

MASS INTENTIONS

Third Sunday of Easter (A)

Saturday 25 th April –	6.30pm	Stella & Clarence Miranda (R.I.P)
Sunday 26 th April –	9am	Thanksgiving for Nigel D'Souza
	11am	Jean & John Barry 45 th Wedding Anniversary
Monday 27 th April – Fiera	9.00am	Edward Di Marsciu (R.I.P)
Tuesday 28 th April – Fiera	10am	William Snowdon (R.I.P)
Wednesday 29 th April – St Catherine of Siena	9.00am	Lily & Anthony Dass (R.I.P)
Thursday 30 th April – Fiera	9.00am	Anne Palmer Intentions
Friday 1 st May – Fiera	9.00am	Collette & Lucy Intentions
Saturday 2 nd May St Athanasius	9.00am	Canon Frederick Miles (R.I.P)

Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Saturday 2 nd May –	6.30pm	Father John O'Halloran (R.I.P)
Sunday 3 rd May –	9am	Len Addison (R.I.P)
	11am	Father Stephen Foster (R.I.P)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: to be arranged

Peace Garden

The peace garden remains open from 7:00 am to 7:30 pm each day. All are welcome to visit and spent a little time in prayer but still keep our social distancing individually as laid down by the Government.

ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

(Langdale Gardens)

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25th & 26th April 2020

Dear Friends,

On Easter Sunday evening, two disciples of Jesus were returning to their native village. They were filled with sadness because the man on whom they had pinned their hopes had been executed. Then the Risen Jesus joined them, opened their eyes and turned their sadness into Joy.

In the same way, our faith and the faith of those around us can put our own lives in a new context to give hope where there was only despair, to give trust where our lives are betrayed by broken promises and shattered relationships.

Easter Resurrection gives us new meaning to all the difficulties and pains that we have to live through at this time. We have to read our own lives in terms of the life of faith in the Risen Lord. This gives us all hope beyond the despair of the situation of the Covid-19 surrounding us.

We can reach out to a new vision, a new life and find the light and life of Christ. This helps us in this time of trouble. The Risen Christ is a light in our darkness and no situation can over power this LIGHT.

*Please keep safe and mind yourself and each other
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, Crystal Stimpson, Theresa Wiseman, Elizabeth Wyles, Clara Yankey, Teresa Pitman, Julia Joseph, Mary Kakari, John Barry, Sarah Content, Celia Desmond, Bill and Teresa Shorey, Jean Berry, Dennis Doherty, Francesca Kelly, Paul & Eva AU, Rose Dique, Jim Nolan

Please pray for the repose of the souls:

Philomena Pickney who has died recently (Sheila Leahy's sister) her funeral will be on 27th April 2020, this Monday at 2.40pm at South Essex Cemetery

Bill Shorey who has died recently his funeral will take place on 5th May 2020, Tuesday at 12 noon at South Essex Cemetery. We pray for his wife Teresa who also lost her sister Mary Anderson in Kent last week.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

The Diocese has provided each Church with their own direct on link for the offertory. <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=elm-park> Please remember if you are a taxpayer and have envelopes make it known on your donation, otherwise we will not be able to reclaim the tax paid.

We have also been asked about Easter Offerings for the priest please make that known also if donating online.

Prayer

Dear God you are my light and salvation. You are my hope. Please come into my heart, forgive all my wrongs and give me your wonderful gift of eternal life. Help me be the instrument of Your love and cause your light to shine on others through me. Amen

A Reflection that may help



Four candles slowly burned. The ambiance was so soft, one could almost hear them talking ...

The first candle said "I am Peace!" "the world is full of anger and fighting. Nobody can keep me lit"

Then the flame of Peace went out completely

The second candle said "I am Faith!" "I am no longer indispensable. It doesn't make sense that I stay lit another moment"

Just then a breeze softly blew Faith's flame.

Sadly the third candle began to speak "I am Love!" " People don't understand my importance so they simply put me aside. They even forget to love those who are nearest to them".

And waiting no longer Love's flame went out.

Suddenly.... a child entered the room and saw the three unlit candles. "Why aren't you burning? You're supposed to stay lit until the end"

Saying this the child began to cry

Then the fourth candle answered: "Don't be afraid, I am Hope!" "While I am still burning we can re-light the other candles"

With shining eyes the child took the candle of hope and lit the other candles. The greatest of these is Love but the flame of Hope should never go out of your life. With Hope each of us can live with Peace, Faith and Love.