

MASS INTENTIONS

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Saturday 22 nd August – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	6.30pm	Frances Nolan (R.I.P)
Sunday 23 rd August -	9.00am 11.00am	Rose and John Dique (Thanks Giving) Anne Dooner (R.I.P)
Monday 24 th August – St Bartholomew	9.00am	Vi and George Martin
Tuesday 25 th August – Fiera	10.00am	Roy Francis (Int)
Wednesday 26 th August – Fiera	9.00am	Cesar Azores (R.I.P)
Thursday 27 th August – St Monica	9.00am	Baby Daniel Ward (R.I.P)
Friday 28 th August – St Augustine	9.00am	Teresa Shorey (Int)
Saturday 29 th August - The Passion of St John the Baptist	9.00am	Fr Tom Jordan (R.I.P)

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Saturday 29 th August – The Passion of St John the Baptist	6.30pm	David Silk (Int)
Sunday 30 th August -	9.00am 11.00am	Marie Kingman (R.I.P) Leo Connolly (R.I.P)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: to be arranged



ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

(Langdale Gardens)

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22nd & 23rd August 2020

Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives his disciple Simon a new name, Peter, which means 'rock', and says that His Church will be built upon this rock. Peter is given keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. Keys confer authority, the power to open and close. Peter is appointed chief steward of the Kingdom of Heaven, and his role is to govern the Church and lead the people closer to Christ. The power of the keys has been passed down over the centuries from St. Peter to Pope Francis. Jesus promised that 'the gates of hell will not prevail against His Church.

Throughout the world today, we see the forces of hell in action, violently plundering and destroying the cradle of Christianity and ravaging so many innocents. But in a more subtle way, the forces of evil are also eroding western society, through the rejection of God, and the widespread rejection of basic Christian morality. We know that the Church will survive until the end of time, because Christ has promised it, but we have no guarantee that it will survive in any given region – even our own.

Christ asks us too, "who do you say that I am?" Can we answer with Peter, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God?" Although things look bleak, this is an exciting time to be a Christian. Now we can no longer be complacent; our faith is being tested, and our task is to conform to God's will and to persevere in faith and prayer.

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 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, Roy Francis, Rob Brown

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 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 celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for the 20 young people in our parish this week. We will have four confirmandi at each mass including their immediate family and sponsors. These masses this week will be at 7.30pm every evening. Please keep all the candidates in your prayers.

Please Pray

For the repose of the soul of Charlene Avatt who died on the 14th August. On the 2nd September, her body will be brought into the church at 11am and her Requiem Mass will be at 12 noon following on to the City of London Crematorium.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

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 .

Thank you

A big thank you to all who helped to make our celebration of our Lady's Assumption in to Heaven, such a wonderful occasion for our parish family. Our special thanks go to Frank Nice and to all the stewards who worked tirelessly to organise the event and who on the day helped us to cope with the weather conditions. God showered us with his blessings and most of us were drenched in it. We thank all of you who came and we were privileged to have Fr. Paschal with us and to receive his first blessing.