

MASS INTENTIONS
Second Sunday of Lent (A)

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| Saturday 7 th March | 6.30pm | M. Walsh & B O'Connor (R.I.P) |
| Sunday 8 th March– | 9am | Susan Williams |
| Second Sunday of Lent | 11am | Garry Honeyball |
| Monday 9 th March – Feria | 9.00am | Ella Mackinnon (Ints) |
| Tuesday 10 th March – Feria | 10am | Dave Creighton (R.I.P) |
| Wednesday 11 th March - Feria | 9.00am | Vincent Friel (R.I.P) |
| Thursday 12 th March – Feria | 9.00am | Mrs Rose Aboud |
| Friday 13 th March – Feria | 9.00am | Mts Theresa Pitham |
| Saturday 14 th March - Feria | 9.00am | Prof. & Mrs Hall (Int) |

Third Sunday of Lent (A)

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| Saturday 14 th March - Feria | 6.30pm | Rose Aboud (R.I.P) |
| Sunday 15 th March – Third Sunday of Lent | 9am | Tim & Josie Keane 60 th Wedding Anniversary |
| | 11am | Lily Follow (R.I.P) |

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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Second Sunday of Lent (Year A)

7th & 8th March 2020

Our readings today teach us that as followers of Christ, we need to get out of our comfort zone, because the cross is part and parcel of Christian living, and there is no glory without it. In the Gospel, Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a mountain with Him, and He is transfigured in their presence, appearing to them in His glory. Peter wants to prolong the experience; he is comfortable and wants to remain there. But Jesus knows that the road to Calvary lies ahead, and that the cross must be faced before the glory of the resurrection. We like to remain comfortable because we fear the unknown. We should not be afraid to take a leap of faith and trust in the Lord. Jesus tells His disciples, 'stand up, do not be afraid' – and He says the same to each one of us. So in this second week of Lent, the question is there for all of us, 'What is the Lord calling me to?' Am I prepared to step out in confidence and trust? Moving out of our comfort zones and being prepared to accept hardship and suffering is never easy. St Paul gives us good advice in the second reading, 'bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy.'

*Have a good Lent
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

29th February & 1st March 2020

Loose

£412.26

Envelopes

£441.69

Confirmation Programme 2019/2020: The next session will be held on 28th March 2020.

First Holy Communion 2019/20: The next session will be held on Thursday the 19th March 2020, at 7pm.

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

Stations of the Cross: This will take place next Friday here at St. Alban's Church at 7.30pm, all are welcome.

Journey in Faith (RCIA) – We congratulate Richard, Damiana, Galin, Raich who met the Bishop last Sunday at the Rite of Election at Brentwood Cathedral. They will now journey with us to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church on the 11th April on Holy Saturday night.

Tea Dance: Our next Tea Dance will be on Wednesday 18th March in the Parish Centre. As this is the day after St Patrick's Day, it will be a special St Patrick's celebration green will be the theme. Music by the fabulous Finbar Black, dancing from 13.30-16.30. admission £5.00 includes tea coffee and cakes. Any information please contact me John O'Connor on 07903366992.

Mass at St Alban's School: Every Thursday during Lent, Mass is celebrated at St Alban's School at 8am. We encourage all parents to attend.

Lent events at Gidea Park, Christ the Eternal High Priest Church, 410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Wednesdays 11th, 18th & 25th March 7pm-8.30pm The Great Johannine Gospels. On three evenings Fr Adrian Gaffy 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

On 29th March 2020 England will be rededicated as the 'Dowry of Mary'. This will happen in Westminster Cathedral, in Walsingham, in every Catholic Cathedral, in every parish and in as many homes as possible. Mgr John Armitage, the Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, has asked people to prepare spiritually for the rededication by praying the Angelus every day after our parish Masses. The Angelus is a most suitable prayer to prepare us spiritually for the rededication, recalling as it does, 'some essential moments in the History of Salvation, reminding us of Mary's 'yes' to the Angel Gabriel, which undid Eve's 'no' in the Garden of Eden'. We profess our faith in 'The Word, who was made flesh, and dwelt amongst us' and in his Death and Resurrection, the eternal destiny to which each of us is called in Christ.

Lenten works of mercy: The Helpers of God's Precious Infants reach out in love and compassion to mothers who are in crisis pregnancies and to those who have suffered the effects of abortion. Why not come and join us and help to hold out God's Hand of Love and Mercy? The next Rosary Procession Vigil, will be held on Saturday 14th March at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Grove Crescent Road, Stratford E15 1NS. We begin with 10.00am Mass. Please contact tel. 01727 763832 or e-mail marg@helpersuk.org

Job Vacancies: St John's RC Special School, Woodford Bridge is recruiting for the following positions – SEN Teacher, Speech & Language Therapist, Classroom Support Assistants & Secretary. These are full-time, term time only roles in a school with students aged 5 - 25 with a wide range of special needs. Previous experience essential. For application packs please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk stating the role you are interested in. Successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk