iconium and Lystra – all the persecutions I have endured; and the Lord has rescued me from every one of them. You are all aware, then, that anybody who tries to live in devotion to Christ is certain to be attacked.

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Our life, like a bird, has escaped from the snare of the fowler.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed be God, a gentle Father, and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows. Alleluia

GOSPEL READING: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 12:24-26

Jesus said to his disciples: “I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.