

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

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)
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> January – <b>Conversion of St Paul</b>	9.00am	Sr Rita Andrew Birthday
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January – <b>Ss Timothy &amp; Titus</b>	10.00am	Fr James Duffy (R.I.P)
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January Fiera	9.00am	All the homeless that died over Christmas
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> January – <b>St Thomas Aquinas</b>	9.00am	Bill Pollock (R.I.P)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January – Fiera	9.00am	John Almeida (R.I.P)
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> January - Fiera	9.00am	David Ochard (R.I.P)

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> January -	6.30pm	Kathleen Lancaster (R.I.P)
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> January –	9.00am	Josephine Remie
	11.00am	Paul Kelleher

#### Austen Ivereigh Livestream Event

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January from 11am until 12.30pm, ***Dr Austen will speak about the book he recently co-authored with Pope Francis. 'Let us Dream: The Path to a Better Future' presents the Pope's vision for the post-pandemic future.*** How should we move forward from the multiple coronavirus crises? Pope Francis among many other topics addresses the problems of human solidarity, the ecological crisis and the rise of populism. To access this livestream event please go to [www.ssppilford.org.uk](http://www.ssppilford.org.uk) and click on live stream remote services. Any questions for Austen may be emailed beforehand to [adriangraffy@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:adriangraffy@dioceseofbrentwood.org)



## ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

(Langdale Gardens)

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23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel, we have the beginning of the preaching of Jesus. Almost the first word he spoke contained a basic idea, which was to run through all his teaching: Repent, 'Repent and believe the Gospel.' Today we can allow the Holy Spirit to convince us that it is a wonderful work of grace in our lives to acknowledge and confess our sins.

Repentance brings with it a release, a renewal, which creates within us a profound sense of joy, as we taste the gift of forgiveness. Repentance is an act of the will; it is something we must decide to do. But we need God's grace to act upon it. The Sacrament of Reconciliation, in which we confess our sins to a priest and receive God's forgiveness, will help us grow in holiness, and will deepen our relationship with God, especially if we make use of it regularly. This sacrament helps us to keep us on the right track, and makes us more eager to remain close to the Lord.

Like the disciples in the Gospel, when we leave old ways behind and make up our minds to follow Him, we can attract others to Him. People will see the change in us and will desire for themselves that same change, which brings a peace of soul that the world cannot give.

*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.

**To Our Catholic Universe and Catholic Times Readers In The Parish**

At the moment, you are unable to collect your paper at Mass, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week, POST FREE. Please go to [www.thecatholicuniverse.com](http://www.thecatholicuniverse.com) or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you.

**Special Offer 3 Months - £25.00**

**Special Offer 12 Months - £99.00**

**Digital Copy (12 Months) - £55.00**

**Rest in Peace**

Please 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.

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:

"We pray for our Government, that their ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves in the desire to protect all human life. Lord hear us"

**Rediscover Your Marriage** – Retrouvaille offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse and a loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It has saved many hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples that have already separated or divorced. There is no group therapy or group work. [Sixteen couples attended our last weekend (six of whom were in the process of divorce) and almost all of the couples are still attending the follow up sessions. The feedback from the weekend was very positive and there are advantages in being able to attend the weekend from your own home.] ***For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)***

**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.***