

MASS INTENTIONS

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Saturday 17 th July – Feria	6.30pm	Maureen McLaughlin (R.I.P)
Sunday 18 th July – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)	9.00am	Beryl Collins (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Jibi John 50 th Birthday Intentions
Monday 19 th July – Feria	9.00am	Maria Da Silva (Int) Gordon Tucker (R.I.P)
Tuesday 20 th July – Feria	9.00am	Charlotte Downing (R.I.P)
Wednesday 21 st July – Feria	9.00am	Father Andrew Forys (Int)
Thursday 22 nd July– St Mary Magdalene	9.00am	Vionala Raj (Int)
Friday 23 rd July– St Bridget of Sweden	9.00am	Michelle Mirander (Int)
Saturday 24 th July – Feria	9.00am	Roshan Sima (Int)

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Saturday 24 th July – Feria	6.30pm	Jim Pewter
Sunday 25 th July – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)	9.00am	Sheila Fry (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Kitty Barden (R.I.P)

St Mary Magdalene: An Apostle to the Apostles – 22nd July In the resurrection stories, Mary in her grief is asked 'why are you crying'? Then her name, MARY was spoken. She was valued and acknowledged. She makes a profession of faith in four words: IT IS THE LORD. She is asked to GO AND TELL the frightened disciples that the Lord is alive. Give yourself time to hear God whisper your name in loving invitation.

A JOKE FOR THE WEEK – How do you know that the sea is friendly? Because it waves!

ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Maurice Gordon

Presbytery:

1 Ullswater Way, Elm Park, RM12 5JX

Tel: 01708451449

parishoffice@stalbansrcchurch.uk

Parish Deacon: Rev. Ken Carleton

kencarleton@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Mob: 07971 544921

Parish Website: <https://www.stalbansrcchurch.uk>

St Alban's Primary School

Heron Flight Avenue

Tel: 01708 555644

Head Teacher: Lisa Schaberg

Angela – Gift Aid Organiser

Mobile: 07510 243188

Safeguarding Representatives

Mobile: 07544 842677

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

17th & 18th July 2021

Dear Friends,

There are 150 Psalms in the Bible. They were the common prayers of God's people in Old Testament times. Always, they were sung. (That is what the word Psalm means; sung prayer). Today we have Psalm 23, which, is the most popular one.

The Psalms predate Jesus and were the prayers that he learned and used. Because of his use of them, they have always been special to Christians.

Composed by several authors and at different times, the psalms were the prayers of people of faith. These people lived in a semi desert region; this accounts for the images that were used to trust in God. For instance, God was a 'rock of shelter', a 'running stream', a 'shepherd'.

In daily life, a handful of sheep were prized possessions. Furthermore, the shepherd was crucial to the sheep. Without constant attention, they would not survive the rigours of semi-desert life. 'Green pastures' and 'restful waters' were vital.

'The Lord is my shepherd' was the prayer of a person who lived through daunting experiences and found God a sure guide – a 'shepherd'. Anybody who has lived through grief, rejection or depression has had to 'walk in the valley of the darkness'.

For us, this psalm-prayer continues to express a faith that is at once tested and well founded.

PRAYER Compassionate God, from far and near, you gather your Church into one. Safeguard the unity of your flock through the teaching of Christ the Shepherd, that all your scattered children may find in him the guidance and nourishment they seek. Through 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, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, 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, 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.

Blood Donor Sessions

Please note we have the blood donor sessions in the hall Sunday 25th July you will not be able to park on the hall side of the church. Please remember to park considerately thank you

200 Club Winners

Congratulations to T Brennan, G Landy and S Phillips in winning the 200 club draw, please see Father Maurice for your cheque.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Seely whose funeral will take place on Thursday 22nd July at 12.30pm at Bentley Crematorium, Ongar Road, Brentwood.

Also, please pray for Sheila Fry (Father Toninello's housekeeper for many years) her Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 2nd August at 11am at St Alban's Church.

Please also pray for Maureen Demmon who died recently. Her funeral will take place on Friday 23rd July at 1.20pm at South Essex Crematorium. May they rest in peace.

St Alban's School – School breaks up for the summer holidays on the 22nd July – we wish all of the pupils and teachers a peaceful and restful break.

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.

Lourdes on the Lawn, 31st July 2021 -This event is open to anyone currently in school Year 13 or above (approx. age 18-28) from 12pm – 4pm on Saturday 31st July. The Brentwood Catholic Youth will celebrate Mass together with Bishop Alan at Midday, and invite those attending to bring a picnic to enjoy in the beautiful grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick during the afternoon. You can find more information at www.bcys.net/events or email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org .

Congratulations – To Kelly Dove and Richard McCranachan who were baptised in our Church last weekend. Best wishes for their future happiness and wellbeing.

First of Holy Communion

Classes will begin on 23rd September for children in Year 4 and upwards. Application forms will be available soon.