

MASS INTENTIONS

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Saturday 8 th February – Fiera	6.30pm	Laura O'Dwyer (RIP)
Sunday 9 th February – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9am	Billy Hudson (R.I.P)
	11am	Commela Moor
Monday 10 th February – St Scholastica	9.00am	Mrs Kay Lovett (RIP)
Tuesday 11 th February – Our Lady of Lourdes	10am	Special Intentions
Wednesday 12 th February Feria	9.00am	Thanksgiving from Catherine Friel and Family
	12.00pm	Requiem Mass
Thursday 13 th February – Feria	9.00am	The Holy Souls
Friday 14 th February – SS Cyril, Monk & Methodius	9.00am	Teresa Pitman
Saturday 15 th February – Fiera	9.00am	Special Intentions

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Saturday 15 th February – Fiera	6.30pm	Seamus Nolan (RIP)
Sunday 16 th February – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9am	Nioka D'Souza Thanksgiving
	11am	James Brewty (RIP)

ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

(Langdale Gardens)

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The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 8th & 9th February 2020

Dear Friends,

Like salt, or light, the Gospel is an essential and normal part of everyday life. Jesus' ministry was concerned with practicality, with improvisation, with working for healing and wholeness in a sick and broken world. If we, as his disciples, are not effective in our practical care and concern for the poor and the sick, we are like salt that has lost its flavour. We have no purpose, we have lost our way, we have nothing to say.

There are no ideal conditions for discipleship – the disciple constantly adapts to the situation in which he or she finds themselves. Jesus goes further. The practical results of a life of faith, as outlined by Isaiah, must be lived for all to see, not so that the doer of good deeds may be praised, but so that God may be glorified. So the Church exists for the salvation, not simply of its members, but for all. It exists to give glory to God.

The Gospel is a loving and practical response to the needy and wounded world. We have received this Good News for ourselves, and we cannot but share it with all.

*Have a good week
God Bless
Father Maurice*

Morning Prayer is recited every morning at 8.30am

Psalter: Week 4

Rosary is said every morning after Mass

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

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

1st & 2nd February 2020

Loose

£ 557.27

Envelopes

£432.59

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 13th 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.

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

Finance Committee: A meeting will take place next Thursday at 7.30pm.

Storage Area: The Storage area between the Hall and the Church seems to have accumulated a lot of unmarked items (boxes, Crockery, books, cooking utensils etc) If you wish these items to be kept please label so that suitable storage can be found. Any unmarked items will be disposed of by the end of February 2020

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.

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

Sponsored Sleepout, Friday 3rd – Saturday 4th April, in the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. The evening begins at 8pm with a film and talk; or arrive at 11pm for Mass. Sleepout midnight – 7am. In this freezing weather, it is very difficult for those who are sleeping on the streets. The Sleepout is a powerful way to understand what it feels like to sleep outside, while raising money for homeless charities. Groups should register by emailing frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org; individuals can register on www.bcys.net. Open to anyone aged 15-105 (those aged 15-18 must be part of a group, and have parental consent).

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 Johannine 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 the repose of the Soul of Garry Honeyball whose funeral Mass will be on Wednesday 12th February 12.00pm. Also pray for of the Soul of Thomas Matthews who died recently. His Requiem Mass will take place on the 18th February at 2.30pm here in our Church. Also pray for Joseph (Clement) Janganant who died last Sunday, his funeral Mass will take place on 26th February at 12.00pm. May they rest in peace.