

## MASS INTENTIONS

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (Year B)

Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> December -	6.30pm	Maria & Emmanuel Formosa
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> December -	9.00am	Alfreda Willis (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Oliva Murillo (R.I.P)
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> December – <b>The Holy Innocents</b>	10.00am	Paul's Intentions
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> December –St <b>Thomas of Canterbury</b>	10.00am	Priscilla Ezeibe (R.I.P)
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> December - <b>Sixth day within the Octave of Christmas</b>	10.00am	Patrick Shanahan (R.I.P)
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> December – <b>Seventh day within the Octave of Christmas</b>	10.00am	Thanksgiving
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January – <b>Mary Mother of God</b>	Midnight	Ron & Sissy Wood (R.I.P)
	10.00am	Paul's Intentions
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January - <b>SS Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen</b>	10.00am	Dick & Kathleen Mahoney (R.I.P)

### Second Sunday after the Nativity (B)

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January -	6.30pm	Thomas & Rose Carolan (R.I.P)
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January -	9.00am	Angela & John Quin
	11.00am	Oliva Murillo (R.I.P)

### Prayer

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his Son; in you, Mary placed her trust; with you, Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen



ST ALBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

## ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. We meditate on St Joseph's role within the family. This year Pope Francis has written an apostolic letter entitled "**Patris Corde (With a Father's Heart)**" The Holy Father wrote Patris Corde against the backdrop of the covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this they resemble St Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation." In his letter, he said, "Fathers are not born, but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child." Unfortunately, in today's society, children "often seem orphans, lacking fathers" who are unable to introduce them "to life and reality." Happiness for Joseph involved a true gift of self, "In him, we never see frustration, but only trust. His patient silence was a prelude to concrete expressions of trust." Joseph stands out, therefore, as an exemplary figure for our time, in a world that "needs fathers," and not "tyrants". Joseph was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting in divine providence. He had to deal with concrete problems, as many family faces today like unemployment, housing and trying to provide for their families. Therefore, today we ask the Holy Family to pray for us. We will be saying the prayer at the back of this newsletter each day from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

*God Bless and Keep Safe,  
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, Maureen Gorham, Jack Lawless, Maisie Glennon and Michael Dear, Kathleen Kavanagh, Mathew John, Doreen Banister, Charlotte Dudenney, Dorothy Ryan, Sheila Fry

**Repository**

The Repository is still open they have a good stock of cards and beautiful items for presents. It is normally opened after Mass due to Covid restrictions the ladies will show you whatever you require. If there were any particular, you would like please call Liz  
**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 for these donations so please remember to fill in the gift aid form.  
Thank you

**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 and JG & DC Kennelly. We have some paperwork we would like to discuss.

**Pastoral Letter**

There will be a pastoral letter from our Bishop Alan this Sunday. It will be read out at all of the Masses today.

**Raffle Prize**

The following tickets were picked out after the 11am Mass last Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020:

Child's prize (*Green ticket*): **376-380**

Adult's prize (*White ticket*): **141-145**

Congratulations to the winners and please see Father Maurice to collect your Christmas Hamper.

**Rest in Peace**

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Tom Gorham. His Requiem Mass will take place on the 29<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 1.00pm at St Albans Church followed by a service at South Essex Crematorium at 2.40pm.

Also, pray for the repose of the soul of Sheila Murray who died recently, whose Funeral Mass will take place on the 30<sup>th</sup> December at 10:30 am in St. Albans.

***May they REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN GLORY***

**White Flower Appeal 2021**

The Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC) after Mass on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> January. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop home abortion, which gives women abortion pills to take at home without medical supervision. This is one of the most dangerous threats to unborn children and their mothers in decades. Please be as generous as you can to help defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and help protect mothers from increased risk of coercion and serious health risks. Donations can also be made on line at [www.spuc.org.uk/donate](http://www.spuc.org.uk/donate)

**Thank you**

Father Maurice, Father Joseph and Deacon Ken would like to thank you all for their gifts, kindness and good wishes for Christmas. They wish everybody a very Peaceful New Year and all of God's blessings 2021

**Thank You**

Thank you to Frank and all the stewards who have been looking after us throughout the year. They have done a sterling job keeping us safe

**200 Club**

The winner for this month's 200 club is **L Macilveny**. Please see Father Maurice for your cheque.