

## MASS INTENTIONS

### The Baptism of the Lord (Year B)

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> January -	6.30pm	Margaret Newman (R.I.P)
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> January – <b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>	9.00am	Geraldine Maria Patterson (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Nora Shanahan Intentions
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> January – Fiera	8.00am	Mary Corbett's Intentions
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January – Fiera	10.00am	Bill O'Hagan
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January - Fiera	9.00am	Maria Concetta Formosa (R.I.P)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> January – Fiera	9.00am	Patrick Shanahan (R.I.P)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> January – Fiera	9.00am	Len Addison (R.I.P)
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> January - Fiera	9.00am	Helen Ginge (R.I.P)

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (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)

### 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'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

(Langdale Gardens)

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### The Baptism of the Lord (Year B)

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Christ's baptism is the second of three Epiphanies of Christ. The first is the Epiphany when, guided by the star, the Magi come to visit the infant Jesus. The second is when he is baptised and the third is when he changes the water into wine.

At Christ's baptism, the full reality of who he is was manifested. The Holy Spirit in the form of a dove descended upon him and the voice of God the Father was heard from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, listen to him". Jesus allowed himself to be baptised, despite the protests of John the Baptist, not because he has sins that needed to be forgiven or because he needed to repent. Rather, he entered the waters of the River Jordan in order to make holy the water of Baptism. He, the innocent one, enters the water and in doing so takes on our sins so that later on, on the cross, he can offer himself in sacrifice so that all these sins may be forgiven. When we are baptised we receive God's life. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit dwell in our souls and this gives the baptised person a pledge of everlasting life in heaven. We are sealed and possessed as Christ's own. Baptism gives us a guarantee that we are united with Christ and with his Church and we are called to be saints in the everlasting life of heaven. Pope Francis suggested that we find out when we were baptised and celebrate the anniversary every year. It's good on today's feast day, and frequently to renew our baptismal promises, to express our faith in the articles of the Creed and to renounce Satan and all his evil works and all his empty promises and to attach ourselves to Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour.

*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**

The following ticket was picked out after the 11am Mass on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020:  
Adult's prize (*White ticket*): **141-145**

**Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Philip Bergin, who died recently. His funeral will take place on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 9.40am at South Essex Crematorium.

We also 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 Requiem Mass will take place on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021 at 10am.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Brian Dickinson (Father of Mel and Deacon Ken's father-in-law).

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

***MAY THEY REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN GLORY***

**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 celebrate the baptism of our Lord, we recall our own baptism and the promise of life we have gained through it. We pray that all would be given the opportunity to experience life in its fullness, both in this world and the next. Lord hear us"

**Vacancy**

**THE URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD**

**IT Technician (Term-time only)**

**Start: ASAP**

**Closing Date: noon, Wednesday 20 January 2021**

**For further information please visit: [uai.org.uk/about/vacancies](http://uai.org.uk/about/vacancies)**

**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.**