

## MASS INTENTIONS

### The Epiphany of the Lord (A)

Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> January –	6.30pm	Intentions of Eileen Brand
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> January –	9.00am	Len Addison (RIP)
	11.00am	Theresa Desmond (RIP)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January – Fiera	9.00am	Armando Pereira (RIP)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January – Fiera	10am	James Murphy (RIP)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January Fiera	9.00am	Ray Willis (RIP)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January – Fiera	9.00am	John Murphy (RIP)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January – St Anthony	9.00am	Mrs Teresa Pitman
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> January –	9.00am	Delia Mchugh (RIP)

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> January –	6.30pm	Vincent Friel (RIP)
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> January –	9am	Tim & Josie Keane 60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
	11am	People of the Parish

Morning Prayer is recited every morning at 8.30am

**Psalter:** Week 1

Rosary is said every morning after Mass

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday 9.30am and 5.30pm  
-6.00pm.

## ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

(Langdale Gardens)

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### The Baptism of the Lord (Year A) 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Friends,

*“Someone who is more powerful than I am” (Mark 1:7)*

Sarah was back in the office. It looked the same as it had when she left just two weeks before but she was a different person. Her son had been knocked down and she had spent the last two weeks by his bedside as he fought for his life. “How did you stand it?” asked Helen. Sarah shrugged, “All I know is that someone or something more powerful than I kept me going. The strength I didn't have came from somewhere”.

Today's Gospel talks about John the Baptist standing back to allow Jesus to take the centre stage. He points to someone else who is greater than he is. We must also be willing to stand down and be willing to give God the credit for the happiness we experience in times of Joy, and the strength we are given in times of difficulty. By doing this, like John, we shall be showing others that Christ is the centre of our life.

Reflection: When are you aware of God as “more powerful than I am?”

What will you do this week to stand down and give God the centre stage?

*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, John Doherty. Francesca Kelly, Paul & Eva AU,

**PARISH FINANCES**

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Loose**

£584.88

**Envelopes**

£335.25

**Confirmation Programme 2019/2020:** The next session will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020 at 4pm

**First Holy Communion 2019/20:** The next session will be held on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020, at 7pm.

**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.

**Training for New and Established Readers:** On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January from 9.30am to 1.00pm in the Parish Hall there will be a training session for readers.

**Baptism Course:** The next course is on 8<sup>th</sup> February at 9am in the parish hall.

**Spiritual Morning:** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020 10am- 12 noon Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood. The Spirituality of St John Henry Newman. Speaker Msgr Davis Manson email [jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**Tea Dance:** The next Tea Dance will be on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 from 13.30 to 16.30 music by Finbar Black. Admission £5 including refreshments. Thank you to all who have supported the tea dance. Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

**Gift Aid:** Gift aid is a government scheme that allows the parish to reclaim tax on all donations made. If you pay any tax at all and are not currently enrolled in the Gift Aid scheme please pick up a Gift Aid form at the back of the Church. For any further information, please contact our Gift Aid organiser Angelo whose information is on the front of the newsletter.

**Vacancies in Finance Dept :** Two vacancies in Brentwood Finance Dept have arisen full details of Jobs and descriptions can be obtained at [recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org) . The first is for a Management Accountant 35 hours a week £30,000 to £35,000pa.the second is for Finance Assistant 35 hours a week salary £25,000pa. Applications in to the same web address by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020, Interviews are expected week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**White Flower Appeal 2020 :** The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next weekend. On 21 October 2019 the most extreme abortion regime in Europe was imposed on the people of Northern Ireland by the government at Westminster. Abortion will now be permitted for any reason up until at least 24 weeks, and even beyond that. The abortion lobby now wants to introduce this in England and Wales. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers from this new attack.

**RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Vincent Friel who sadly died last Sunday. His Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am, his body will be received into the Church 5pm Tuesday evening. May he rest in peace.

**Final Call :** The Pilgrimage to Knock 18<sup>th</sup> May to 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020 the application date is closing 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 if you wish to join the pilgrimage please see Father straight away.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** When the Blessed Sacrament is on the Altar please show your respect by not talking in Church. If you need to speak to someone please make sure you are outside before you start chatting.

**Annual Charity Ball:** BCCS is holding its annual Ball on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March from 7pm at The Rayleigh Club Hullbridge. Tickets are £55 per person including drinks reception and 3 course meal with entertainment. Please contact Julie on 01268 784544/ 07912277413 [jabbot@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbot@bccs.org.uk)