

MASS INTENTIONS

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Saturday 15 th February – Feria	6.30pm	Seamus Nolan (RIP)
Sunday 16 th February – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9am	Nioka D'Souza Thanksgiving
	11am	James Brewty (RIP)
Monday 17 th February – Feria	9.00am	Anthony Kimber (R.I.P)
Tuesday 18 th February – Feria	10am	Special Intentions
	2.30pm	Requiem Mass for Thomas Matthews
Wednesday 19 th February Feria	9.00am	Johnny Joyce who is sick
Thursday 20 th February – Feria	9.00am	Holy Souls
Friday 21 st February – Feria	9.00am	Mrs. Teresa Pitham
Saturday 22 nd February – The Chair of St Peter	9.00am	Dennis Doherty

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Saturday 22 nd February – The Chair of St Peter	6.30pm	Sister Inigo
Sunday 23 rd February – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	9am	Charles Stimpson (R.I.P)
	11am	Theresa Desmond (R.I.P)

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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 15th & 16th February 2020

Dear Friends,

We are called, this Sunday, in the readings to grow in holiness. The commandment sets out the law in black and white: 'Do not kill; do not commit adultery...' They set a minimum requirement for Christian living. But Jesus challenges us and forces us to look beyond our actions, to our attitudes that form what we do. In the Gospel reading, Jesus proposes a virtue which goes deeper than that of the Scribes and Pharisees, a virtue in depth from the heart. If our depths are sounds, the heart is good. The converse is also true. If we harbour bitterness in our heart towards someone, we will inevitably make choices which, damage and hurt them. Beyond our behaviour lie our choices and beyond them lies the heart in which our choices are rooted. Only the spirit who reaches the depth of God can really reach our own depths. It is the Spirit who renews and transforms our heart, 'God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who he has given to us' Romans 5:5

Reflection – Our hearts are like a well-spring. All our thoughts, words and deeds flow from there, like water from a hidden spring. If a spring is polluted, then the water that flows from it will also be polluted. But, if the spring is pure and clear, then the water that flows from it will be clean and wholesome.

'Blessed are the pure of heart, they shall see God'.

Have a good week

God Bless

Father 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

8th & 9th February 2020

Loose

£492.92

Envelopes

£391.00

Confirmation Programme 2019/2020: The next session will be held on 8th March 2020 – this will be the day retreat to Aylesford.

First Holy Communion 2019/20: The next session will be held on Thursday the 5th March 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.

Baptism Course: The next course is on 14th March at 9am in the parish hall.

The Annual Lourdes Mass: will be celebrated at Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 16th February at 3pm. This is an opportunity to give thanks for graces received in Lourdes and to seek prayers for the sick. During the Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated.

Healing Weekend: A healing weekend for men and women who are separated, divorced or widowed will be held from 3rd to 5th April 2020 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For details please contact Freda 01322 838415 or Maura 01322 551503 or email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk.

Tea Dance: The next Tea Dance will be on Wednesday 19th February from 13.30 until 16.30. Music by the very popular Mary, bring a friend for an enjoyable afternoon. Admission £5.00 including tea, coffee and cakes. For information, please contact John O'Connor 0790336692

Brentwood Catholic Children Society: BCCS is an established children's charity delivering mental health services in schools throughout the diocese. Currently they are seeking to appoint Trustees to their board to help guide and develop their work. Further information available on their website www.bccs.org.uk

Lent events at Gidea Park, Christ the Eternal High Priest Church, 410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Saturday 29th February 10.30am-3.00pm, John among the Gospels – Fr Victor Darlington will explore the Gospel according to John, and point to its unique features. Wednesdays 11th, 18th & 25th March 7pm-8.30pm The Great Johannie Gospels. On three evenings Fr Adrian Graffy will speak about the Gospels of the Samaritan Woman (Third Sunday of Lent), the Man Born Blind (fourth Sunday) and the Raising of Lazarus (fifth Sunday) in preparation for the Sunday liturgy. We will conclude with a shared reading of the Gospel passage. To book GPstudydays@gmail.com or phone 01708 449914

R.I.P Please pray for of the Soul of Thomas Matthews who died recently. His Requiem Mass will take place this Tuesday the 18th February at 2.30pm here in our Church. Also pray for Joseph (Clement) Janganan who died recently, his funeral Mass will take place on 26th February at 12.00pm. May they rest in peace.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: This will take place on the 6th March, envelopes will be given out after Mass over the weekend of the 29th February and 1st March 2020.

Vincent Friel: The Friel family would like to thank all who sent Mass cards and other forms of sympathy on the death of Vincent. A Mass has been said for your intentions.

School Holidays: Our schools finish this week for their mid term break, returning on Monday 24th February, we wish them a restful time.