

MASS INTENTIONS
Saint Peter & Saint Paul (A)

Saturday 27 th June – St Peter & St Paul	5.00pm	Peter Duignan (R.I.P)
Sunday 28 th June - St Peter & St Paul	9.00am	Eileen Brand's Intentions
	12.00am	Michael Kelly's Intentions
Monday 29 th June –	9.00am	Margaret Kelly (R.I.P)
Tuesday 30 th June – Fiera	9.00am	Herando (R.I.P)
Wednesday 1 st July –	9.00am	Fr Adrian Graffy (INT)
Thursday 2 nd July – Fiera	9.00am	Fr Gerry Butcher (R.I.P)
Friday 3 rd July – St Thomas	9.00am	Michael Patrick Byrnes(R.I.P)
Saturday 4 th July - Fiera	9.00am	Fr Paul Dynan (R.I.P)

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Saturday 4 th July –	6.30pm	David Hendon (INT)
Sunday 5 th July -	9.00am	Susan Williams (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Zachary Geddis (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.

The Church is open daily from 10.00am to 12.00pm and in the evenings from 6.00pm to 7.00pm

ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER
(Langdale Gardens)

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27th & 28th June 2020

Dear Friends,
In the Gospels, Saint Peter stands out as a member of the twelve apostles who most frequently took the initiative while they were with Jesus. The Acts of the Apostles portray him as the undisputed leader of the early Church, undergoing enormous hardships and fearlessly facing persecution for the sake of Christ. He was a man of action, sometimes impetuous, an ardent lover of Christ. He spent his last years in Rome where he was martyred during the persecutions of Nero, in AD 64 or AD 65.

St. Paul, who was well versed in rabbinical learning, at first zealously persecuted the Christians until, on his way to Damascus to arrest certain Christians, he had a vision of Christ, which instantaneously changed his entire life. After three years in solitary retirement in the desert of Arabia, he plunged into a life of intense missionary activity, during which he was martyred in Rome about the year AD 67. It has been said that he is the most powerful personality in the history of the Church. His life was dominated by an ardent love of Christ, who was at the centre of his life and preaching.

Prayer

Father, bend down to us this day and speak to us through your Word. Let our hearts burn with love for you and for our brothers and sisters. Give us the love, which you gave to St. Peter and St. Paul, that we may live our lives for you. In the time of this pandemic, be with us and refresh us with your love. May your word be a lamp for our steps.

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 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, William Bradbury

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.

Winners of the 200 Club

January - V Honeyball

February – P Grennan

March – M Daley

April – M Galley

Please see Father Maurice for your cheques

As Bishop Alan says

It is good news that services can restart from 4 July but we await both government and bishops' conference guidance, which will set out how this can occur. We will need to be patient. Guidelines will be distributed as soon as we have them and, as always, Safety Toolbox and we will be available to help you.

The Cardinal's Nichols press statement yesterday

I welcome the statement by the Prime Minister earlier today, that places of worship are now able to resume collective acts of worship from 4 July. This is welcome news for members of all religions in England. I thank all who have worked hard to bring this about, not least my fellow religious leaders. As Catholics we now look forward to being able to celebrate Mass together again from 4 July. We have waited with patience and longing for this moment, understanding the importance of protecting the health of people in our society. Now we are full of anticipation that we will be able again to take part together in the Eucharist, which lies at the centre of our faith.

It is important that we continue to abide by the guidance, given by the Government, on appropriate social distancing and the other measures to avoid all unnecessary risk. Our own detailed guidance will be distributed around dioceses and parishes so everyone can be confident that they may come to Mass securely and understand the part they are to play in protecting each other from any remaining risk of infection.

The past few months have been a time of fashioning new patterns of prayer, new ways of exploring and enriching our faith and vigorous ways of reaching out to those in need. We can build on these, forgetting nothing of the graces we have been given. Yet now, with the experience of opening our churches for individual prayer already gained, this return to the more normal patterns of worship will be of great importance to all Catholics.

This time of our 'Eucharistic fast' has made our hearts grow in longing for that moment when we can come together and receive again the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist. That moment is now very near and for that we thank God.