

MASS INTENTIONS
Third Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Saturday 17 th April -	6.30pm	Francis Nolan (R.I.P)
Sunday 18 th April –	9.00am	Anne Turner Birthday Int
	11.00am	Carmel Flanagan (R.I.P)
Monday 19 th April – Feria	9.00am	Billy Nash intentions
Tuesday 20 th April – Feria	10.00am	Eucharist Service.
Wednesday 21 st April - Feria	9.00am	Mary Ellen Reilly (R.I.P)
Thursday 22 nd April Feria	9.00am	Ken, Adele & Family Intentions
Friday 23 rd April – St George	9.00am	Michael Harkin (R.I.P)
Saturday 24 th April - St Mellitus	9.00am	Pauline Fennessey

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Saturday 24 th April -	6.30pm	John Dwyer (R.I.P)
Sunday 25 th April –	9.00am	Nigel D'Souza Thanksgiving and Int
	11.00am	Veronica Beddoes-Jones (R.I.P)

READING THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

One of the features of the Easter season is our daily reading of the Acts of the Apostles. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared two audio talks on this interesting book. They can be accessed at any time free of charge by simply going to the homepage of www.whatgoodnews.org It is hoped they will be a useful accompaniment to our daily reading from Acts.

ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

(Langdale Gardens)

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17th & 18th April 2021

Dear Friends,

The story of Jesus and the disciples on the road to Emmaus sheds light on our own situation in times of trial. Their distress is ours in many ways and their sadness sounds familiar to our ears. How many times have we walked the road to Emmaus with downcast face occasioned by quarrels in the home, difficulties at work or the loneliness of the pandemic. The troubles and worries of life can so crowd our minds that we lose our sense of direction and are brought to the point of despair. All the time we forget that Jesus is walking with us, at our side ready and anxious to help us if only we would turn to him for guidance, especially in moments of quiet desperation. This is an opportunity to reflect on the importance of recognising the Lord's presence in our lives. One way we do this is by growing closer to him through daily prayer and scripture reading and giving time for reflection.

We encounter the Lord amidst the ordinariness of human life, in the relationships we establish and share together. At Sunday Mass, Jesus invites us to relive the Emmaus experience as we share the Eucharist with him. We bring to Mass the joys and sorrows of the week that has gone and Christ speaks to us as he spoke to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. He will throw light on every moment of joy and show that every bit of suffering has a purpose, giving us a motive for living a deeply religious life.

As we share in the breaking of bread at this Mass, we can pray to have our eyes open so that we can see beyond the sufferings of human living, to the joy that is all around us and ahead of us. Then we are in a position to set out and proclaim the good news to those we meet in the coming week.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, grant us the deep faith necessary to recognise your Son in all the situations we experience in life.

*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, 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, Sandra James, 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, 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.

Rest In Peace

With great sadness, we announce the death of Marian Francis; we extend our sympathy to her family at this time.

May she rest in peace.

Baptisms

Congratulations to Roisin Bannon, Olivia and Isaac Tann who were baptised this week. We wish them and their family all of God's blessings for their future happiness and wellbeing.

Stand Up and Smile Campaign:

We pray for all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities. We pray for the protection for them and their mothers from the pressures of society to consider abortion, and that they and their mothers would instead experience overwhelming support from all who surround them. Lord hear us"

Gift Aid Envelopes

Thank you for your continued effort over the last year it has been much appreciated. The envelopes are a great way for the Church to get a little more from the taxman so if you are working and putting into the weekly collection and have not already made a gift aid declaration please come to the office and we will be able to help you. It will only take a couple of minutes and is completely confidential. Even if you donate through the Bank a box will be at the back of the Church for second collections.

Assistant Manager, Walsingham House at Abbotswick.

We are seeking to appoint an Assistant Manager at Walsingham House at Abbotswick to begin in the late summer. All information can be found on our website: <https://bcys.net/assistantmanager> Closing date for applications is midday on Monday 10th May 2021.

Brentwood Catholic Children Society

We at the Brentwood Catholic Children' Society (bccs) are seeking to appoint new members to our Board of Trustees to help guide and support our work. It is important for us to maintain a broad, diverse Board of Trustees that brings a wide range of expertise and ages to the table.

Experience as a trustee is not required as a full induction programme will be provided. We are particularly keen to attract the input of youth trustees (age 18 +) to ensure our provision and services remain contemporary and there is no upper age or gender limitation to the role. Please read our full Trustee Advert and Role Description on our website

<https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/trustees> and contact our Director, Bernadette Fisher bfisher@bccs.org.uk for more information.