

MASS INTENTIONS
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Saturday 25 th July – St James, Ap	6.30pm	Jimmy Nolan
Sunday 26 th July -	9.00am	Yvonne & Rob Brown Anniversary (Int)
	11.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 27 th July – Fiera	9.00am	Canon Christopher Tuckwell (R.I.P)
Tuesday 28 th July – Fiera	10.00am	Margaret & William McElligott (R.I.P)
Wednesday 29 th July – St Martha	9.00am	Paddy Dear (R.I.P)
Thursday 30 th July – Fiera	9.00am	Anne Dooner Intentions
Friday 31 st July – St Ignatius of Loyola	9.00am	First Holy Communion Parents
Saturday 1 st August - St Alphonsus Liguori	9.30am	No Mass only First Holy Communion

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Saturday 1 st August –	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 2 nd August -	9.00am	Ron Wood (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Patricia & John Appleton Wedding Anniversary

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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25th & 26th July 2020

Dear Friends,

In our own lives, we may think that the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence: we can be envious of others' talents, wealth, car, house or lifestyle. But the kingdom of heaven, the object of our longing, is not going to be found in someone else's field, by wishing we were someone else. We have to look to our own fields, our own lives, our present relationships, for it is in these that God speaks to us, reveals himself, loves us, offers us hope, growth and love. It is in our own lives that we will find the hidden treasure, the pearl of great price. The kingdom of heaven is within us – but we have to be able to recognise that treasure. To look elsewhere is to end up chasing pipedreams. Discovering the kingdom, allowing the kingdom to take possession of us, is not a once-and-for-all thing. It is a process. God takes us exactly as we are: the good bits and the bad bits, our vices as well as our virtues. It is like a net, which catches good as well as bad fish. God sorts through it all, salvaging, healing, using what he can and saving us from those parts of ourselves, which are destructive or negative. This way to wholeness is inevitably painful, because there is always pain involved in growth and re-birth. But this is the only way to satisfy our longing for wholeness: there is no alternative. We must look to our own lives, to our own circumstances, to find God's Kingdom and God's love for us.

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.

Please remember the more people we have in the 200 club the bigger the monthly prize would be. We have lost quite a few members over the last two years this is a great way to give to the church as well as having the possibility of a win. If you would like to join the 200 club please see ask Father Maurice.

Novena in honour of Our Lady

Our Parish of St Albans is organising a Novena in honour of Our Lady. It will begin on Friday 7th August 2020 after 9am Mass and end on Sunday 16th August, which is the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven, the novena will conclude with a mass in the peace garden.

This celebration mass on the 16th August will begin at 2.30pm starting with the Rosary and prayers seeking Our Lady's help to end this pandemic.

A copy of the Novena can be found on our church website - <https://www.stalbansrcchurch.uk> – please join us when we begin on the 8th August 2020.

There will be no mass at 11.00am on Sunday, 16th August. Health and safety regulations will be in place, and I will need your cooperation in this matter.

Our parish stewards will help facilitate this program. We hope that Father Paschal Uche who is to be ordained on next Saturday, 1st August will be with us for the mass.

First Holy Communion

Today we have 13 young people who have come together for this most wonderful moment in their lives and next week on 1st August, we have another 12. As we share their happiness, we thank the parents for bringing their children to this joyful step along the journey of faith. We also thank the catechists, the teachers, the people of the parish as you have helped in various ways in leading them to this their Special Day and you too have a care for their future growth in faith. Remember them in your prayers and pray for their families.

When we speak of the Eucharist, we think of the Mass at which we receive Holy Communion and of the continuing presence of Our Lord in our tabernacles. The Eucharist is at the very centre of the whole Church. It should be at the centre of the life of each parish, and of every person in it. It is the Church's most precious treasure –

Cardinal Hume