

12 October 2025

Trinity 17

We pray for the church around the world:

Especially those who are persecuted for their faith. We pray for compassion and kindness, inclusion and love for all. We pray for all who have not yet let Jesus into their lives.

We pray for our world: All the casualties of war and conflict; victims of natural or manmade disasters; those who are living in poverty or under oppressive regimes; for all who have no safe place to live in. For the earth and all the damage done to it by humankind. For more empathy and compassion

We pray for our local community [12: Market Pl, Royal Terrace] [13: Clifton Mews, Clifftown Parade] [14: Forum, Southend Central Station] [15: The future of Cliffs Pub, LGBTQ+ community and our Chaplain] [16: Scratton Rd, Clifftown Rd] [17: Weston Rd, Clarence St] [18: Clarence Road and Market St]

We pray for all on our long-term list.

Prayers for all sick in hospitals, hospices, care homes and at home. For those who are caring for them. For all sick or in need: Margaret, Mark, Terry, Maff, Ken, Valerie, Tony, Kat, Judith, Rosetta, Jean Wren, Sarah, Laura, Gabby, Ann and Terry. Claire B, Stanislaw.

Recently departed:

And all who have died with no-one to pray for them.

In Memoriam: October

Ray Larnar 5/10; Mikey Cartwright 25/10; Pte I J Criswick KIA 26/10/1918; Christine Isobel Lane 27/10

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NOTE: Words for final prayer for the departed and for Hail Mary is in Mass Book

Notices:

Monday 13: Morning Prayer at 9am, Rainbow Tots at 10.30, Low Mass at 1pm

Next Social Sunday and Subcommittee Meeting is after Mass on 21 September

Harvest Festival collection for HARP

Next Music event is 19 October 6-9: John Callaghan and support

Please note that the Parishgiving site is undergoing maintenance until 30 October so will not be available for one off gifts!



Gebhard Fugel (c1920) **10 Lepers Call out to Jesus**

In this painting that illustrates the gospel reading today, we encounter the lepers who are positioned with their backs to us. So we do not see their faces, and we do not actually see their leprous skin, but we do see their bandaged hands and arms reaching desperately towards Jesus. In a way we are encouraged to feel part of this crowd of people. We may not have the terrible disease that they suffered from, but we too find ourselves reaching out to him in our times of trouble. But, how often do we turn to him with our gratitude when he helps us cope with what life throws at us? Are we like the 9 who go off to the town, so full of joy they have forgotten to say thank you? Or are we like the Samaritan? **Blessings, Mother Cherry**

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St Alban's Website: Saint Alban the Martyr, Westcliff-on-Sea - A Church Near You

Our parish is a member of Inclusive Church. This means that we are committed to work towards being a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate on grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality. Please help us to work towards our aims.

