

MASS INTENTIONS
Third Sunday of Lent (Year 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)
Monday 8 th March – Fiera	9.00am	Michael Ruane (R.I.P)
Tuesday 9 th March – Fiera	10.00am	Babu Thomas and Family Intentions
Wednesday 10 th March - Fiera	9.00am	Seamus Brown Intentions (Sick)
Thursday 11 th March - Fiera	9.00am	Andrew Shanahan (R.I.P)
Friday 12 th March - Fiera	9.00am	Mrs Regina Francis (R.I.P)
Saturday 13 th March - Fiera	9.00am	David Barwell (R.I.P)

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Saturday 13 th March -	6.30pm	Tony Eastman (R.I.P)
Sunday 14 th March –	9.00am	John Moody (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,

One of the worst experiences in life is when someone you love dies. It seems impossible to carry on. Even when we have faith, it is hard to let go. Yet our faith can also be a great consolation. It tells us that love is stronger than death. And when we gradually find that the people we love remain alive in our memories and in all they have given us, we can see that what our faith tells us is true.

In today's Gospel, Jesus was trying to tell the people in the Temple that they should pay attention to more important things than money. What matters most is whether we love each other, even through death and beyond. He was telling them that he would show them how to do that.

It is hard to realise the full meaning of following Jesus. It may seem simple from day to day, but when we face the hardest challenges, like letting go of someone we love, then we see what the death and resurrection of Jesus really means. During Lent, we are trying to discover more about this mystery of our faith. At this time of the pandemic, many people are exploring the Christian faith and the meaning of suffering in their lives. As we contemplate, Christ's suffering death and resurrection we pray for a deeper faith and trust in him.

Prayer

Let us pray for all those who face loss or pain, that they may know that particular love which is stronger than death; and that the way of faith leads to this love, now and forever.

*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 Morrisson, 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

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

BCYS Sponsored Sleepout 2021

Join us in "giving" rather than "giving up" this Lent, by taking part in a diocesan wide Sponsored Sleepout on 26th March, led (virtually) from Walsingham House at Abbotswick. – join us from your garden, with just a sleeping bag and mat or cardboard boxes to sleep on or under! No tents allowed, whatever the weather!

Challenge yourself with a sponsorship goal - from £10 - £100, or perhaps even more! – as all money raised will support local homeless charities, such as Anchor House, The New Way Project, Basildon Emergency Night Shelter and Southend Night Shelter, as well the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. If you are not able to take part, you can always support those who are by sponsoring them on our website! Sponsorship forms, online donations and further information can be found at www.bcys.net/events/sleepout2021 and if you would like to take part or have any more questions, please email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Schools Return

As the schools return this Monday we pray for all the families and the teachers, that the schools will not be disrupted again and the children will grow and develop surrounded by nurturing care, stability and a normal routine once again.