



**Newsletter for
week commencing
16 August 2026**

**Solemnity of the
Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin
Mary
Year A**

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Prayer

God our heavenly Father, we seek guidance from the Holy Spirit, as we move forward in proclaiming the mission you have given us to do in bringing Jesus to the people who need Him.

Give us the courage to work together in making difficult decisions and grant us perseverance to endure the challenges that lie before us.

May we continually focus on Jesus, nurture our bond with Him daily and pray for the strength to complete what we have to do with unwavering dedication.

All these we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer for the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady

Father in heaven,
all creation rightly gives you praise, for all life and all holiness come from you.
In the plan of your wisdom she who bore the Christ in her womb was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.

May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.

We ask this through Christ our Lord Amen

Safeguarding

If you are concerned about the safety of a child or vulnerable adult and feel they are in immediate danger, please call the police. If you wish to report any non-urgent concerns, please contact your local social services or our safeguarding team direct at



or Mark Robson
0151 522 1013/07585761965
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0151 522 1043/07384643237

Email safeguarding@rcaol.org.uk

Parish of Sacred Heart & Saint Alban Safer Recruitment and DBS Representatives (formerly Parish Safeguarding Reps)
Irene Crowder, Margaret McGrath and Paul Towey

Parish of Sacred Heart & St Alban

Baptism preparation is held every 6-8 weeks. Please get in touch with the parish office when you have picked up your baptism forms after Mass, and we will then arrange your child's preparation. Thank you

Quote of the Week

Matthew 18:3 - *"Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven."*

Canon Christopher reflects ... The eclipse on Thursday made quite an impact on this country and further afield. Personally, I find it to be an emotional experience to ponder over the wonders of creation. One commentator summed it up beautifully when he described the eclipse as an amazing cosmic coincidence. It is remarkable that the Sun the moon and the Earth should be lined up in this way so that an eclipse can occur.

In 1999 I was fortunate to see the last full eclipse whilst I was on holiday in Austria. I had just arrived in the resort a couple of hours before and found a great gathering of people waiting for this remarkable event. I need not write more about the experience since so many others have expressed their wonder in recent days.

As on previous occasions, I find the scriptures come to mind to show how these experiences draw us toward our creator. Even as I gaze up at a full moon monthly, I find it absolutely amazing. The psalms say it all and Joseph Haydn in his masterpiece oratorio *The Creation* used scripture to lift up our spirits in wonder at the universe. *"The heavens are telling the glory of God"*.

In psalm 104 we sing: *"Praise the Lord my soul. Lord my God, how great you are.... clothed with splendour and majesty.... The Lord stretches out the heavens like a tent....He made the moon to mark the seasons, and sun knows when to go down"*.

Let us give praise and thanks to the Lord.
Alleluia. Amen.

Polite Notice - Anyone who has borrowed hymn/music books from Sacred Heart church is asked to return them as we are running short of copies. Thank you

CAFOD School Volunteers Required !

Could you visit your local Catholic school to talk about the work of CAFOD? For further information please contact Anna Letizia on 07710 094449 or email aletizia@cafod.org.uk

RCIA : If you are an adult, baptised in another Church or not yet baptised and wish to become a member of the Catholic Church, kindly complete RCIA form and return it to St Joseph's office. Thank you.

Mass Intentions for week commencing 16 August 2026

	Sacred Heart	Saint Alban	Saint Joseph	Saint Paul of the Cross
Sunday 16 August The Assumption	11.00 am John Burke (RoS)	9.30 am Josie Clifton (RoS)	8.30 am Peter Doody 4.00 pm Bernard & Brenda O'Keefe	10.00 am
Monday 17 August			9.30 am Jim Fogarty (RoS)	
Tuesday 18 August		9.30 am Holy Souls		9.00 am
Wednesday 19 August	6.00 pm Syromalabar Mass		6.00 pm - Romaine Segarajasinghe	9.00 am
Thursday 20 August		9.00 am * Special Intention		9.00 am
Friday 21 August	9.30 am Fr John Joyce (RoS)		9.30 am Kevin Thompson	
Saturday 22 August	5.15 pm Jonah on his 1 st Birthday			6.00 pm
Sunday 23 August	11.00 am Richard Smith (RoS) (Anniversary)	9.30 am People of the Parish	8.30 am – Edie, Brian and Martin Watson 4.00 pm Alvin (Birthday)	10.00 am
Confession	Saturday from 4.30 pm	Saturday from 9.30 am	Wednesday 5.15 pm-5.45 pm	Saturday 5.15-5.45 pm
Adoration [Exposition]		After Mass on Tuesday	None during August	

- **Holy Eucharist** - Please note that whilst we can receive the Holy Eucharist under both kinds, intinction (dipping the Body of Christ into the Chalice of His blood) **IS NOT PERMITTED**.
- The acronym RoS stands for Repose of the Soul.

FUNERALS

Week commencing 17 August

Requiem Mass for Marie McKay on Friday, 21 August at 11.00 am at St Joseph's.

Week commencing 24 August

Requiem Mass for Ramil Gorrieza on Tuesday, 25 August at 2.30 pm at Sacred Heart.

Week commencing 7 September

Funeral Service for Harry Jackson on Monday, 7 September at 11.00 am at Sacred Heart

May they rest in peace.

Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off whilst you are in Church. Thank you.

St Joseph's Bonus Ball - 12/8/26
No 52 Winner : Andy James

Please ensure that you pay when choosing your number as we were short by £5 last week. Thank you.

Right to Life UK : As we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, let us pray to imitate Our Lady's spirit of welcome and charity, especially at the announcement of a new pregnancy. Lord hear us.

Sanctuary Lamps

The Sanctuary Lamps will burn this week for the following intentions :

St Alban – Students
Receiving their Exam Results

Sacred Heart
Gorrieza Family

St Joseph
Austin Redmond

St Joseph's Marian Candle
Austin Redmond

Please remember in your prayers the following who have died recently : Fr John Joyce, Fr Joe Kendall, Ramil Gorrieza, Tom Philips, Harry Jackson, Jeanne Miller and Marie McKay.

May they rest in peace.

The Pilgrimage Mass to the Holy Hand of St Edmund Arrowsmith - Sunday, 30 August at 3.00 pm - The Principal Celebrant will be Fr John Hogan of the Diocese of Meath, Ireland. He is the author of the most recent CTS booklet on the life of St Edmund Arrowsmith.

Pilgrimage Mass in Honour of Blessed Dominic Barberi : Monday, 31 August 12:00pm St Anne & Blessed Dominic Church, Sutton, St Helens WA9 3ZD. Bishop Tom Neylon will celebrate this annual Pilgrimage Mass in honour of Blessed Dominic Barberi.

Macmillan Coffee Mornings

- **St Joseph's - Friday, 25 September** (10:00am until all the cakes are gone).
- **Sacred Heart & St Alban – 23 October** (from 10.00 am). **Contact Sue** (07939518963).

St Joseph's Pantomime Group PANTO '27

It's that time again. Our "Sign-up" event is on Thursday, 3 September at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

We are looking for old hands to return; new faces on stage, backstage, building the stage, costume creators and makers, prompt, musicians, general helpers.

So, if you are in school year 7 and above (no upper age limit), experienced or not, just interested, please come along. We are always looking for new people to join us! If you are Under 16, please bring along a responsible adult for this signing up session – they might want to join as well!

St Joseph's Quiz this Sunday (usual time) Jackpot £20. Play Your Cards Right. Bring a team and join the fun!