

MASS INTENTIONS
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)
Monday 1 st March – St David	9.00am	Andrew Shanahan (R.I.P)
Tuesday 2nd March – Fiera	10.00am	Marie Wyatt Intentions
Wednesday 3 rd March - Fiera	9.00am	Andrew Shanahan (R.I.P)
Thursday 4 th March - Fiera	9.00am	Salvatore Spadafora (R.I.P)
Friday 5 th March -	9.00am	Maureen Daly Birthday Intentions
Saturday 6 th March - Fiera	9.00am	Maisie & Michael Glennon Wedding Anniversary

Third Sunday of Lent (B)

Saturday 6 th March -	6.30pm	John Barry Intentions
Sunday 7 th March –	9.00am	Gillian Carleton (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Roy Francis (R.I.P)

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

Evangelisation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let us pray that we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth to taste the mercy of God.

ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

(Langdale Gardens)

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Dear Friends,

The Transfiguration is a momentary revelation of the reality of Jesus the fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets, Emmanuel, God is with us. The human experience of the holiness of God is one that attracts and frightens. Peter is attracted and wants the experience to be permanent, but he is also frightened, and falls to the ground. Jesus says 'Don't be afraid' and the disciples see 'only Jesus.'

St Paul who himself was dazzled on the road to Damascus tells us 'we may be certain that God will not refuse anything he can give'. Let us pray that we will keep the eyes on the light that is God's Word especially in this Covid time of worry, fear, anxiety and uncertainty – where literally, the aspects of our faces have changed due to the required wearing of masks. Today's Psalm says 'I trusted, even when I said "I am solely afflicted."'

St Mark doesn't tell us what Moses, Elijah and Jesus were talking about. St Luke tells us that they were 'speaking about his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem.' We have all known moments of darkness, regrets difficult times. The world has been shaken by the consequences of Covid. Do we panic? T S Elliot writes, 'we see the light but see not whence it comes.' The light is Christ who accompanies us through all darkness and fear with the promise of his abiding presence.

Prayer

Lord, give us a glimpse of the reality in which we are now living, enfolded in your goodness, and give us hope in the glory you have promised us. We ask you this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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 Roy Francis who died recently his funeral will take place at South Essex Crematorium on 19th March at 2.20pm. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Marjore Wilson who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will be on Friday 26th March at 10.45am. We extend our sympathy to all the families on the death of their loved ones.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

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://uelpsyh.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e5pknVd0qzRWbK5

Campion School

Is looking to appoint a Minute Taker to work on an 'ad hoc' basis. Duties will consist of taking minutes for various Governor meetings throughout the year. Applicants should have strong previous minute taking experience, excellent attention to detail and strong IT Skills Word/MS Office.

If you have the relevant experience and are looking for a new opportunity please contact Mrs Noddings, PA to the Headmaster on 01708 [452332](tel:452332) cnoddings@thecampionschool.org

Do you want to Fast this Lent

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.