

MASS INTENTIONS

The Body & Blood of Christ (Year B)

Saturday 5 th June –	6.30pm	Teresa Clarke
Sunday 6 th June –	9.00am	Charles Stimpson (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Neal McHale (R.I.P)
Monday 7 th June – Feria	9.00am	Mary Margaret & Tom McHale (Int)
Tuesday 8 th June – annFeria	9.00am	Kathleen Duignan (R.I.P)
Wednesday 9 th June – Feria	9.00am	Teresa Desmond (R.I.P)
Thursday 10 th June – Feria	9.00am	Jimmy O'Dwyer
Friday 11 th June – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	9.00am	Betty Higgs (R.I.P)
Saturday 12 th June – The Immaculate Heart of Mary	9.00am	Peter & Percy Taylor (R.I.P)

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Saturday 12 th June –	6.30pm	Tricia, Nancy & Joe (Int)
Sunday 13 th June –	9.00am	Marian Francis (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Ethel Kirk (R.I.P)

Mill Hill Missionaries

“Thank you from Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Through your red box or regular gifts, you are a missionary, helping spread God’s word and share God’s love for all his people. Thank you for your time, your gifts, and your prayers for our brothers and sisters across the world. As a member of the Red Box family, you will be held in prayer at Mass each day by the Mill Hill community and at Missio’s chapel on London. Find out more about how your gifts are transforming lives at mission.org.uk”

ST. ALBAN’S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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5th & 6th June 2021

Dear Friends,

Today is the feast of Corpus Christi, the day we particularly focus on the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. On this day, we ask the question, what does it mean to be a Christian? Many people think that the Christian life is just about doing good, feeding the hungry and alleviating world poverty. The Christian life is many things – and it certainly includes these, but the **source and centre** of the Christian life is the Eucharist. Everything good we do springs from the Eucharist.

The reason the Eucharist is so important is because the meaning of life is to know Jesus Christ. In the Eucharist, we meet Him in the most real and authentic of ways. In the Eucharist, Jesus enters us and we enter Jesus. We consume Him and He consumes us. Each of us is composed of body and soul. Just as ordinary food feeds our physical bodies, so the Eucharist feeds our souls. Jesus says ‘if you do not eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood, you will not have life in you’.

Our faith demands that we approach the Eucharist fully aware that we are approaching Christ Himself. When we receive Him, we take Him into ourselves in the deepest way possible. We are called to become what we receive: to be more Christ-like in our attitudes, behaviour and relationships with others.

It is significant that in the Gospel of John the focus during the Last Supper is on the washing of the disciples’ feet. At the Last Supper, Jesus celebrated the first Mass, and He shows right from the beginning that the work of service flows from receiving Him in the Eucharist.

At the end of every Mass we say, ‘go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.’ It is the Eucharist above all, that allows us to live a holy life, to bear witness to our faith by self-sacrifice in the service of others.

Amen.

Prayer: Lord, we praise you for the gift of your Body and Blood. May we unite ourselves with you ever more deeply as we receive you in Holy Communion.

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.

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

School Holidays

Our schools return from their half term break on this Monday 7th of June. We hope staff and pupils have had a restful time.

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 John 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.

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.

Second Collection

There is second collection this week is for all the Sick Clergy who now need our help after years of giving their service to God

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 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.

Eucharistic Ministers

There will be a day of recollection and training for all Ministers of Holy Communion in the parish on Saturday 18th September from 9.30 to around 3.00. Lunch will be provided. Please keep the date free.