

MASS INTENTIONS
Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Saturday 1 st May - Feria	6.30pm	Sr Annunciata's Int
Sunday 2 nd May – Fifth Sunday of Easter	9.00am	Livia Joanna Paes in Thanksgiving
	11.00am	Delmira Rodrigues (R.I.P)
Monday 3 rd May – SS Philip & James	9.00am	Peter Clerkin (R.I.P)
Tuesday 4 th May – The English Martyrs	9.00am	Mrs E A Abrahams (R.I.P)
Wednesday 5 th May – Feria	9.00am	Irene McLean Int
Thursday 6 th May - St John Payne	9.00am	Romeo Rodrigues (R.I.P)
Friday 7 th May – Feria	9.00am	Mary Kelly
Saturday 8 th May - Feria	9.00am	Theresa Desmond (R.I.P)

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Saturday 8 th May - Feria	6.30pm	Michael Dear (R.I.P)
Sunday 9 th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter	9.00am	Mary Andrew Almeida (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Michael Dear (R.I.P)

The Month of May celebrates the great **Feasts of Ascension, Pentecost and The Holy Trinity**. Here we can celebrate our new life in the risen Christ. We are called as God's people.

We are guided by the Holy Spirit who will teach us everything, to usher in a new era for our world and our Church. Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to: walk in boldness as a beloved child of God; walk in peace under the protective presence of God's love; walk in faith, hope and love, knowing that Christ walks with you.

Accommodation Required

A couple with a child are looking for accommodation if anyone has any information which might be of use to them please contact Marius on 07951 953941

ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

(Langdale Gardens)

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1st & 2nd May 2021

Dear Friends,

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Cut off from me you can do nothing.' If the Branches of the tree do not remain connected, they will die. Each one of us, through Baptism and the Eucharist, is connected to Christ. Being connected to Christ gives us the strength to sustain us in our faith. Just as the branches feed from the tree to produce fruit, we get our nourishment from Christ the Vine.

This nourishment comes through our prayer, through reading the Word of God, coming to Mass and through other Sacraments. In these ways we can receive the grace of God, which flows like sap, from Christ the vine, to you and I, the branches. From this, good fruit can be produced in us. He invites us to 'remain' in him – to rest in him, to be part of him. And if you look at a vine plant, often its branches are so entangled, it can be hard to know where one ends and another begins. We note that Jesus is addressing the disciples as a group rather than as individuals; 'you are the branches'. We are a community and we grow together, bound together by the love of God.

Today we reflect on what it means to be so intimately connected with Jesus, the true vine. We bring to mind the many gifts he has given us, and the ways in which his love bears fruit in our lives.

PRAYER: Loving God, we thank you for your bond of love, which unites us to your risen Son. Give us the spirit to help us reflect your love, as we are all connected to you through one another, like branches to a tree. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*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 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

Now the restrictions have been lifted, we can open the repository again. We have cards and gifts for all occasions, as well as Mass cards, sympathy cards, candles, rosaries etc., Please call **Liz Preston - 01708 525186** if there is anything in particular you need.

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marian Francis who died recently her body will be brought into the church on Sunday 9th May at 5pm. Her Requiem Mass will be on Monday 10th May at 11.30am.

Please also pray for Gift Agwuncha a young mum with two young children who died suddenly last week. We extend our sympathies to her husband Michael and her family.

May they rest in peace.

Marys Month

As we enter into this month dedicated to our Blessed Mother, we bring to mind all mothers. That, like Mary, they would be able to love and cherish their children from the point of conception. We pray also that these women would find support in their spouses, family and friends as they journey through the joys and trials of parenthood. Lord hear us"

Gift Aid Envelopes

Thank you for your continued effort over the last year it has been much appreciated.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PICK UP YOUR GIFT AID BOX

Vacancies

Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School, St. Mary's Lane Upminster, Essex RM14 2QR are advertising for both a Cleaner and also for a Casual/ Relief Lettings Supervisor/Groundsperson. For more information, please contact Kerry Jones (Business Manager) kj@mary.havering.sch.uk for further details

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.

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

Universal – the world of finance: Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.