

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year B)**

Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> March -	6.30pm	Tony Eastman (R.I.P)
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> March –	9.00am	John Moody (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Roy Francis (R.I.P)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> March – Fiera	9.00am	William Lopez (R.I.P)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March – Fiera	10.00am	Chris (R.I.P)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March - <b>St Patrick</b>	9.00am	Paddy Dear (R.I.P)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> March - Fiera	9.00am	Lar & Bernie Fennessy Intentions
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March - <b>St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	9.00am	Violet Martin (R.I.P)
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> March - Fiera	9.00am	Peggy Hughes (R.I.P)

**Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B)**

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> March -	6.30pm	Kevin O'Donnell's Intentions
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> March –	9.00am	Pam Zammit (R.I.P)
	11.00am	In Thanksgiving Tomy & Family

**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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**Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year B)**

**13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Dear Friends,

Could you give up the thing or the person you love the most? It seems to make no sense; but that is how God chose to show us how much he loved us. He gave up his only son, to show us his love.

Sometimes we might wonder whether God loves the world at all. It seems full of things that go wrong. We seem to make such a mess of it. Yet all of this – the violence and hardship as well as the beauty and joy – is what God loves. And he asks us to love it too, whatever the cost.

Loving the world doesn't mean accepting the things that are wrong or bad. Rather, it means having the same kind of compassion that Jesus showed in so many encounters with people, especially those who had done wrong. Christians are people who love the world, who get involved and try to make it better.

Lent is not just about our private lives as individuals. It is also a time when we try to get our focus right as a community of faith living in a society that often seems very confused. This Covid pandemic causes us to reflect, take stock, examine our lives and undergo a change of heart and a change in direction.

**Prayer**

Let us pray that we will look beyond our private concerns to see the whole world that God has created and to listen to its needs. Let us pray that Christians together will show that God embraces all that exists and draws everything towards his love.

*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, Father Joe Farrell, 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, 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 14<sup>th</sup> March, St Patrick's Day 17<sup>th</sup> March, Easter 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> March at 10.45am.

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:**

Are requesting our prayers "As we celebrate Mother's Day, we pray for all mothers who are expecting. We pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends and local communities, as they journey through this life-changing experience. Lord hear us"

*Happy Mother's Day*



*Thinking of you  
with love today,  
and wishing you  
all the happiness in the world.*



**A mother is the heart of the home. She is the invincible constant from cradle to coffin. She is the very air the children breathe and like air she is life-giving, life-forming and life-sustaining. Without her there is no birth, no growth, no base to which children run with every new discovery of life. With her – joy and sorrow, hope and despair, agony and delight are shared. She is the animator, the intermediary, the shrewd adviser, the ever willing consoler. She is wife as well as loving mother.**

**Today show love to your mother. If still living call on her, contact her. Show her that you care. If dead, remember her goodness and kindness and ask God to take care of her.**

**TODAY IS 'MOTHER'S DAY'. OUR PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES GO OUT TO ALL MUMS TODAY – NEW MUMS AND NOT SO NEW MUMS; GRAND-MUMS AND GREAT-GRAND-MUMS. THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING YOU. MAY MARY, OUR HEAVENLY MOTHER, BE WITH YOU ALL.**