

MASS INTENTIONS
The Most Holy Trinity (Year B)

Saturday 29th May - Feria	6.30pm	John Barry (Int)
Sunday 30 th May – The Most Holy Trinity	9.00am	Marian Francis (R.I.P)
	11.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 31 st May – Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen	9.00am	Ann Turner (Int)
Tuesday 1 st June – St Justin	9.00am	Elizabeth Lopez (R.I.P)
Wednesday 2 nd June – Feria	9.00am	Mary Byrnes (R.I.P)
Thursday 3 rd June – St Charles Lwanga & Comps.	9.00am	Holy Souls
Friday 4 th June – Feria	9.00am	Marian Francis (R.I.P)
Saturday 5 th June – St Boniface	9.00am	Marian Francis (R.I.P)

The Body & Blood of Christ (Year B)

Saturday 5 th June – St Boniface	6.30pm	Teresa Clarke
Sunday 6 th June – The Body & Blood of Christ	9.00am	Charles Stimpson (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Neal McHale (R.I.P)

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

Evangelisations: The beauty of marriage. Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION: On Saturday 12th June at 11 am Fr Jeremy Corley, lecturer in Sacred Scripture at St Patrick's College, Maynooth, will speak on 'Afterlife Hope before the New Testament'. This event is free of charge and can be accessed by going to www.whatgoodnews.org and following the instructions. No prior booking necessary. The event will be available subsequently on the same website. Dr Sean Ryan, chair of the CBA, will introduce the day and take questions

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The Most Holy Trinity (Year B)

29th & 30th May 2021

Dear Friends,

The sign of the Cross is the Christian's logo or symbol. From the very beginning, at Baptism, when priests and parents sign a baby on the forehead, to the last farewell – again the sign of the Cross – over our coffin.

It signifies that the person making or receiving it belongs to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit – to the Trinity, in short. Often it's used so mindlessly and indiscriminately that we seldom think of what we are doing. We're too busy waiting for the sermon, the meal, the 'real' prayer that follows, that we don't notice that we have said the most powerful prayer already.

Properly done, in the wordless movement, it expresses a great deal. You firstly touch your head, dedicating your mind to God, as you say 'In the name of the Father'. Secondly, you touch the base of your heart, the symbol of love, while we speak the name of the one who loved us first: 'and the Son'. Thirdly, you move from shoulder to shoulder, from which our arms spring, the agents of action, as we say 'and of the Holy Spirit'.

With the sign of the Cross, we indicate whom we belong to. By this blessing, with this simple sign and these simple words, we show we are no longer our own man or woman. Whatever follows, the prayer I pray, the meal I eat, the journey I take, the job I do, the journey I start. You do them not in your name and for your glory, but in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You are never alone: three's company'

BLESSING: May the Father reassure you and give you new confidence.

May the Son deepen your friendship with the Father.

May the Holy Spirit guide your hearts and minds at each moment of your life's journey.

May the Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and always.

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 Morriseon, 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 - We congratulate the 19 young people who were confirmed last week. We thank the Catechists and their parents for supporting them.

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

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Charlene Louise Banning, who died recently, her Requiem Mass will take place on the 9th June at 12.00.

We also pray for the repose of the soul of Joseph Madden his funeral will take place on the 14th of June at 1.20pm 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 26th June at 9.30am – more details will follow later.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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/>

School Holidays

Our schools have now begun their mid-term break and we wish them a deserved, restful half term. Schools return on the 7th June.

Second Collection – There will be a second collection next weekend, 5th & 6th June, for the sick clergy.

Pro Life - We pray for our Government, that their ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves on the desire to protect all human life. Lord hear us.

Comboni Missionaries Appeal 2021

We thank you once again for your generosity for the Comboni Missionaries Appeal, we collected just over £550 altogether.

Lourdes at your Local

From Monday 26th-Friday 30th July, the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service will be hosting 'Lourdes at your Local' for Summer 2021. There will be a Mass celebrated each morning at 11am with Anointing of the Sick and joyful music, followed by a cup of tea and refreshments in the parish hall afterwards. These will then be streamed online each evening and there will also be a Daily Rosary, Torchlight Procession and Talent Show available to take part in virtually during the week. The masses will take place in Leigh-on-Sea. Further details and a full itinerary are available from www.bcys.net/events.