

MASS INTENTIONS

Twenty - Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Saturday 17 th October -	6.30pm	Rose Rangel (R.I.P)
Sunday 18 th October - (World Mission Day)	9.00am	Robin Brown (int)
	11.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 19 th October – Fiera	9.00am	Neil Kelly (Int)
Tuesday 20 th October – Fiera	10.00am	Sheila Leahy (Int)
Wednesday 21 st October- Fiera	9.00am	Maisie Glennon (Int)
Thursday 22 nd October – St John Paul II	9.00am	Teresa Shorey (Int)
Friday 23 rd October – Fiera	9.00am	Siobhan McKeon (Int)
Saturday 24 th October -	9.00am	Reshma D'Souza Thanksgiving and Good Health

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Saturday 25 th October -	6.30pm	Neil Nagel (R.I.P)
Sunday 26 th October -	9.00am	Betty Stimpson (R.I.P)
	11.00am	John Maher

Peace Garden

During the month of October, St Alban's reflected on the mysteries of the rosary. Three families and our primary school produced beautiful displays of the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries.

These are now displayed in our parish garden for this month of October in honour of Our Lady Queen of Peace



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(Langdale Gardens)

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17th & 18th October 2020

Dear Friends,

Today is Mission Sunday. St John Paul II reminded us that when faith is weak our commitment to mission crumbles. A healthy Church is a Church fully committed to sharing faith at home and abroad by good living, by prayer and by generosity. Faith shared is faith strengthened.

This Sunday's Gospel is a clear call to Mission: the message behind it is this: all men and women are made in the likeness of God. In other words, all men and women, irrespective of race or color or creed belong to God, and the Church's Mission is unfulfilled until they all are 'given to Him'

The key to today's feast is this: "that all may know from farthest east to farthest west, that, apart from me, all is nothing". We live as vulnerable people in the face of a crisis and uncertainty. We need God's presence, power, name and word to accompany us through our lives. This is evident with this pandemic of Covid-19 gripping our lives. We are beginning to discover the need for prayer to keep us steady in these troubled times. Today we remember to pray for all missionaries who 'proclaim to all the nations: "God is King"'.

Pope Francis encourages us to hope and trust in the Lord. In his message for World Mission Sunday, he reminds us that 'in a context profoundly marked by the Covid-19 pandemic, we must not be discouraged because mission is not the fruit of human capacity but belongs to God. He sent his Son Jesus Christ and today he sends every baptized person to proclaim the good news by love and example'

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, Dylan Dunbar, Nell Addison, Tom & Maureen Gorham, Jack Lawless, Maisie Glennon and Michael Dear.

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

Congratulations

To James Mason and Martha Bill who were married in our Church last Saturday. We wish them all of God's blessings for their future happiness and wellbeing

Anniversary of Abortion Act

Tuesday 27th October is the 53rd anniversary of the Abortion Act being passed in England and Wales. Since 1967, over nine million babies have lost their lives to abortion. Millions of women and men have also had to deal with the suffering, which so often follows an abortion. Please join us in praying and fasting for the end of abortion in this country on Tuesday 27th October. For Post Abortion help and to support Pro-Life counselling see; www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

Please invite your friends and Family to join us via this Facebook event; <https://www.facebook.com/events/2739924072936969>

Signing of Secondary School Forms

Father Maurice will be available to sign Secondary School forms this Sunday 18th October from 5-7pm

Signing of Primary School Forms

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

Sacrament of Confirmation 2021 - Are you in school year 10 or above?

Are you keen to develop your Catholic faith with other young people?

Our next confirmation programme will start on **Saturday 7th November 2020**. This course is for young people in school year 10 or above and is intended to help you deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith, and your prayer life. Attendance at **all seven** sessions is compulsory; and will take place on Saturday afternoons from 4.00 to 4.45pm. Social distancing guidelines will be adhered to and this year, candidates will be expected to complete part of the programme digitally. Fr Maurice will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, 23rd May 2021. Please email the parish (parishoffice@stalbarscchurch.uk) to express your interest by 25th October 2020.

If we do not get enough candidates by the 25th October, we will have to consider postponing