

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> January -	6.30pm	Homeless Families Living in Poverty
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> January –	9.00am	Senan Russell
	11.00am	Georgina West (R.I.P)
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> January – Fiera	9.00am	Anne Palmer Intentions
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January – Fiera	10.00am	Anthony Dass
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January Fiera	9.00am	John & Cynthia Able
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> January – <b>St Agnes</b>	9.00am	Teresa Desmond (R.I.P)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January – Fiera	8.00am	John Finan (R.I.P)
	10.00am	Nancy Carter Requiem Mass
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January - Fiera	9.00am	Sr Betty Andrew Birthday

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Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January -	6.30pm	Tom Marsh in thanksgiving
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> January –	9.00am	Conor Scully (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Brian Dickinson (R.I.P)

### Christmas Crib

We will be leaving the nativity scene up until the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. This day is traditionally considered a 'Christmas Feast', because it points back to the Solemnity of Christmas, and completes the season.

### Church Bell

Please read the article on the story of our St. Alban's Church Bell on our website - <https://stalbansrcchurch.uk/st-albans-bell>

## ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Friends,

In Today's Gospel, John the Baptist calls Jesus the Lamb of God, because, though completely innocent, His blood was shed to save His people, to enable them to escape the captivity of sin. We can all recognise sin in the world around us, and in our own lives, and recognise its corrupting power and influence. Every generation suffers from it, but in our own times, it seems to be more highlighted than ever before. Each one of us can be burdened by the guilt of sin we have committed, and we can carry hurts from the sins others have inflicted upon us. Both of these things hold us in bondage, and we need to be set free. That is why Jesus came, and that is why we should feel drawn to the lamb, who alone can take away our sins, and provide us with healing and peace.

The cause of many of our problems today is spiritual. Sicknesses in the soul can affect our minds and even our bodies. There is a phrase, 'a healthy mind in a healthy body' – the state of our soul affects both mind and body. A barman once said to me that he hears more confessions than I do. I am sure he probably does, but he cannot take away the sins. It is Jesus, the Lamb of God who can take away our sins, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation or confession is a remarkable way for us to experience release from the things that bind us. We who are sick of soul need to go to Jesus to be relieved of our burdens, and as he longs to make us free.

*God Bless and Keep Safe,  
Father Maurice*

***Please pray for all who are sick, including:***

Nell Addison, Paul & Ava Au, Michael Balfour, Doreen Banister, John Barry, William Bradbury, Vincent Brady, Rob Brown, Rose Cahill, John Carty, Sarah Content, Maureen Daly, Katherine Day, Michael Dear, Celia Desmond, Desmond family, Dennis Doherty, Gerry Dique, Rose Dique, Anthony Doherty, Charlotte Dudenney, Dylan Dunbar, Nancy Donovan, Ann Dunn, Roy Francis, Sheila Fry, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Jenny Jones, Julia Joseph, Mary Kakari, Kathleen Kavanagh, Ann Kelly, Francesca Kelly, Neil Kelly, George Kiparrisi, Mary Lynes, Siobhan McKeon, Jack Lawless, Norah McLoughlin, Matthew Milnar, John Morrison, Jim Nolan, Cecilia O'Connor, Vincent Okolo, Dean Partleton, Teresa Pitman, Rosetta Reehill, Nellie Ringrose, Dorothy Ryan, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, Charles Stimpson, Crystal Stimpson, Theresa Wiseman, Elizabeth Wyles, Clara Yankey and Baby Teegan Oakley

**Repository**

Due to Tier 4 restrictions, we can offer a "phone and collect" or deliver service. We have a good stock of cards i.e. Sympathy, Mass, New Baby, New Home, Birthdays etc. as well as candles, rosaries and a few calendars. Just ring Liz if there is anything in particular you need.

**Liz Preston - 01708 525186**

**Donations and Gift Aid Form**

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.

**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.

**Raffle Prize** Adult's prize (*White ticket*): **141-145** -- if this is not picked up this week Father will break the prize down and give to families.

**Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jean (Louisa) Berry who also died recently. Her Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 11am.

We also remember to pray for the repose of the soul of Nancy Carter who died last week. Her remains will be brought into the Church on this Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 at 5:00 pm. Her Requiem Mass will take place on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021 at 10am.

We also remember to pray for the repose of the soul of Vincenzo De Lucia who died recently. His funeral will take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00pm at Upminster Cemetery.

We also remember to pray for the repose of the soul of Paddy Byrnes who died recently. His remains will be brought into the Church on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 5:00 pm. His Requiem Mass will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> February at 11am.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Brian Dickinson (Father of Mel and Deacon Ken's father-in-law). His funeral will take place in Bradford on the Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

We extend our sympathy to all the families on the death of their loved ones.

***MAY THEY REST IN PEACE***

**Stand Up and Smile Campaign**

The campaign to protect babies with cleft-lip and clubfoot are asking for our prayers for this week they have suggested:

"As we open the week of prayer for Christian Unity, we pray especially for our shared calling to protect and preserve all life. We pray that our unity and ecumenical efforts on all life issues would inspire the world to join us in defending the lives and rights of all vulnerable in society. Lord hear us"

**Job Vacancy – Lay Chaplain St Elizabeth's Centre Hertfordshire**

Salary £29,909 - £33,071 Informal discussion are encouraged prior to interviews for further information call 01279 844209. Closing date for applications is 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 to apply and find out more information about St Elizabeth's please visit our website [www.stelizabeths.org.uk](http://www.stelizabeths.org.uk) or telephone 01279 844524 for an informal discussion regarding the role.

**Keeping our Church Safe**

Please make sure that you actively help to keep our Church as safe as possible. We do not want to have to close our doors, which is why we have our stewards, who clean the Church after every mass and guides us through the movement around the Church during Mass. ***You must play your part too.*** Please make sure you wear face coverings all the time when you are in the Church. ***The face covering must cover your nose and mouth at all time during your time in the Church.*** Remember this is to keep other people safe, not only yourself. If you cannot wear a face covering then please wear a face shield/visor. ***Do not hang around talking after the Mass rather kindly proceed back home. Please protect and respect yourselves and others around you.***