

MASS INTENTIONS
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Saturday 7 th August -	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)
Monday 9 th August St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	9.00am	Yazmine Intentions
Tuesday 10 th August – St Lawrence	9.00am	Mrs Jane Driscoll (R.I.P)
Wednesday 11 th August – St Claire	9.00am	Donna and Edward Lobo (R.I.P)
Thursday 12 th August – Feria	9.00am	Victor Lopes (R.I.P)
Friday 13 th August– Feria	9.00am	Carmen & Bernard Fernandes (R.I.P)
Saturday 14 th August – St Maximillian Kolbe	9.00am	Maria & John Rankin Intentions

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Year B)

Saturday 14 th August –	6.30pm	Tracey Hyde
Sunday 15 th August –	9.00am	Teresa Jarrold (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Anne Dooner (R.I.P)

St Clare (1193 -1253) 11th August

Clare is often portrayed in art as holding a monstrance with the Eucharist in defence of an attack by Saracen mercenaries on her convent community. Clare witnessed to holiness and humanity, wisdom and welcome to all. She was canonised two years after her death. St. Clare Pray for us.

Joke of the week.

Where do sheep go on holiday?
 The Baaa-hamas.

ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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7th & 8th August 2021

Dear Friends,

“They will be taught by God”.

Chris worked in a builders yard. He was known for his outspokenness and blunt way of speaking. Over the last few weeks his mates had noticed a change. The swearing had more or less ceased, the outspokenness less judgemental. When questioned Chris found himself talking about how he had discovered that, many of life's questions were being answered for him now that he had started going to Church. He was coming into an awareness that God was a living person and not just a word to swear by. Chris spoke about God drawing him onwards.

In today's Gospel, we read of being drawn closer to the Father and being taught by God of his love and care for us.

In what ways will you let God draw you closer to him this week?

In what ways does your faith make you different from other people?

This Sunday as we gather around the table of the Lord we are nourished, sustained and strengthened by the Bread of Life. As we experience God's love in this way, we know how to love all those we meet who are afraid and hungry for human support. This is Jesus example and our call.

Prayer

God, our Father and provider, whose Son has given his flesh for the life of the world, sustain your pilgrim Church on its journey with the word of life and the bread of heaven. Draw us nearer to him in whose name we gather, that, following his way of sacrificial love, we may come to the banquet of eternal life. 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, 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, 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, Iivan 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 will be available soon. Interviews will take place in September and the programme will begin in early October.

Baptism

We welcome into the family of the Church Mila Billie Robson who was baptised last Saturday. Congratulations to her family and all of God's blessings.

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.

Lorraine Fitzgerald (Sheila Fry's daughter) would like to thank parishioners who read at and attended Sheila's Requiem Mass last Monday. It was really appreciated by the family.

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 Assumption of our Lady

Next Sunday is the Feast of our Lady it is very much a part of the ancient tradition of the Church. We celebrate the fact that Mary, the most perfect member of God's creation, who responded in faith to God's call, has gone before us to the glory of heaven. Mary is an example to us of living in accordance with God's will and so bringing God into our world.

Father Maurice will be away for a couple of weeks for a well deserved holiday. We welcome back Father Henry as he will be helping out while Father is away. Father Henry and Father Joseph will be covering all the masses for us.

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.