

MASS INTENTIONS
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Year B)

Saturday 21 st August –	6.30pm	Anne Daley
Sunday 22 nd August –	9.00am	Cecilia Okoh (R.I.P)
	11.00am	William & Margaret McElligott (R.I.P)
Monday 23 rd August Feria	9.00am	John McGarry (R.I.P)
Tuesday 24 th August – St Bartholomew	9.00am	Maurice McGarry (R.I.P)
Wednesday 25 th August –	9.00am	John & Ann O'Connor 60 th Wedding Anniversary
Thursday 26 th August – Feria	9.00am	Andrew & Kathleen Turner Wedding Anniversary
Friday 27 th August– Feria St Monica	9.00am	Padriag Hester (R.I.P)
Saturday 28 th August – St Augustine	9.00am	Margaret Seely (R.I.P)

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Saturday 28 th August –	6.30pm	James O'Dwyer (R.I.P)
Sunday 29 th August –	9.00am	James Driver
	11.00am	Mick & Julie Matthews (R.I.P)

Sunday Smile

A child's prayer: Dear God, please take care of me and my daddy and mummy and my sister and my brother and my doggy and my cat. And please take care of yourself, God, for if anything happens to You, we will be in a big mess.

ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

The opening prayer of the Mass this weekend speaks about the uncertainties of this world. We only have to look around to see just how uncertain and fragile our world can be. Afghanistan is in turmoil. Haiti, one of the world's poorest countries, is reeling from its second major earthquake in just over a decade with rescue attempts made so much harder by tropical storms that have battered the island. On top of all this we are still in the middle of a global pandemic that, while we are now coping better with it, still shows no signs of ending and remains a major threat to the lives and wellbeing of countless billions, especially in the developing world. It is tempting to give up, to despair of the world with its natural and man-made disasters and just wonder how it all could have gone so very wrong. But the same prayer goes on to remind us that even in the middle of all these trials we need to focus on what is important. That by loving what God commands us to do, and trusting in His promises, we will find true happiness. In fact, it is only through hearing God's Word and following it that the world can hope to come through the trials that each new day brings. As St Teresa of Avila reminds us, 'all things are passing; patience gains all. Who serves God lacks nothing; He alone is sufficient'. If we take these words to heart then we will not only find peace but be stirred to action, to help those of our brothers and sisters who are in need. This above all is the true way that will lead us to our eternal home.

God Bless and Keep Safe,
Deacon Ken

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Greta Anglim, Nell Addison, Paul & Ava Au, Michael Balfour, Doreen Banister, John Barry, William Bradbury, Vincent Brady, Rob Brown, Rose Cahill, John Carty, Tommy Cartwright, 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, James Francis, 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.

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.

First Holy Communion

Classes will begin on 23rd September for children in Year 4 and upwards. Application forms are now available at the back of the Church.

Confirmation

Application forms for Confirmations in 2021-22 are available at the back of the Church. Interviews will take place in September and the programme will begin in early October.

We welcome again Father Henry to help out in the parish during Father Maurice's holiday in Ireland. Father Henry is the Chaplain to Catholics from Zambia in London and resides at the Sacred Heart Parish in Upper Holloway, North London.

The Miraculous Medal – A Gift from Heaven

In 1830, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus, appeared to St Catherine Labouré in Paris, France, and asked her to have a medal produced showing her as she appeared to her. Our Lady promised that those who wear the medal, especially around the neck, would receive great graces from Almighty God.

The medal was originally called the 'Medal of the Immaculate Conception' but so many miracles were attributed to it, that it became popularly known as the 'Miraculous Medal'.

The Miraculous Medal is the most widely distributed religious medal in the world, and is said to be instrumental in bringing about, by God's grace, miracles of both a physical and spiritual nature, such as stopping a plague, curing the blind, and bringing about conversions to Jesus Christ and His Church.

The Miraculous Medal made an unexpected appearance at this year's Olympic Games in Tokyo. As Hidilyn Diaz, an athlete from the Philippines, lifted her gold medal, she also held up the Miraculous Medal that she was wearing, as she acknowledged that her strength came from her faith, and from the love of Jesus and Mary.

If you would like a Miraculous Medal for yourself or your family, please speak to Fr Maurice when he is back. It is a wonderful testament to our faith and a powerful reminder of our Lady's help and love for us.

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.

Face Coverings

Please note unless you are exempt from wearing face coverings the Diocese still expects everyone to be wearing a face covering whilst in the Church. Please make sure it covers your nose and mouth at all times.

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.

Marriage Announcement

We congratulate Dominic Levy and Kaisha Dobbs on their recent marriage in our church, and pray that they may have a long and happy life together.