

MASS INTENTIONS
Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord (Year B)

Saturday 27 th March -	6.30pm	Jimmy Kennedy (R.I.P)
Sunday 28 th March –	9.00am	Sarah Spadafora
	11.00am	Francesca Pittiglio (R.I.P)
Monday 29 th March – Holy Week	9.00am	Hannah Lopez Birthday and Int for Lopez family
Tuesday 30 th March – Holy Week	10.00am	Andrew Shanahan (R.I.P)
Wednesday 31 st March - Fiera	9.00am	Maureen Daly Intentions
Maundy Thursday Thursday 1 st April Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	9.00am	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
	8.00pm	Mr Joe Dass Intentions
Good Friday Friday 2 nd April – Solemnity of the Passion of the Lord	9.00am	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
	3.00pm 7.30pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday Saturday 3 rd April -	9.00am	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

Easter Sunday (Year B)

Saturday 3 rd April - Easter Vigil	8.00pm	Raymond Verrillo (R.I.P)
Sunday 4 th April –	9.00am	Barry McManus (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Mrs Lilly Theresa (R.I.P)

The Pope's Intentions for April

Universal –Fundamental rights: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

(Langdale Gardens)

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27th & 28th March 2021

Dear Friends,

Each Easter we celebrate the great love that God has shown for us in sending His dear Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer and die for us, and to rise again, conquering death and sin and opening up for us the way to eternal life.

Last year, we were not able to celebrate the events of Holy Week and Easter in our churches, due to the pandemic. Even though we are still feeling the effects of this plague, this year we are able to gather as a community, and perhaps we now need the grace and strength flowing from the Paschal Mystery of Christ more than ever, to strengthen us and see us through these dark times.

Easter commemorates the triumph of Christ over the darkness of sin and evil and the powers of the world. If we use this time to enter into and reflect on the saving work of Christ, it will lift our spirits, and fill us with new hope and joy. Like Christ, we have to endure the cross in order to reach the resurrection.

The Easter card, which can be picked up when leaving the Church, provides you with details of the services taking place during Holy Week at St Albans. A team of stewards will be working to ensure the church is prepared to accommodate everyone safely. We encourage you to avail of the services we are arranging. Fr Maurice will also be available after every Mass during Holy Week for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession).

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, Brian Nash, 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. This year with the pandemic we are not able to see our loved ones at Easter, so why not send them a card. We have cards and gifts for all occasions, as well as mass cards, sympathy 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

With great sadness, we announce the death of Michael Dear; we extend our sympathy to his family at this time. His Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 14th April at 1.00pm
May he rest in peace.

Calais Light

"Will we survive or drown?" Calais Light is a small refugee charity group that is still caring for refugees here & in N France. Watch & listen to the desperate thoughts of a refugee mother adrift in the dark in their Guided Meditation: **"A minute on the Aegean Sea"**. **Imagine the terrible decisions she has to make. Watch on their website: www.calaislight.com & please donate if you can. Thank you.**

Holy Week

Today, **Palm Sunday** is the beginning of Holy Week, the most important period of the Church's year. It is one great Feast spread over three days and begins on **Maundy Thursday** with the Mass of the Last Supper commencing at 8pm. We come like friends of Jesus to that special meal when Jesus gave himself to them and to us in the form of Bread and Wine. On **Good Friday** the Feast of Easter continues with the afternoon Liturgy at 3.00pm with the Reading of the Passion, the Prayers, the Blessing with the Holy Cross and Holy Communion.

On **Holy Saturday** the feast comes to its climax at the **Easter Vigil** which begins at 8.00pm. The new Easter Candle will be lit as we proclaim the exsultet and we celebrate the joy of the Resurrection. I hope that as many of you as possible will join in all the 3 days of this great Feast

Prayer

God, you have brightened this night with the radiance of the risen Christ. May he Easter in us, bringing us his peace to sustain us in our conflicts, his joy to strengthen us in our weakness, and may his love for you and all creation invade our minds and hearts.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen

School Easter Break

Schools finish this Thursday 1st April we wish the children and the staff peaceful and happy Easter