

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (YEAR C)

Saturday 16th November – <b>St Edmund of Abingdon</b>	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 17th November – <b>Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)</b>	9am	John Casey
	11am	Eddie Sayers & Michael McMahon
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November – Feria	9am	Rita Mill (R.I.P)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November – Feria	10am	Rita Mill (R.I.P)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November – Feria	9am	Rita Mill (R.I.P)
Thursday 21st November – <b>The presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	9am	Intentions of Nadia & Michael Coyle
Friday 22nd November – <b>St Cecilia</b>	9am	Intentions of the Shanley family
Saturday 23rd November – Feria	9am	Carla Pataca (R.I.P)

### Our Lord Jesus Christ the King (YEAR C)

Saturday 23rd November – Feria	6.30pm	Ann Wighton (Intentions)
Sunday 24th November – <b>Our Lord Jesus Christ the King</b>	9am	Brendan Hennigan
	11am	Theresa Desmond (R.I.P)

Morning Prayer is recited every morning at 8.45am

**Psalter:** Week 1

Rosary is said every morning after Mass

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday 10.30-11.30am and 5.00-6.00pm.

## ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

(Langdale Gardens)

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### Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (YEAR C)

16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear Friends,

The kind of world Christ described sounds awfully familiar – exactly like the one we live in! Wars, revolutions, persecution of Christians....It is surely comforting to know that Christ foresaw all this. We should not get dismayed then by it all. Let us never forget or be ashamed of what we are – his disciples. Of all the tragedies that could happen to us, betrayal of Christ would be the most serious. But perhaps the greatest threat is not that we might become victims of real evil, as that we might simply vanish into the crowd, and so lose our identity and sense of mission as Christians. Then the salt would have lost its saltiness. 'The greatest temptation of modern man is escape into the great formless sea of irresponsibility which is the crowd..' (Thomas Merton).

We are not to think that we are better than others or superior to them. We are exposed to the same germs of evil as all others. But if we are genuine followers of Christ we must in some way be different. We must be 'in the world but not in the world'. We are followers of Christ. We must try to be true to that. Then in the midst of a chaotic world we will be messengers of hope and bearers of light. Above all, we will be witnesses to his truth. 'All situations in the world are good places in which to make saints, so long as the persons in them show that they are not in agreement with sin' (Oscar Romero).

*Have a good week*

*God Bless*

*Fr Maurice*

***Please pray for all who are sick, including:***

Michael Balfour, Vincent Brady, Rose Cahill, John Carty, Maureen Daly, Katherine Day, Desmond family, Gerry Dique, Anthony Doherty, Nancy Donovan, Ann Dunn, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Jenny Jones, Ann Kelly, Neil Kelly, Sheila Leahy, Mary Lynes, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Matthew Milnar, John Morrison Frances Nolan, Cecilia O'Connor, Vincent Okolo, Dean Partleton, Nellie Ringrose, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, John Sinclair, Charles Stimpson, Theresa Wiseman, Elizabeth Wyles, Clara Yankey. Julia Joseph, Mary Kakari, John Barry, Sarah Content, Celia Desmond, Bill and Teresa Shorey, Jean Berry, Sue & John Doherty.

**PARISH FINANCES**

9th & 10th November 2019

**Loose**

£420.69

**Envelopes**

£434.26

**Confirmation Programme 2019/2020:** The next session will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 4pm. The candidates will be presented to the Parish at the 6.30pm Mass that evening

**First Holy Communion 2019/20:** The next session will be held this Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> November, at 7pm. Children will meet in the Parish Hall and Parents to meet in the Church

**Journey in Faith Programme (RCIA):** Anyone who wishes to know more about the basics of the Faith or is interested in joining the Church is invited to the weekly session, which takes place on Mondays at 7:30pm in the Presbytery. Any Parishioner who wishes to support this group is also invited to come along.

**R.I.P.:** Please pray for Theresa Desmond who died recently, her body will be received into the Church at 5.00pm on the 21<sup>st</sup> November and her Requiem Mass will take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 12 noon. May she rest in peace.

**Christmas Bazaar:** This year's Christmas Bazaar will take place on the 30<sup>th</sup> November and we are asking for the usual donations of bottles, tombola gifts etc. Please leave these in the box at the back of the Church.

**Put Christ back into Christmas:** The church repository is now stocked up with all your Christmas cards, cribs, 2020 calendars, Advent calendars, gift bags and money wallets. As well as gifts, ie rosaries, crucifix, holy water bottles, bracelets, and many more items. Please support your church.

**The Scriptures in Advent – Fr Nicholas King SJ** The second session will take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November Fr Nicholas King SJ, at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) from 10.30 until 3 pm. Admission is free, but please reserve your place by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com) or by phone to 01708 449914

**Tea Dance:** The next Tea Dance will be held on Wednesday the 20th of November. Music by Finbar Black, dancing from 13.30 till 16.30. Admission £5.00 includes tea coffee and cakes. Any information please contact me John O'Connor on 07903366992.

**Partnership Joint Event in Advent:** As you are aware our parish is linked in partnership with St Peter's and La Salette. At the end of this month an agreement between the parishes, already discussed in the Stewards of the Gospel meetings, will be signed by the Parish Priests. There will be a combined Parishes get-together at La Salette Church, 1 Rainham Road, Rainham RM13 8SP **Carol Singing on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 7.00pm.** Cheese & biscuits will be served afterwards in the Club with the bar available. Please come and join us to celebrate.

**Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society):** the next meeting will be on Saturday 30 November at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood CM14 4EY at 2.30pm. The speaker will be Father Joseph Farrell, a retired priest of the Diocese of Brentwood, on the topic of 'St Edmund Campion: Priest and Martyr.' All are most welcome.

**Eileen Brand:** Eileen will be leaving us this week to be closer to her brother in Yorkshire. She has made an enormous contribution to the life of this Parish over many decades. She has been involved in many areas including setting up a care group, SVP, Parish register for Marriages, Eucharistic minister, School Governor and a member of the Finance committee. We thank her for all she has done and the person that she has been for us. We wish her all of God's blessings as she begins a new phase of her life's journey.

**National Youth Sunday – Feast of Christ the King.** Next weekend we celebrate the young people in our Church and all who accompany them. Within our Diocese the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) and Walsingham House at Abbotswick offer retreats, pilgrimages and many other events for many thousands of young people every year; most of the work is led by volunteers, trained as young leaders in the Church. The BCYS also supports our catechists and school lay chaplains. Next week a speaker will tell us more about the BCYS and there will be a collection for their vital work, or you can donate online at [www.bcys.net/donate](http://www.bcys.net/donate).