

MASS INTENTIONS
Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Saturday 15th May - Feria	6.30pm	Robert Gumbrill (R.I.P)
Sunday 16th May – Seventh Sunday of Easter	9.00am	James Keane (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Marian Francis R.I.P)
Monday 17th – Feria	9.00am	Mary Andrew Almeida (R.I.P)
Tuesday 18 th May – Feria	9.00am	Terry Manning (60 th birthday)
Wednesday 19 th May – Feria	9.00am	Catherine O’Sullivan (Family Int)
Thursday 20 th May – Feria	9.00am	David Evans (R.I.P)
Friday 21 st May – Feria	9.00am	Eileen O’Sullivan (R.I.P)
Saturday 22 nd May - Feria	9.00am	Nora Curran (R.I.P)

Pentecost Sunday (Year B)

Saturday 22nd May - Feria	6.30pm	Mary Barry
Sunday 23rd May – Pentecost Sunday	9.00am	Marian Francis R.I.P)
	11.00am	Marian Francis (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. **Amen**

ST. ALBAN’S PARISH NEWSLETTER

(Langdale Gardens)

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15th & 16th May 2021

Dear Friends,

Like the disciples of Jesus described in the Acts of the Apostles, we are gathered in prayer seeking the coming of the Spirit. Without the Spirit, the disciples were like a sail boat without the wind. If they needed the Holy Spirit, how much more do we need him? We who are weak and fragile.

The Spirit is still at work in our world. As our journey continues – as humanity, as church, as individuals – the Spirit unveils God’s message for our place and time. The Spirit is that life-giving force that animates our world, inspiring and energising us. Our task is to listen, to be awake to the many ways God speaks to us and calls us into the life of God.

In the Gospel, Jesus prays for his disciples. He prays for us. He promises to be with us always guiding and protecting us. In this time, before we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, let us remain in prayer ready to receive the Spirit afresh.

PRAYER

Holy Spirit, enkindle in our hearts the fire of your divine love, for we are temples of the Holy Spirit. This is our dignity, our destiny and the pledge of eternal life. Amen.

*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.

Confirmation

Please pray for our 19 young people of our parish who will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of confirmation from Pentecost on 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th of May 2021. These celebrations will take place in our church at 7:30pm.

Thank you

Rest In Peace

Please pray for a former parishioner, Charlene Banning, who died recently.

Please also pray for Gift Agwuncha a young mum with two young children who died recently. We extend our sympathies to her husband Michael and her family. Her Requiem Mass will take place on 26th June at 9.30am – more details will follow later.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Mary's Month

We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support in this circumstance, and recognise the many blessings that motherhood brings. Lord hear us.

Eucharistic Ministers

With the lifting of restrictions on the 17th May we are hoping that we might be able to arrange for some of our Eucharistic Ministers to start taking Communion to some of our elderly Parishioners who Father Maurice has been visiting during lockdown. It is hoped that these Eucharistic Ministers from next Sunday onwards will be able to start visiting, your ministry is deeply appreciated – please let Father Maurice know if you are able to help.

Comboni Missionaries Appeal 2021

Next weekend we will be welcoming a visit from the Verona Fathers who have been involved with this Church since 1949. There will be a second collection for the Comboni Missionaries Appeal 2021

Baptisms

Congratulations to Evie Conroy who was baptised recently. We wish her and her family all of God's blessings for their future happiness and wellbeing.

Parish Trip to Knock

Due to the restrictions still being in place we have again moved the Mission to Knock to May 2022. If anyone is waiting for a refund on the first booking please contact Patricia Tel: +44 (0) 1268 762 278

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