
St. Alban

Feast Day: June 22



BORN: ?

DIED: ? MAYBE JUNE 22, 304 IN ENGLAND

Catholic Social

Teaching principles:

- **Life and Dignity of the Human Person**
- **Rights and Responsibilities**
- **Option for the Poor and Vulnerable**
- **Solidarity**

- St. Alban was the first martyr of Britain, around 304. According to St. Bede's "Ecclesiastical History," St. Alban was a pagan living at Verulamium in Britain, when a Christian persecution broke out, and a priest fleeing for his life took refuge in Alban's house.
- Alban sheltered him, and converted to the faith because of the priest's example.
- Later on, when the governor's emissaries came to search the house, Alban disguised himself in the priest's cloak and gave himself up in his place.
- He was dragged before the judge, scourged, and, when he would not deny his faith, condemned to death. On the way to the place of execution Alban prayed that the waters of a river would be dried up so that they could cross, and he further caused a fountain of water to flow on the summit of the hill on which he was beheaded.
- His executioner was converted, and the man who replaced him, after striking the fatal blow, was punished with blindness.

Pray

God of the journey, God of the traveler,
We pray for those who leave their homes in search of new beginnings and possibilities, may they know your presence with them. We pray that those who seek to make a home in this country may find us welcoming and willing to help them find a path toward citizenship, We pray that our legislators, as they craft new immigration legislation may find the wisdom and courage to enact new policies that do justice for our country and for those who would immigrate here. We pray for those who fan the flames of fear and discrimination against the undocumented may be touched with your divine compassion. We pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

(The Archdiocese of Chicago)



Above :Shrine of Saint Alban in St Alban's Cathedral in England; site where St. Alban is believed to have been beheaded .

Learn

- Picture Book for kids: [My Name Is Not Refugee](#), by Kate Milner

Read about a young boy as he embarks on a journey with his mother. A powerful and moving exploratory title that draws young reader into each stage of their journey, inviting the chance to imagine the decisions he or she would make.

To watch on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/q9n1plse2K4>

My name
is not
Refugee



Act:

St. Alban's Advocates

Join the Patron of refugees, St. Alban, in prayer by spiritually adopting a refugee or refugee family. Offer prayers for their safe arrival and graces needed to adjust to a new life in the United States. You could write letters of encouragement and prayers for them. We would match you with a family and you could meet them, with a staff member, at the airport for their arrival. This would be a good time to give them the collection of letters and prayers. This is a great way to live in solidarity with our sisters and brother refugees!

For more information, please contact Marcy Renken at mrenken@archindy.org