

MASS INTENTIONS
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Saturday 31st July – St Ignatius of Loyola	6.30pm	Sheila Fry (R.I.P)
Sunday 1 st August – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)	9.00am	Rose & John Dique (Int)
Monday 2 nd August Feria	11.00am	Mary Tobin (R.I.P)
Tuesday 3 rd August – Feria	9.00am	Dor Eves (Int)
Wednesday 4 th August – St John Mary Vianney	9.00am	Doreen O’Dowd Intentions for Good Health
Thursday 5 th August – Feria	9.00am	Bill Shorey (R.I.P)
Friday 6 th August– Feria Transfiguration of the Lord	9.00am	Josephina Roman (R.I.P)
Saturday 7 th August - Feria	9.00am	John& Elizabeth Lopes (R.I.P)
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Saturday 7 th August - Feria	6.30pm	Bonafilha & Romano Fernandes (R.I.P)
Sunday 8 th August – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)	9.00am	Tom Gorman (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Savio Fernandes (R.I.P)

The Popes Monthly Intentions Evangelisation: Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive the Holy Spirit, the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

Feast of the Transfiguration – 6th August – The feast invites us to listen to God’s Word, as we are asked to do so by the voice from the cloud. Our encounter with God’s Word inspires us to ‘come down the mountain’ and meet God’s presence in all those whose lives are blighted by worry, fear, injustice, poverty – materially and spiritually.

ST. ALBAN’S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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31st July & 1st August 2021

Dear Friends,

In today’s Scripture reading, we see how our Lord, after feeding the people with ordinary bread, offered them something far better – ‘The bread of eternal life’, but they did not want to know. We ourselves are reluctant to go beyond material things. Yet what God offers us is much better. The readings of our Mass, tell us of God’s efforts to feed us.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus talks about a different type of nourishment – bread that gives life, food that satisfies, food that endures. ‘I am the bread of life’ says Jesus. It is Jesus who nourishes us at the very core of our being, who knows our every need and gives meaning to our lives. He tells us today, ‘Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life’ As we continue on our way, learning how to best nourish our body and mind, let us not forget to nourish our spirit with Jesus, the bread of life.

Prayer: Lord, none who come to you ever hunger, none who believe in you thirst again. We praise you for the gift of your life among us. We praise you for the food we have received at this table. Let our faith be as strong as our hunger. Let us share what we have received, that others can feast on the riches of your truth and love. Amen

*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 23rd 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 2nd August at 11am at St Alban's Church.

Baptism

We welcome into the family of the Church Michelle Kearns who was baptised last Saturday. Congratulations and all of God's blessings.

Confirmation – Application forms for Confirmations in 2021-22 will be available soon. Interviews will take place in September and the programme will begin in early October.

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!

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 – the event is scheduled for 11.00 to 12.30 BST on Saturday 4th September. No registration is needed. The talks will be available subsequently on the same website.

Cycling for charity ("Pedalling through the Pandemic"). Fr Dominic Howarth, a priest of the Diocese, has been cycling for many months, heading towards 5,000km – and he now has just 500km to go. He is raising money for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society, Walsingham House, HCPT Easter Lourdes Group 709, and Help Refugees. Find out more and sponsor him online via <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/frdominic5000at50>, or phone 01708740308 or email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org if you want to donate via cheque or cash. **Thank you** for any support you can give.