

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Twenty - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> September -	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> September -	9.00am	Betty Stimpson (R.I.P)
	11.00am	John Barry (Int)
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> September –	9.00am	Theresa Desmond & Brothers (R.I.P)
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September – Fiera	10.00am	Anne Rowson (Int)
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September-	9.00am	Canon Niall Harrington (Int)
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October –	9.00am	Frederick Onodu (R.I.P)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October – Fiera	9.00am	Jack Lawless (Sick Child)
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October - Fiera	9.00am	Dylan Dunbar (Sick Child)

### Twenty - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October -	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> October -	9.00am	Margaret and John Keating (Int)
	11.00am	Nellie Ringrose (Int)

**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 CATHOLIC CHURCH

## ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

(Langdale Gardens)

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### Twenty - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Friends,

Someone once said to me, if you want to get something done, ask someone who is very busy; that way you will be sure that it gets done. This weekend we hear the parable of the two sons asked by their father to work in his vineyard. Perhaps the first son felt he was really just too busy, and had to say no to his father's request, but then when he thought it over realised that he somehow had to make the effort and do as his father had asked. I am sure there are times when we have all felt a bit like that – and perhaps occasionally been like the second son, willing and eager to please but just over-promised and failed to deliver. That is one of the beauties of the parables of Jesus: He shows us other people and we see ourselves reflected in them. It would, of course, be best if we could be like both of them, willingly agreeing then actively and effectively carrying it out. But life isn't really like that. We want to think of others and put them first but so often, our human nature gets in the way. "Me time" is something that our modern society sees as important, and treated in the right way it can be, in moderation. Better, though, to seek "God time"; those fleeting moments when we step away from everything else and make ourselves aware of the presence of God in our lives. Those are the moments when He whispers to us, nudges us in the direction He wants us to go, asks us, like the sons in the parable, to take our place in the vineyard. What that might mean in these uncertain times of partial lockdown, of social distancing, of the "rule of six", we cannot know. All we can do is to trust in Him, put our hand in His, and walk resolutely into the future knowing that the greatest happiness is found in responding positively, and doing whatever His will may be for us.

**Yours in Christ**

**Ken**

***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, Dylan Dunbar

**Gift Aid**

Please remember if you are a taxpayer and you have not signed up to the gift aid scheme you are letting the government keep 20p in every £1 that you donate to the Church. There are forms at the back of the church please fill them in and return to the parish office.

We have been asked to provide details so that parishioners can pay their donations by direct debit or standing order. It is an easier form of donation the details are as follows  
Bank HSBC

Account name: Catholic Church Elm Park St Albans

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account number: 31019848

We can still collect the gift aid off these donations so please remember to fill in the gift aid form.

**Thank you**

**Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Angela Veares, who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will take place on the Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 1pm. Followed by committal at south Essex Crematorium. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

**FR TIMOTHY RADCLIFFE TO SPEAK ON THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL**

Christ the High Priest, Gidea Park, will be hosting a live stream event organised by the Catholic Biblical Association of Great Britain on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October from 11 am.

Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP will speak about the 'joy of the gospel'. The live stream event can be followed by going to [www.ssppilford.org.uk](http://www.ssppilford.org.uk) and clicking on live stream remote events. This is the first of a series of events organised by the CBA at various venues. Contact the CBA at [catholicbiblicalassociation.gb@gmail.com](mailto:catholicbiblicalassociation.gb@gmail.com)

**Signing of Secondary School Forms**

Father Maurice will be available to sign Secondary School forms on the Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 6-7pm and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October from 5-7pm

**Signing of Primary School Forms**

If your child is eligible to apply for a primary school placing in September 2021, Father Maurice will be signing forms on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 5-7pm and Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 6-7pm

**New Job Vacancies**

St Albans is looking for a Midday Supervisor: scale 2 points 3 closing date is 5<sup>th</sup> October 12.00pm see information at <https://ats-haveringschools.igp.co.uk/vacancies/view/133967>

St Peters Billericay are looking for a Teaching Assistant please see the information at <http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=60692>

Sacred Heart is looking for a Part-time Finance Officer required from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021. They are seeking to appoint a person with high-level ICT skills who is a flexible team player. Previous experience in a school office/finance environment, particularly in the use of SIMS and FMS would be beneficial but not essential. 35 hours a week term time only plus 2 weeks during summer closure period APTC Scale 5 Points 12-15. Please contact school for application form closing date 9<sup>th</sup> October

**Reminder next week we have a second collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day**