

MASS INTENTIONS

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (A)

Saturday 15 th August –	6.30pm	Michael Joe Hehir
Sunday 16 th August -	9.00am	Teresa Jarrold
	2.30pm	Mass in the Garden Harrison Turner (Birthday Int.)
Monday 17 th August – Fiera	9.00am	Dr Joseph Mainoo (R.I.P)
Tuesday 18 th August – Fiera	10.00am	Father Joseph's Intentions
Wednesday 19 th August – Fiera	9.00am	Maureen Laane Intentions
Thursday 20 th August – St Bernard	9.00am	Julie Brewty (R.I.P)
Friday 21 st August – St Pius X	9.00am	Sean O'Sullivan
Saturday 22 nd August - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00am	Rose Dique Intentions

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Saturday 22 nd August –	6.30pm	Frances Nolan (R.I.P)
Sunday 23 rd August -	9.00am	In Thanks Giving
	11.00am	Anne Dooner (R.I.P)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: to be arranged

Thanks

Thanks to Mr. Frank Nice and all the stewards who are keeping our community safe during this time of pandemic.



ST ALBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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15th & 16th August 2020

Dear Friends,

We live in a disposable society; Pope Francis frequently speaks about a "throwaway culture" in which unwanted items and unwanted people, such as the unborn, the elderly, and the poor, are discarded as waste. Recent development in genetics suggests that human beings are disposable! The Assumption celebrates the sacredness and dignity of the human person. Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother, is most blessed of all women. A young girl's body gave shape, sustenance and strength to the One we call Son of God.

Given the unique role Mary played in God's plan for humankind, early Christians couldn't imagine Mary's body undergoing the normal process of decay after death. They came to believe that she was 'assumed', or taken straight to heaven, to share fully in the fruits of her Son's resurrection, thinking which would later become part of the Church teaching.

Nevertheless, this feast is about us too, it is a reminder of the dignity of each human being, and of our hope that, on the Last Day, we will be reunited with our bodies in a glorified manner.

That is what we profess in the Creed every Sunday: "we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come", A world where nothing is disposable!

Prayer: Loving God, you raised Mary to the glory of heaven, giving all your people renewed hope of eternal life in your presence. Hear our Prayers, forgive our sins, and bless us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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 Morrisson 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.

The 200 club

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.

Please note that face coverings are mandatory in the Church. Please ensure your own safety when receiving Communion to replace your mask.

Confirmation

We are hoping to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for the 20 young people in our parish from the 24th August to the 28th August. We will have 4 confirmandi at each mass including their immediate family and sponsors. These masses in this week will be at 7.30pm every evening.

Fr Tom Jordan, RIP

After 31 years as a priest of Brentwood Diocese, serving in Grays, Leigh on Sea, Basildon and Romford, Fr Tom sadly passed away on Wednesday 5th August. His funeral will take place at 11am on Wednesday 19th August; however due to Covid-19 restrictions this is by invitation only. The funeral Mass will be livestreamed, and there is the opportunity for people to come to the parish of St Edward the Confessor, 5 Park End Road, Romford RM1 4AT between 6pm and 9pm on Tuesday 18th August, for prayer. On Wednesday 19th everyone is warmly invited to line Park End Road as the cortege leaves the church at 12.30pm. Full information, including the link to the Mass, is at www.stedwards-romford.org.uk

The Good Counsel Network

The Good Counsel Network is a Catholic, Pro-Life group based in London. We provide friendship, creative solutions, help and supports to women in crisis pregnancies and afterwards, regardless of their beliefs, nationality, legal status etc. We can also help women suffering after an abortion. Please get in touch with our telephone number – 020 7723 1740 or by email- info@goodcounselnetwork.com or visit our site www.goodcounselnetwork.com .

Catholic Singles

Catholic singles is an organisation, which helps single, widowed, separated and divorced Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. All members receive a monthly bulletin, called Catholic Networking, which includes details of social events and Anonymous descriptions of individual members. The confidential box number in each bulletin is optional, and members may join for social events only if they wish. Contact us info@catholicsingles.org.uk or Phone: 0161 941 3498 or Text: 0789 505 1103.