

MASS INTENTIONS
Our Lord Jesus Christ the King (Year A)

Saturday 21 st November -	6.30pm	Joe Kelly
Sunday 22 nd November -	9.00am	Francis & Sabainah Osyntuyi
	11.00am	Tony & Maureen O'Keefe
Monday 23 rd November –	9.00am	Mrs Mary Abel
Tuesday 24 th November – Fiera	10.00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 25 th November - Fiera	9.00am	Cheryl Carey (R.I.P)
Thursday 26 th November – Fiera	9.00am	Josie Nolan (R.I.P)
Friday 27 th November – Fiera	9.00am	Jean Smith (R.I.P)
Saturday 28 th November -	9.00am	Holy Souls

First Sunday of Advent (B)

Saturday 28 th November -	6.30pm	James McDarby
Sunday 29 th November -	9.00am	Teresa Jarrold (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Holy Souls



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21st & 22nd November 2020

Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the kingship of Christ, remembering that his Kingdom is not governed by the standards of this world. He was to be revealed as the sovereign of the most cherished of all kingdoms: the domain of the human heart and of the human spirit.

Unlike God, our powers are limited and our energies and resources are finite. Yet the Gospel calls us to aim high, to love one another as God has loved us. 'In so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it unto me.' In this regard the old saying: 'Charity begins at home' is as true as ever. And from home it reaches out to our neighbourhood/parish and to faraway lands. Jesus stresses that it is a very practical, positive love. It refrains not just from offending against anyone but ministers unconditionally to their basic needs. These 'works of mercy' demand our TIME. The quality of the other person's life will be enhanced by the quantity of time we give. It is better to see a person as made in God's image rather than to see them in our image. It is a difficult time for all of us, but we do the best we can.

LET US PRAY

Be pleased Lord to establish your kingdom in our hearts so that always and everywhere we may carry your peace within us. May we bear genuine witness to your Gospel; in our private lives, in the fellowship of your Holy Church and before the world so that we may work for the coming of your kingdom in this present time and in union with all your saints and angels in our heavenly home forever. Amen.

God Bless,

Father Maurice

*National Youth Sunday. Today is the Feast of Christ the King, and the weekend where we especially honour and celebrate the place of young people. Last year Pope Francis wrote a letter to young people, Christus Vivit, where he said "Young people ... are meant to dream great things ... and to offer the best of themselves to the building of something better." Covid has had particular effects on the young; since March our Brentwood Catholic Youth Service has offered online opportunities for prayer and service, in wonderful ways, and reaching thousands of people. To discover more – including a series of short videos where young people share their experience of the BCYS – go to www.bcys.net. **Donations:** This year, in addition to lost retreat income, the lack of congregations at Mass will dramatically affect the second collection that usually takes place today – please give a donation to support the BCYS via the website www.bcys.net/donate or post a cheque to "Brentwood Catholic Youth Service" through the presbytery letterbox and we will pass it on.*

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, 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, Mathew John, Doreen Banister, Charlotte Dudenney, Dorothy Ryan, Sheila Fry

Repository

No need to spend ages walking around in the cold for ideas for Christmas. Your repository shop has a selection of cards/scented candles/calendars/rosaries/crosses/missals/bracelets/reed diffusers etc... If you cannot see what you want, we may be able to order it for you. Put Christ back into Christmas and support your parish. **Liz Preston - 01708 525186**

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 and Monika Downs please pick up your cheques from Father Maurice.

Right to life campaign

Have requested our help in getting the word out about the Stand Up and Smile campaign to protect babies with cleft-lip, cleft palate and clubfoot who can still be aborted right up to birth. A group of MPs have put a Bill forward to change the law to clarify these are not grounds for abortion in the UK. Find out more about the Bill and the families supporting it www.standupandsmile.org.uk we will be putting a prayer in every week **Sunday 22nd November** - *"In accordance with what our Lord told us, may we take on the responsibility of serving the voiceless in our society – especially those imprisoned, the homeless, the widowed, the sick and the unborn. We pray for the Lord to fill our hearts with a passion for justice, knowing it is truly Him we are serving in our efforts. Lord hear us"*

S.V.P

There will be a second collection on the 5th and 6th December for the St Vincent de Paul Society, which helps to support those in need.

Confirmation

We regret we will have to postpone the confirmation sessions for the time being but we do hope to start before Christmas. The Brentwood BCYS is offering a weekly Youth Mass on Wednesdays at 8pm, via Instagram as a fixed point in the week for young people to have a little oasis of peace and prayer. We know from the first lockdown that part of the key to navigating it is to have a routine, and so we hope this helps. **Search @brentwoodcys on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.**

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul Julia (Sheila) Leahy who died recently. Her remains will be brought into the church on Sunday 22nd November at 5pm. Her Requiem Mass will be on Monday 23rd November at 1.00pm. May she Rest in Peace.

Standing order Donations

Could the following people who already make a standing order donation please come into the office or phone the presbytery David Morris, JG & DC Kennelly and Mrs Moira D McLean we have some paperwork we would like to discuss

Church Bell

On the 17th November our Church bell was taken down on its metal brace, it has been taken to Bridport in Dorset to have the bearings, which the bell rotates on, replaced. An automatic plumb will be installed to allow automation of the bells ringing. The bell will be brought back on the 10th December in full working order. On Thursday 17th December, we will have the blessing and unveiling of a plaque in memory of those who died as a result of Covid19.