

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> June – Feria	6.30pm	Barry Family Intentions
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> June – <b>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Birthday Thanksgiving for Katherine & John Akinwumi Leo Connolly (R.I.P)
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> June – <b>St Aloysius Gonzaga</b>	9.00am	Susie Woodroffe (R.I.P)
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June – <b>SS John Fisher &amp; Thomas More</b>	9.00am	Ann Nolan (Int)
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June – Feria	9.00am	Jenkins Family (Int)
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June – <b>Nativity of St John the Baptist</b>	9.00am	Leann Canlas (Int)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June – Feria	9.00am	Oliver Carey (Int)
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am 9.30am	There will be no 9.00am Mass this week  Requiem Mass for Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> June – Feria	6.30pm	James O'Dwyer (R.I.P)
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> June – <b>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am 11.00am	James Driver (R.I.P)  Giovanna Azar

**Reflection for the Week**

Rivers do not drink their own water and trees do not eat their own fruit. The sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are born to help each other, no matter how difficult it is. Life is good when you are happy, but much better when others are happy because of you.

POPE FRANCIS

**ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**  
**19th & 20th June 2021**

Dear Friends,

When things are going well, it can be easy to say we have faith. But it is the difficulties of life which really call upon faith. This applies also in our everyday lives. We might find ourselves in a sudden tragedy, or we might hit rock bottom with an illness like depression or addiction. In all cases, we find ourselves confronted and threatened by dark forces that we cannot control. A man called Bill Wilson hit rock bottom with his addiction to alcohol. At that point, he recognised that his only hope was to trust in the power of God, which is greater than his own strength and that of his addiction. He prayed the words of Psalm 129, 'Out of the depths I cry to you O Lord, Lord hear my voice'. His life was changed. In the wake of that prayer, he never drank again, and this experience, of handing his life over to God was the basis for the 12-step programme, which alcoholics and other addicts all around the world use to help them overcome their addictions.

When faced with our own weakness, it is natural to be frightened. But Jesus says to the disciples, and He says to us, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' Let us have the humility to recognise that we are not self-sufficient. Many storms threaten us, but we do not need to be afraid. Our Lord has authority over all things and we should not even fear death itself. He has the power and authority to save and redeem even those situations, which to us, seem hopeless.

**PRAYER**

In the beginning, O God, your Word subdued the chaos; in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, your Son, to rebuke the forces of evil and bring forth a new creation. By that same power, transform all our fears into faith by your saving presence. Through the same Jesus 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 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, Oliva Maunder, Michael Meier, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Matthew Milnar, Vincenzo Modica, 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, Jay Spencer 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.

**Gift Aid Donors** If you are a gift aid donor and supported the Church in any way last year, there is an envelope for you at the back of the Church. This is not only a thank you for your continued support through a very difficult year but you may need the information for your records if you make your own tax returns.

**Baptisms**

Congratulations to Kevin Fedoriak, Selena Fedoriakova and Theo Griffin-Ahamed who were baptised this week. We wish them and their families all of God's blessings for their future happiness and wellbeing.

**Rest In Peace**

Please 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 this Saturday at 9.30am.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Hooton who recently died she is the mother of Mr Hooton a teacher in our school.

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

**Lourdes at your Local**

From Monday 26<sup>th</sup>-Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.bcys.net/events).

**Facemasks**

Please remember to bring your own facemasks or shields to Church and wear them correctly all the time. Your facemask should cover your nose and mouth throughout the service, the only exception is when you are receiving the Eucharist

**MEMORIAL MASS FOR SISTER ELIZABETH CAMPBELL OSU (Sister Joseph Mary)**

This Mass will take place in St Angela's School chapel, Forest Gate, 3pm on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, Covid regulations permitting  
Sister Elizabeth died on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 aged 91. She was on the staff of St Angela's as history teacher from 1955 to 1962 and head teacher until 1966. If you wish to attend and/or send memories to be share, please email [unamabel@aol.com](mailto:unamabel@aol.com). By Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, The event will be followed by tea in the V1th Form Common Room.

***The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society: Is inviting parishioners across the Diocese to join in with their 'Relay 100' summer community event. This initiative is an opportunity to recommit ourselves to our work following the pandemic. We are looking for 100 individuals (or families within bubbles). To find out more, please contact Damian Dillon: 0791208000 or visit <https://www.bccs.org.uk/fundraising-and-events/all-events/relay-100>***