

MASS INTENTIONS
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Saturday 20 th February -	6.30pm	Frances Nolan (R.I.P)
Sunday 21 st February –	9.00am	James Brewty (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Bernadette Hall (R.I.P)
Monday 22 nd February – The Chair of St Peter	9.00am	Mary Corbett (R.I.P)
Tuesday 23 rd February – Fiera	10.00am	Fr Enda Keenan (R.I.P)
Wednesday 24 th February Fiera	9.00am	Andrew Shanahan (R.I.P)
Thursday 25 th February Fiera	9.00am	Marie, John and Family Appreciation of their kindness
Friday 26 th February – Lent Fast Day	9.00am	Rosario Cooney (R.I.P)
Saturday 27 th February - Fiera	9.00am	Pamela Zammit (R.I.P)

Second Sunday of Lent (B)

Saturday 27 th February -	6.30pm	Seamus Nolan (R.I.P)
Sunday 28 th February –	9.00am	Paddy Byrnes (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Bernadette Hall (R.I.P)

St Joseph

As Pope Francis has propagated this year 8/12/2020 to 8/12/2021 in honour of St Joseph. We have a picture of St Joseph in Our Lady's Shrine and there is a prayer in front of it, which you could say during this year.

ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER
(Langdale Gardens)

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First Sunday of Lent (Year B)
20th & 21st February 2021

Dear Friends,

Today's Gospel is a strong message of hope for us as we struggle through life. We fail again and again. Despite our best efforts we do not live up to what is expected of us. When we think we have overcome our sinful inclinations once and for all, our unredeemed human nature asserts itself again and we find ourselves back to where we were. But the Gospel message today assures us that Christ, who was tempted himself, can understand our failures.

Christ was tempted in his 'spirit' – to pride, to vanity, to devise a way of life for himself at variance with his Father's plan. Our greatest triumph in life is to find our happiness in accepting the mysterious dispositions of God's Providence – 'in his will is our peace'.

During Lent, we seek the grace and the help that we need in order to follow God's purpose for us. We support one another in this as we look forward to Easter with the absolute assurance that with the power of the Risen Christ we shall overcome.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, during these forty days of Lent help us to enter into the desert with Jesus. Grant us light to see our sin, give us the grace to allow you in, free us from the sins of the past and let us humbly embrace your will for us.

Amen

*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, Sheila Fry, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Fr Joseph Farrell, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Jenny Jones, Julia Joseph, Mary Kakari, Kathleen Kavanagh, Ann Kelly, Francesca Kelly, Neil Kelly, Baby Stephen Kelly, George Kiparrisi, Jack Lawless, Mary Lynes, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Matthew Milnar, John Morrison, Jim Nolan, Baby Teegan Oakley, Cecilia O'Connor, Vincent Okolo, Dean Partleton, Teresa Pitman, Baby Teddy Rands, Rosetta Reehill, Nellie Ringrose, Dorothy Ryan, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, Charles Stimpson, Crystal Stimpson, Theresa Wiseman, Elizabeth Wyles and Clara Yankey

Repository

Due to Tier 4 restrictions, we can offer a "phone and collect" or delivery service. Mother's Day 14th March, St Patrick's Day 17th March, Easter 2nd April. We have cards and gifts for all occasions, reed diffusers for mothers, St Patrick's Day pins, Crosses as well as Mass cards, candles, rosaries etc. 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.

Request

Some Italian friends of Fr Michele Bonfitto of the Verona Fathers (who served as a priest in our parish) are trying to obtain a copy of the musical score of "Alba di Gloria", an oratorio he wrote which had its first London performance in St Alban's Church on 29th May 1960. Can anyone help at all? Please contact Deacon Ken if you have any ideas or suggestions.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Georgina West, whose funeral will take place at South Essex Crematorium, Upminster on this Thursday 25th February 2021 at 3:20pm.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Roy Francis who died recently his funeral will take place at South Essex Crematorium on 19th March at 2.20pm.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bernadette Hall, John Appleton's sister who also died recently

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

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

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 25th - 28th February 2021, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk***

LEARNING FROM COVID: Sr Gemma Simmonds CJ of Margaret Beaufort Institute, Cambridge, will lead a livestreamed study day on Saturday 6th March from 11 am, on the topic 'Learning from Covid: church, state and a better future'. The study day is organised by Gidea Park parish. Free access to the live event will be available on www.whatgoodnews.org and a recording subsequently on the same website.

A Study on Coping with Lockdown: If you would like to help in this study, it is completely anonymous and will take approximately 10-15 to answer all the questions, your participation would be appreciated. https://uelpsyech.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e5pknVd0qzRWbK5

Act now and stop 'DIY' abortions being made permanent

The UK Government's consultation on whether to make permanent the current temporary arrangement allowing 'DIY' home abortions closes at 11.59pm on 26th February 2021. It is vital that as many people as possible make a submission to the consultation please visit:

www.righttolife.org.uk/ukconsultation