

MASS INTENTIONS
The Body and Blood of Christ (A)

Saturday 13 th June –	6.30pm	Joe McGee (R.I.P)
Sunday 14 th June -	9am	Ethel Maud Kirk (R.I.P)
	11am	In Thanksgiving for 60 th Wedding Anniversary of Jimmy and Frances Nolan
Monday 15 th June – Fiera	9.00am	John Moody (R.I.P)
Tuesday 16 th June – Fiera	10am	Mr & Mrs John Abel (R.I.P)
Wednesday 17 th June – Fiera	9.00am	George Kiparrisi
Thursday 18 th June – Fiera	9.00am	Mrs Celia Dass Birthday
Friday 19 th June – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	9.00am	Grace Abel (R.I.P)
Saturday 20 th June The Immaculate Heart of Mary	9.00am	John Able (R.I.P)

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Saturday 20 th June –	6.30pm	Jessica Ray Birthday
Sunday 21 st June -	9am	Michelle Miranda Birthday
	11am	Joe D'Souza (R.I.P)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: to be arranged

Peace Garden

Our prayer garden is opened daily and there is a prayer Pope Francis has asked us to pray to seek Mary's help, which is in front of the statue. Please say this prayer as we hope that the world may be healed of this virus.

ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER
(Langdale Gardens)

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The Body and Blood of Christ (Year A)
13th & 14th June 2020

Dear Friends,

Deserts are hot and harsh environments with no food and little vegetation. Humans are not able to live in such places without perishing from dehydration and starvation. If we suddenly found ourselves in the desert, we would soon become aware of what is essential for survival. The first reading today recounts the experience of the Israelites when God led them from slavery in Egypt through the desert to the Promised Land. They were hungry, thirsty and groaning. God had already given them the Ten Commandments, and now led them through this time of suffering to test them and see if they really trusted in Him. He provided what was truly necessary – bread from heaven and water from the rock – to show them that they depend on Him for every good thing.

Our lives are in some ways like going through the desert. It seems a long time since we met together as a community to celebrate our Sunday Eucharist. We are still longing for the time to come when we can receive the Lord again in Holy Communion. This longing can be a grace in itself, it reminds us how much we need the Lord like being in the desert we thirst for him. There is something worth remembering, "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you". Holy Communion is not a prize for being good. We do not pretend to be worthy. We come because we are struggling sinners. We come because we are hungry and weak. At this time of the pandemic, we feel most of all the need for this gift to sustain us in these troubled times.

On this feast of Corpus Christi, we are reminded of this free gift. Through it, we receive the grace to help us to realise our total dependence on the Lord. Jesus said, "I am the living bread come down from heaven. He who eats this bread will live forever." Does the prospect of eternal life with the Lord really attract us? The Eucharist is the foretaste of the heavenly banquet

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 Morriseon 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, Teresa Shorey, Jean Berry, Dennis Doherty, Francesca Kelly, Paul & Eva AU, Rose Dique, Jim Nolan, George Kiparrisi, Rosetta Reehill

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Jean Robinson who died recently. Her funeral will take place this Tuesday 19th June at 2.00pm at Upminster Cemetery
May she rest in peace and rise in glory

Gift Aid Envelopes

Gift Aid envelopes have arrived at the Church if you wish to come and collect your boxes give the presbytery a ring to arrange a time.

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.

First Holy Communion Mass this Sunday with a message from Bishop Alan. The direct link to the YouTube streaming of the Mass is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UYbigOMOFJU>

Winners of the 200 Club

January - V Honeyball

February – P Grennan

March – M Daley

April – M Galley

Please see Father Maurice for your cheques

Preparations for safe reopening of the Church

Before we can think of opening the Church, we need some volunteers that will be able to assist with the cleaning and stewards would be required. Volunteers must not be drawn from those instructed to shield themselves nor from groups considered more vulnerable to coronavirus. Those interested in helping please come to a meeting at 5pm this Sunday, 14th June 2020 in the Peace Garden where Frank Nice, our Health and Safety coordinator will outline what needs to be done to create a safe environment.

If we have everything in place, I am hoping to open the church this Wednesday 17th June from 10am -12pm and in the evening from 6pm -7pm. We will carry this on through the week and in time revise the need of opening times once we have any feedback.

When the Church is open, please follow the guidelines given to keep everyone as safe as possible. Social distancing will need to be strictly adhered to at all times.

FAMILY CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART: This coming Friday the 19th June is the solemnity of the Sacred Heart. At 10am on Friday an act of consecration to the Sacred Heart for families will be live-streamed (and available to watch later) on the diocese's Marriage and Family Life Facebook page. In the days, leading up to this and following, couples from around the diocese will be sharing via the Facebook page their own inspirations for living out their vocation as spouses and parents in the domestic church. Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/BrentwoodMandFL/> (you do not need to be signed up to Facebook to access this).

JUST A THOUGHT!

Have you ever realised that the words “I”, “MY” and “ME” do not occur once in the Lord’s Prayer.