

MASS INTENTIONS

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Saturday 24 th October -	6.30pm	Neil Nagel (R.I.P)
Sunday 25 th October -	9.00am	Betty Stimpson (R.I.P)
	11.00am	John Maher
Monday 26 th October – St Cedd	9.00am	Theresa Desmond (R.I.P)
Tuesday 27 th October – Fiera	10.00am	Bernard and Margaret Hughes (R.I.P)
Wednesday 28 th October- St Simon and St Jude	9.00am	Cathy Rabbit (Sick)
Thursday 29 th October –	9.00am	Tom & Maureen Gorham (Diamond Wedding Anniversary)
Friday 30 th October – Fiera	9.00am	Seamus Nolan (R.I.P)
Saturday 31 st October -	9.00am	Terry Mills (R.I.P)

All Saints (A)

Saturday 31 st October -	6.30pm	John Moody (R.I.P)
Sunday 1 st November -	9.00am	Des Brewty (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Emilia (Birthday Int)

Peace Garden

During the month of October, St Albans 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 and on our website under events.



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ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

(Langdale Gardens)

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24th & 25th October 2020

Dear Friends,

The centre of the Christian life in Matthew's mind revolves around love, the love of God, neighbours and self. These are all interrelated and on such love, all law and teaching are based. Love must be put into practice. The first reading makes it very plain that what God wants of us is not grandiose declarations of faith or impressive religious observances, but the very ordinary things of life like taking care of the weak and the orphaned, not exploiting the poor, welcoming and respecting the stranger. When we realise that without these things our love of God is empty, then we are on the right track. We can begin to use the directions Jesus gives, we can follow his example and please God be welcomed by him into our heavenly inheritance. Religion is not something separate from the rest of life. God is very close to us – as close as our neighbours, as close as the person sitting next to you.

Practical Suggestion for the coming week

Spend some time thinking of all the ways God has shown his love for you. Thank him

Spend some time thinking of the ways others show their love of you. Thank some of them for their love this week.

Identify how you show your love for people, and make a special effort this week to do something loving for someone you normally overlook.

*God Bless,
Father Mauríce*

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, Kathleen Kavanagh

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

November is the month specially dedicated to prayer for our departed loved ones and all who have gone before us. If you would like the deceased members of your family remembered, please fill in the form at the back of the church and place it in the box, which will go on the Altar during November.

200 Club Winners

M Galley, E Sweeney, Alison Wallace and Monika Downs please pick up your cheques from Father Maurice.

Vacancy

St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic School, Grays is looking for a new Headteacher to start April 2021. Deadline for applications are at 12.00pm on Wednesday 11th November 2020 for more information please follow the link: [Headteacher - St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary, Grays \(April 2021 start\)](#)

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

Reception Admissions September 2021 St Alban's Catholic Primary School

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we have taken the decision not to have face-to-face school tours; this is in line with our risk assessments, which require our small staff team to be in isolated bubbles and to avoid having members of the public on site. However, we do fully appreciate how important this time is in your child's early education and we know and understand that you need to get a feel for the school and to ask questions.

This year, we shall be hosting a virtual open evening for prospective parents and carers wishing to apply for a school place for their child in September 2021. There will be a presentation by the Head Teacher and the Early Years staff covering basic information and many of the frequently asked questions. You will also have the opportunity to request a telephone appointment with the Inclusion Manager if your child has special educational needs.

We know that this is not perfect and we know that there may be some schools still arranging face-to-face visits, but we hope you will see that our decision is putting the safety of our current children as the first priority and will agree that this is a good thing for any child who attends our school.

We hope that you can 'meet' us at 7pm on the 10th November via Zoom. Please contact the school office by telephone - 01708 555644 for the link or email contact@st-albans.haverinq.sch.uk