

MASS INTENTIONS
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)
Monday 6 th July –	9.00am	The Intentions of the Geddis Family
Tuesday 7 th July – Fiera	10.00am	Canon Vincent Berry (R.I.P)
Wednesday 8 th July –	9.00am	Vimala Raj Intentions
Thursday 9 th July – Fiera	9.00am	Maria & Kenny Price 25th Wedding Anniversary
Friday 10 th July –	9.00am	Bertrand Sima Intentions
Saturday 11 th July - St Benedict	9.00am	Violet & George Martin (R.I.P)

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Saturday 11 th July –	6.30pm	William Bradbury Intentions
Sunday 12 th July - Sea Sunday	9.00am	Yvonne & Rob Brown Golden Wedding Anniversary
	11.00am	Lily Theresa & Anthony Dass (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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4th & 5th July 2020

Dear Friends,
At these times, we all find life difficult. We become overburdened with problems and worries of one kind or another. Like losing our jobs, the future of our children, fear of another peak in the pandemic. What can we do? We can use all kinds of excuses for not turning to Christ, as if we are in control. In today's Gospel, Christ tells us to bring all our burdens to him and he will give us courage, peace and strength. Let us come with love and trust in prayer.

Prayer

Dear Lord,
Amidst the confusion of these days, give us the calmness of the everlasting hills. Help me to know the restoring power of sleep. Slow us down Lord, to look at a flower, to chat with a friend on the phone, to read a few lines from the Scripture. Remind us that there is more to life than increasing its speed. Let us look into the branches of a towering oak and know that it grew tall and strong because it grew slowly and well. Slow us down, Lord. Teach us to be gentle and humble of heart, and thus we will find rest for our soul.
Amen

*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.

P Grennan and M Galley are requested to pick up their cheques from the presbytery, as you are the winners of the 200 club for February and April.

The Cardinal's 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.