

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

Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> July – Feria	6.30pm	Jim Pewter
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> July – <b>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)</b>	9.00am	Sheila Fry (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Kitty Barden (R.I.P)
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> July – <b>SS Joachim &amp; Anne</b>	9.00am	Nigel Kinsella (R.I.P)
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July – Feria	9.00am	For souls who have no one to pray for them.
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> July – Feria	9.00am	Oliver & Cheryl Carey (R.I.P)
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> July– <b>St Martha</b>	9.00am	Kathy Davis (Int)
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> July– Feria	9.00am	Matt Conrad (R.I.P)
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> July – <b>St Ignatius of Loyola</b>	9.00am	Eddie Wood Roffe (Int)

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

Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> July – <b>St Ignatius of Loyola</b>	6.30pm	Sheila Fry (R.I.P)
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> August – <b>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)</b>	9.00am	Rose & John Dique (Int)
	11.00am	Mary Tobin (R.I.P)

**Grandparents Day** The first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated this Sunday 25 July 2021. Grandparents have an important place in family life. Pope Francis has established a new World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, to be observed for the first time on Sunday 25th July, close to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Our Lord. As well as a special video being released on the Diocesan website and on the Marriage and Family Life Facebook page to mark this day, there will also be articles featured throughout this month of July on the importance of grandparents at [www.facebook.com/BrentwoodMandFL](http://www.facebook.com/BrentwoodMandFL) .

**ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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

**24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Dear Friends,

Many of our special memories of people and places centre around meals. Time and food shared, experiences related, moments savoured. All these help us to stop and stare, to savour not only the meal, but also the people and the place that give it such relish. Often the atmosphere can lead to people talking deeply to sharing memories, hopes and dreams. It comes to an end, but not in our memory, filling a well that will be drawn from.

Today Jesus shares of himself, feeding bodily and spiritual hunger in the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. But not before he asks the Apostles, 'where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' We have material possessions and knowledge. The demands of family, job, community and world crowd in on us. There are so many hungers. What can we do with our limited resources?

Imitate the disciples. State the need to Jesus, ask Him to bless our meagre resources. Then, share out, what we have in faith and trust to the situation that we face. The miracle of multiplication can happen many times, if we also present the need to Jesus, allow him to bless our efforts and us and then do our part, which is sharing generously. Many will be fed, more than we can imagine.

PRAYER

Jesus, bread of life, fill us with trust in you. May we have the grace to know that all that we have, all that we need, is given to us by the Father.

*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, Ivan Opoku-Agyemang, 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.

**200 Club Winners**

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

**First Holy Communion**

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

**Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sheila Fry (Father Toninello's housekeeper for many years) her Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 11am at St Alban's Church.

**Baptism**

We welcome into the family of the Church Oluwabusolami and Oluwamayowa Oloruntimilehin who were baptised last Sunday. Congratulations to the family and all of God's blessings.

**Parish Finances:**

The Finance Committee has approved the accounts for the financial year ended 5th April 2021. Despite an overall drop of income because of the pandemic, we are pleased to report that £119,717 was received during the year (2020: £150,041). Thanks in part to very careful control over spending, our expenditure was significantly lower at £69,602 (compared with £103,950 in the previous year). This means that the parish debt at the end of the financial year had reduced to £40,611.60. Since then we have been able to make further payments and the level of debt is now sitting at £9,411.60, and we hope to be able to clear this debt by October this year – a remarkable achievement!

**Living Laudato Si' – Online Retreat – 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021.**

Open to all, this retreat will help personal prayer and reflection, and parish action, on the critical issue of care for God's creation. Bishop Alan will open the retreat, which will be led by expert speakers. For more information see the poster at the back of church or email [laudatosi@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:laudatosi@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**The Cry Of Creation – A Study Day On Laudato Si**

As the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 26), to be held in Glasgow in November, draws nearer, and at a time of unprecedented danger for the world, the 2015 encyclical of Pope Francis, Laudato si', on care for our 'common home', could not be more relevant. Fr Ashley Beck, priest of the archdiocese of Southwark and associate professor at St Mary's University, Twickenham specialising in Catholic Social Teaching, will explore its contents and explain its crucial relevance. To access this free live event go to [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) – the event is scheduled for 11.00 to 12.30 BST on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September. No registration is needed. The talks will be available subsequently on the same website.

**Congratulations**

We congratulate Charles Clark and Laura Gladden who were married in our Church last Saturday. We wish them every blessing for their future happiness and wellbeing.