

MASS INTENTIONS
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Saturday 11 th July –	6.30pm	William Bradbury (Int)
Sunday 12 th July - Sea Sunday	9.00am	Yvonne & Rob Brown Golden Wedding Anniversary
	11.00am	Lily Theresa & Anthony Dass (R.I.P)
Monday 13 th July –	9.00am	Mable Way (Int)
Tuesday 14 th July – Fiera	10.00am	Gregory Adams (R.I.P)
Wednesday 15 th July – St Bonaventure	9.00am	Virginia Glade (Int)
Thursday 16 th July – Fiera	9.00am	Swan's (Int)
Friday 17 th July –	9.00am	Pascal Uche (Int)
Saturday 18 th July -	9.00am	Celia Desmond (Int)

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Saturday 18 th July –	6.30pm	Deacon Ken's 6 th Anniversary of Ordination
Sunday 19 th July -	9.00am	Danny Lions (Int)
	11.00am	Padraig Hester (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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11th & 12th July 2020

Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel Jesus tells a parable of a sower sowing seeds. He explains that the seed is the word of God and the soil is the heart of those who hear the word. Some seed yield a rich harvest. For the seed to grow it needs to be planted in good soil. What kind of soil do we offer God's word?

The word of God has the power to change and transform us. It is always preached at a particular situation. In times of violence, it is a word of peace; in times of hurt, it is a healing word; to hearts engulfed in despair, it is a word of consolation and hope. Listening to the word of God, a person has new perspective. They can see that the way things are is not the way things are meant to be. They receive a new vision, new encouragement, and a new determination to change the cause of their dissatisfaction.

Hearing the word of God is not just knowledge but is it a power and has the authority of God. Therefore, a person living by the word will transform themselves, and their own situation. Listening to the readings and the homily at Mass; recognising words of wisdom we speak to each other; hearing what the Lord is saying in our heart; this is receiving the word in rich soil, and guaranteeing an abundant harvest.

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.

M Galley and P Zindi are requested to pick up their cheques from the presbytery, as they are the winners of the 200 club for April and November, respectively.

The Cardinal Nichols' Press Statement

I am pleased to attach to the Note the full Guidance published this morning by HM Government on the use of Places of Worship from 4th July 2020 in England.

I wish to point out the following key points to which we must give heed:

1. Risk Assessment.

The advice is clear that a risk assessment must be carried out before a church can be brought back into

use. Failure to complete an adequate risk assessment could constitute a breach of regulations.

2. Numbers and Social Distancing.

a. The guidance is clear that 30 people is the maximum for Funerals Services and Weddings, and Baptisms as ceremonies outside the normal pattern of parish worship.

b. The guidance is clear that a calculation of numbers to be admitted to a church needs to be made carefully with a number of factors in mind, especially social distancing and potential pinch points (access and egress).

c. Social distancing means 2 metres or "1 metre with risk mitigation." 1 metre without additional measures is not an option offered in the guidance. It clearly recommends using "1 metre with risk mitigations" only "where 2metres is not viable."

3. Singing.

The Guidance stresses that singing is to be 'specifically avoided.' If a cantor is to be used, then it recommends a Perspex screen be placed between the singer and the congregation in addition to social distancing, which should be increased.

4. Distribution of Holy Communion.

The Guidance has quite specific statements about this under the heading of 'Food and Drink.' Please give this particular attention. The guidance is explicit that Communion is to be given hand to hand only and that social distancing is to be maintained with people moving within the space.

5. Duration of service

The guidance is clear in its use of phrases such as 'the shortest possible time' and 'minimising time spent in contact' as important factors in reducing risk.

6. Test and Trace

Please write down your name and details as you enter the church.

Please be patient with us as we try to organise everything in order to protect ourselves and each other.