

## MASS INTENTIONS

### First Sunday of Advent (Year B)

Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> November -	6.30pm	James McDarby
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> November -	9.00am	Teresa Jarrold (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Holy Souls
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November – <b>St Andrew</b>	9.00am	Bill Shorey (R.I.P)
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December – Fiera	10.00am	Frances Nolan (R.I.P)
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December - Fiera	9.00am	John & Mary Staunton
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December – <b>St Francis Xavier</b>	9.00am	Holy Souls
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December – Fiera	9.00am	Maureen Laane (int)
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> December - Fiera	9.00am	O’Keefe Families (Int)

### Second Sunday of Advent (B)

Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> December -	6.30pm	Thomas Macdonald (R.I.P)
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> December -	9.00am	Helen Brady (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Teresa Stevens (R.I.P)

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## ST. ALBAN’S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### First Sunday of Advent (Year B)

28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Friends,

Advent is God’s rallying cry to his people before Christmas. Isaiah highlights how limited we are without the power of God and he compares us to clay in the hands of a potter. He pleads with God to rescue us from our inadvertence to him. The Gospel cry of Jesus to be on our guard and to stay awake alerts us to the reality that self-interest always hinders our response to God. On the other hand, Paul is loud in his praise and thanks for the converts at Corinth who have responded so fully to God’s gifts to them.

St Augustine in his life was restless and searching for meaning and it occurred to him when he closed his eyes in prayer he discovered something deeper. He could see something, which he could not see with his bodily eyes. At this time, we are all tangled and twisted in this materialistic, confused and pandemic world. Advent is a good time to reach out to God, to allow Him to unravel the confusion of our lives. Jesus is calling each one of us by our name and we have to respond to his call. His question is ‘Where are you?’ Together there is a pressing invitation to be attentive during these weeks to the wonder of God among us. Let us make space and time for him in prayer during this Advent season. It will be well rewarded.

### Prayer

Creator God, you rule the universe; you alone know the day and the hour when time will be no more. Accept our prayer on behalf of those in need. As we live out our appointed days, keep us mindful of your call to be faithful servants and to respond to the needs of your people. We pray through Christ our Lord. 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, 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**

Monika Downs please pick up your cheque 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](http://www.standupandsmile.org.uk) we will be putting a prayer in every week **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November** - *"As we ponder the hope found in the second coming of our saviour, we pray for all those in need of hope. We pray especially for those contemplating having an abortion, that they would be reminded of the hope God brings and His fundamental desire for our good. We pray also that as a society we would become channels of God's hope, providing support to all pregnant women. Lord hear us"*

**S.V.P**

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

**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> December in full working order. On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm, we will have the blessing and unveiling of a plaque in memory of those who died as a result of Covid19. All are welcome

**Brentwood Directories**

Diocesan directories are now available in the repository. Ringbound £4.00 and booklet £2.80

**St Alban Diaries 2021**

St Alban's diaries are available at the back of the church please help yourselves to one.

**Reopening of Church**

This Wednesday the church will be opened for Mass at 09:00am. Masses from now on will be celebrated at the usual time as in the Newsletter.