

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> January –	6.30pm	Vincent Friel (RIP)
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> January –	9.00am	Tim & Josie Keane 60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
	11.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January – Fiera	9.00am	Mae McMahon (RIP) & Eileen Hannafin (RIP)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January – St Agnes	10am	Intentions of James Moodie
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January Fiera	9.00am	Vincent Friel (RIP)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January – Fiera	9.00am	Tom Francis Vizzard (RIP)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January – St Francis de Sales	9:00am	Funeral Mass Maria Formosa
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> January – The Conversion of St Paul	9.00am	Mgr Harry Turner who is ill

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> January –	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> January –	9am	Sesan Russell
	11am	Kathleen O'Donovan

Morning Prayer is recited every morning at 8.30am

**Psalter:** Week 2

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 Second Sunday in Ordinary time (Year A) 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Friends,

In this Octave of prayer for Christian Unity, we are called upon to deepen our appreciation of the riches of other religious traditions. When we pray for Church Unity, we do not pray that Presbyterians, Methodists, Anglicans, Catholics will forget their own separate history, traditions and identity to form one big, vague Christian merger. Just as in marriage, unity does not mean uniformity or sameness. The day when Christians can worship as one and the same people, in one and the same place, is still a long way off. But let us begin. We pray that the different religious families will become stronger and closer. The Universal Catechism of the Catholic Church points out that Christians must pray and work to maintain, reinforce and perfect the unity that Christ wills. To respond adequately to that call, it holds that certain qualities are needed; a permanent renewal of the Church in her own vocation.

Cardinal Mercier in his Testament says simply 'In order to be united we must love one another, to love one another we must know one another, to know one another we must meet one another'

The Octave of prayer for Christian Unity falls between 18-25<sup>th</sup> January. This Sunday we gather with our Brothers and Sisters at St Nicholas Church at 6.30pm to meet and to celebrate together in prayer and song our Christian witness, everyone is welcome.

*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**

11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Loose**

£ 478.62

**Envelopes**

£634.31

**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.

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

**200 Club Winners:** Our apologies for the delay, the following people have won the 200 Club draw could you please collect your cheques from Father Maurice. T Corsan, T Rothern, P Zindi and L Schaberg congratulations.

**The Annual Lourdes Mass:** will be celebrated at Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Congratulations:** To Tim & Josie Keane who celebrate 60 years of marriage. We wish them all of Gods blessings for their future happiness and well being.

**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.

**FOSAA Quiz Night 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020:** The School are holding a quiz night in the parish hall opens at 7pm. Tickets are £8 a person which includes - food fish & chips, Chicken & chips or Veggie Burger & chips. Teams of up to 8 bring your own drinks and glasses. Raffle will also be held on the night. Please either contact the school or Karina on 07539 936139

**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. We also pray for Maria Concetta Formosa who died recently. Her funeral Mass will take place next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am. May they rest in peace.

**Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage:** Bishop Alan, supported by the Youth Service, will lead a pilgrimage to Lourdes from 26 – 31<sup>st</sup> July, flying from Southend Airport. This is a wonderful opportunity for all to pray at the Grotto, grow in faith and enjoy the company of fellow pilgrims. please contact Tangney Tours [www.tangney-tours.com/](http://www.tangney-tours.com/) brentwood or 01732 8

**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)

**Music Day for Havering Deanery:** To be held on 1<sup>st</sup> February at St Alban's, Elm Park from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. Singers and musicians most welcome even if you do not play an instrument or cannot read music. Free! No charge. Bring your own lunch. Tea/Coffee provided. The day will be led by Frances Novillo. Please let the Cathedral Music Office know if you are able to attend on [music@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:music@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or 01277.265288 or just come on the day if that not possible.