

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

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July –	6.30pm	Michael Byrnes (R.I.P)
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> July –	9.00am	Susan Williams (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Louise Holleron
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July – Feria	9.00am	John Wills (R.I.P)
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July – Feria	9.00am	Anthony & Rosily Thanksgiving
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July – Feria	9.00am	K.K. Joseph Karikulam (R.I.P)
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July– Feria	9.00am	James Poddington (R.I.P)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July– Feria	9.00am	Olivia Mauder Intentions
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> July – Feria	9.00am	Mary Williams 80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Intentions

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**  
**Sea Sunday**

Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> July –	6.30pm	James O’Dwyer (R.I.P)
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> July –	9.00am	Sandra O’Neil (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Cara Coleman

**The Pope’s Intentions for July**

Universal Prayer: We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Please pray for Michael Barwick who will be ordained to the priesthood on the 10<sup>th</sup> July at Brentwood Cathedral and for Anthony Grant who will be ordained on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July at St Anthony’s Forest Gate. Also, please pray for Damien Wade who will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on the 17<sup>th</sup> July at St Bede’s, Chadwell Heath and for Anthony Rowley who will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate on 24<sup>th</sup> July at Holy Cross, Harlow.

**ST. ALBAN’S PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Dear Friends,

In today’s Gospel, Jesus has returned to his hometown of Nazareth and follows His usual custom of teaching in the synagogue on the Sabbath. On other occasions we see Him working many great miracles, but here He only cures a few sick people. On this occasion, the people of Nazareth, his own people, reject Him, and He is amazed at their lack of faith. They would have known Jesus as He grew up, and perhaps their familiarity with Him blinds them to His true identity. Hence their astonishment; they say “Where did the man get all this?” We too must avoid the same trap. Perhaps we are acquainted with Jesus in some sense, but fail to recognise His divine presence, especially in the Holy Eucharist, in the bread and wine that will become His Body and Blood? It is not enough to know of Jesus, we must actually know Him and give our lives to Him. This requires faith on our part. Faith is the virtue which most moves and affects the heart of Jesus. When He sees someone with faith, He always responds. Think of the numerous times in the Gospels when we hear, “Go your faith has saved you” or similar words which commend faith. Likewise He challenges those who have no faith, “When the Son of Man appears, will He find any faith on earth?” He wept over Jerusalem, because of the people’s lack of faith. Our personal weaknesses can be an obstacle to our faith. Like St Paul in the second reading, we will probably recognise a “thorn in the flesh”, in ourselves, something persistent, which pulls us down and can discourage us. We might feel desperate to be rid of it, whatever it is for us, as St Paul was (he prayed for it to be taken away many times). But the Lord revealed to him that His grace is sufficient, and that His power is at best in weakness. The lesson for us is that we should be conscious of our weaknesses, because they prevent us from becoming inflated with pride. Paul could have taken pride in his apostolic position, as if his talents entitled him to it. In point of fact, none of us is ‘entitled’ to anything; all we have is a gift from God. Knowing our weaknesses should rouse faith in us, drawing us into the covenant relationship with God, trusting that His power will work through our weaknesses.

*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.

**Rest in Peace**

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

Also please pray for Sheila Fry (Father Toninello's housekeeper for many years) her funeral arrangement will follow later.

May they rest in peace.

**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).

**Lourdes on the Lawn, 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021** -This event is open to anyone currently in school Year 13 or above (approx. age 18-28) from 12pm – 4pm on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.bcys.net/events) or email [gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

**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>

**Baptism**

We welcome into the family of the Church Luca Riley McCormack-Kennedy who was baptised last Sunday. Congratulations to the family and all of God's blessings.

**Wedding**

We congratulate Ben Abbasi and Mary Joyce who were married in our Church last Thursday. We wish them every blessing for their future happiness and wellbeing.

**Right to Life UK**

Are asking for your prayers "We pray for families and friends of pregnant women. That they would recognise their responsibility to care for the mother and child, and that they would surround them with love and support through the journey of pregnancy and beyond. Lord hear us"