

MASS INTENTIONS

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Saturday 23rd November – Feria	6.30pm	Ann Wighton (Intentions)
Sunday 24th November – Our Lord Jesus Christ the King	9am	Brendan Hennigan
	11am	Theresa Desmond (R.I.P)
Monday 25th November – Feria	9am	Padraig Hester (RIP)
Tuesday 26 th November – Feria	10am	Theresa Desmond (RIP)
Wednesday 27 th November – Feria	9am	Colin D’Souza (RIP)
Thursday 28th November – – Feria Deanery Mass	10.30am	Tom Murnane (RIP)
Friday 29th November – – Feria	9am	Teresa Pitham
Saturday 30th November – St Andrew	9am	Intentions of P.K & Philomina Kuriakose

First Sunday of Advent (YEAR A)

Saturday 30th November –	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 1 st December – First Sunday Advent	9am	Teresa Jarrold (RIP)
	11am	Bridie O’Neill

Morning Prayer is recited every morning at 8.45am

Psalter: Week 2

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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Our Lord Jesus Christ the King (Year C)

23rd and 24th November 2019

Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the Kingship of Christ, remembering that his Kingdom is not governed by the standards of this world. He was to be revealed as the sovereign of the most cherished of all Kingdoms: the domain of the human heart and of the human spirit.

Unlike God, our powers are limited and our energies and resources are finite. Yet the Gospel calls us to aim high, to love one another as God has loved us. “In so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.” In this regard the old saying: “Charity begins at home” is true as ever. And from home it reaches out to our neighbourhood/parish and to faraway lands. Jesus stresses that it is a very practical, positive love. It refrains not just from offending against anyone but ministers unconditionally to their basic needs. These ‘works of mercy’ demand our TIME. The quality of the other person’s life will be enhanced by the quantity of time we give. It is better to see a person as made in God’s image rather than to see them in our image.

Today we pledge and dedicate ourselves anew to Christ the King.

LET US PRAY: Be pleased Lord to establish your kingdom in our hearts so that always and everywhere we may carry your peace within us. May we bear genuine witness to your Gospel; in our private lives, in the fellowship of your Holy Church and before the world so that we may work for the coming of your kingdom in this present time and in union with all your saints and angels in our heavenly home forever.

Amen.

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. Francesca Kelly

PARISH FINANCES

16th & 17th November 2019

Loose

£591.35

Envelopes

£444.17

Confirmation Programme 2019/2020: The next session will be held on 30th November 2019 at 4pm. All candidates are expected to be at the Carol Service on Sunday 1st December at 6.30pm as they have an important part to play.

First Holy Communion 2019/20: The next session will be held this Thursday the 5th December, 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.

Sacred Heart of Mary School: are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and highly effective Examinations and Data Manager for the school. Applications are invited from those with experience of managing and processing data. Start Date March 2020 please contact the school at admin@mary.havering.sch.uk for information.

Christmas Bazaar: This year's Christmas Bazaar will take place next Saturday on the 30th November 12pm – 4pm 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.

SVP Collection: Thank you for your generosity £472.00 was collected.

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.

Signing of Primary School Forms: for children starting September 2020 Father Maurice will be signing forms on Sunday 8th December between 6pm to 8pm and on Monday 9th December from 6pm to 7pm. This is the only time he is available.

Deanery Mass: For all deceased priests and parishioners of our deanery. Next Thursday 28th November Mass will be at 10.30am followed by refreshments in the hall. Priests will then commence their meeting at 11.30am in the church meeting room.

Partnership Joint Event in Advent: As you are aware our parish is linked in partnership with St Peter's and La Salette. Last week an agreement between the parishes was 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 13th December from 7.00pm.** Cheese & biscuits will be served afterwards in the Club with the bar available. Please come and join us to celebrate.

Eileen Brand: wishes to thank parishioners for their good wishes, prayers and masses as she prepares to leave St Alban's this week for "God's own country" – north Yorkshire! In particular, thanks are due to members and all those associated with the St Vincent de Paul Society and the Care Group: I hope to join the SVP in Northallerton.

National Youth Sunday – Feast of Christ the King. This weekend there will be a young person making an appeal for the Youth Ministry of the Diocese. 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 work BCYS also supports our catechists and school lay chaplains. They have limited income and rely heavily on donations, you can donate online at www.bcys.net/donate.