

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Pentecost Sunday (Year B)**

Saturday 22nd May - <b>Pentecost</b>	6.30pm	Mary Barry
Sunday 23rd May – <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	9.00am	Marian Francis (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Marian Francis (R.I.P)
Monday 24th – <b>Mary, Mother of the Church</b>	9.00am	Tricia Graham (Int)
	7.30pm	Margaret & Arthur Brennan (R.I.P)
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – <b>St Bede the Venerable</b>	9.00am	Mary Hyde (R.I.P)
	7.30pm	Thomas Carleton (R.I.P)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – <b>St Phillips Neri</b>	9.00am	Barbara & Valerie (Int)
	7.30pm	John Moody (R.I.P)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – <b>Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest</b>	9.00am	Dodoy Edgar Azores (R.I.P)
	7.30pm	John Moody (R.I.P)
Friday 28th May – Feria	9.00am	Celia & Stephen Wolward
Saturday 29th May - Feria	9.00am	Sister Peggy (Int)

**The Most Holy Trinity (Year B)**

Saturday 29th May - Feria	6.30pm	John Barry (Int)
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> May – <b>The Most Holy Trinity</b>	9.00am	Marian Francis (R.I.P)
	11.00am	People of the Parish

**EXAM PRAYER**

Dear Lord, as I take these exams, I thank you that my life is enfolded in the embrace on your great love for me. Help me with all the testing challenges of life that will come my way. Holy Spirit, guide me with the gifts of Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding and right Judgement. Holy Mary, pray for us and all our young people. May they know the touch of your loving caress.  
Amen

**ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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**Pentecost Sunday (Year B)**

**22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021**

Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel, we see how Jesus says to his disciples "Receive the Holy Spirit". He breathes on them as a sign that through the Spirit they will share his life and continue his ministry of forgiveness. Jesus had not come to take their breath away but to breathe new life into them, the life of the Holy Spirit. 'Enthusiasm' as a word, means literally 'in God'. It's that special recognition of God's life in each of us. At times, the vision dims, our enthusiasm wanes and we falter. When the heart is not in any project, we can end up giving only lip service. Pentecost is a day to remember that whatever about our commitment to God and the plan of God, God is committed to us through the Holy Spirit.

Like any fire, the spark of enthusiasm needs care. Consider these ideas. Rest in God in prayer, refresh yourself with a break, forgive yourself and lighten your worry load, give projects all you have. Celebrate each new day.

**Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

Spirit of Light, let your wisdom shine on us.

Spirit of Silence, make us aware of God's presence.

Spirit of Courage, dispel the fear in our hearts.

Spirit of Fire, inflame us with Christ's love.

Spirit of Peace, help us to be still and listen to God's word.

Spirit of Joy, inspire us to proclaim the Good News.

Spirit of Love, help us to open ourselves to the needs of others.

Spirit of Power, give us all your help and strength.

Spirit of Truth, guide us all in the way of Christ. 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 Joseph 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 this week, on 24th, 25th, 26th and 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2021. These celebrations will take place in our church at 7:30pm.

**Rest In Peace**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Charlene Banning, who died recently, her Requiem Mass will take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> June at 12.00. Please pray for the repose soul of Joseph Madden his funeral will take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June at Upminster South Essex Crematorium. 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 26<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am – more details will follow later.

**May they rest in peace and rise in glory.**

**Pentecost**

As we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, we recall the fruits of the Spirit that are present in our lives. We pray that in our church's mission to serve the poor, broken and unborn, it would be anchored in love, joy, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Lord hear us.

**Eucharistic Ministers**

It is hoped that the Eucharistic Ministers will be able to start visiting people in the parish again from this Sunday.

**Comboni Missionaries Appeal 2021**

We welcome Father John Downey from the Verona Fathers who is giving an appeal on behalf of the Comboni Missionaries, a second collection will be taken up for this purpose.

**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

**THE URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD**

Teacher of History (ideal for an NQT), Start: September 2021. Closing Date: noon, Thursday 24 May 2021. For further information please visit: [uai.org.uk/about/vacancies](http://uai.org.uk/about/vacancies)

**NEW ST BON'S ALUMNI NETWORK** - Open to all former students and staff of St Bonaventure's School in Forest Gate. Please join and spread the word - news, events and opportunities to give back: <https://www.stbons.org/alumni/>