

MASS INTENTIONS
Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Saturday 8th May - Feria	6.30pm	Michael Dear (R.I.P)
Sunday 9th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter	9.00am	Mary Andrew Almeida (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Michael Dear (R.I.P)
Monday 10th – Feria	9.00am	Ann Turner Ints
Tuesday 11 th May – Feria	9.00am	Mary Byrnes (R.I.P)
Wednesday 12 th May – St John Houghton	9.00am	Lil Histon
Thursday 13 th May – The Ascension of the Lord. Holyday of Obligation	9.00am	Peter Clerkin (R.I.P)
	7.30pm	Special Ints – for all Parishioners
Friday 14 th May – St Matthias	9.00am	Len Addison (R.I.P)
Saturday 15 th May - Feria	9.00am	Jonie Scanlon

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)

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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8th & 9th May 2021

Dear Friends,

Today's Gospel offers one of the most eloquent passages on love in the Scriptures. It reveals the vision of Jesus for his followers and explains how we should treat one another. We are to love each other with the same love Jesus showed during his time on earth, that great and generous love that culminated in his 'laying down his life for his friends'. It is in the way we love one another, the way we understand and forgive and support one another, that we experience the life and love of Jesus.

There are more than 20 references to love in today's readings. In the second reading, we hear that 'everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God'. That love that God showed by sending his Son for us, is the same generous, wholehearted, self-sacrificing love we are called to show others – all others. God does not have favourites. Father Daniel O'Leary says 'we find it so hard to accept the revelation that it is God's delight to be worshipped, in the way we touch and look at each other, in the way we listen and talk to each other, in the way we forgive and promise to start all over again'.

In the second reading, St John says 'that love comes from God; if we do not love others, we cannot really say that we know God. We remember today that God loves us first, and our life's work is to respond to that love and try to reflect it in all our relationships, with the help of His grace'

Prayer

Lord, help us to express our faith in love and tenderness. Fill us with your grace so that we can forgive and be reconciled with others and be like you in loving our enemies.

*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 the repose of the soul of Marian Francis who died recently, her body will be brought into the church this evening at 5pm. Her Requiem Mass will take place tomorrow at 11.30am.

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 10am – more details will follow later.

Marian and Gift May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Mary's Month

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

Eucharistic Ministers

With the expected 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 will be able to start visiting on the weekend of the 22nd/23rd May – please let Father Maurice know if you are able to help.

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.

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