

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

Saturday 11 th September – Feria	6.30pm	Dorothy Ryan
Sunday 12 th September – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Sheila Fry (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Noreen Walsh (R.I.P)
Monday 13 th September St John Chrysostom	9.00am	Grzes Lojewska (Intentions)
Tuesday 14 th September – Exaltation (Triumph) of the Holy Cross	9.00am	Father Andrew Forys (Intentions)
Wednesday 15 th September – Our Lady of Sorrows	9.00am	Andrew Turner (Intentions)
Thursday 16 th September – Ss Cornelius	9.00am	Jennie Reddy (Intentions)
Friday 17 th September – Feria	9.00am	Redmond & Mary Keogh (R.I.P)
Saturday 18 th September – Feria	9.00am	Father Maurice (Intentions)

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Saturday 18 th September – Feria	6.30pm	Greta Street (Intentions)
Sunday 19 th September – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	In Thanksgiving for Temi & Raphael Akinwumi
	11.00am	Maureen Demmon

Fundraising

Boston, one of our Parishioners will be running the Brighton marathon today and would like to do this on behalf of our Parish. There is a sponsorship form at the back of the Church and if you are in a position to sponsor Boston, please do so.

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11th & 12th September 2021

Dear Friends,

We are all very much influenced by what others think and say about us. We all like to be well thought of by others. There is a danger here. We might make popularity the goal of our lives. And we might forget the only thing that matters – the reality of who and what I am. We are all children of the heavenly Father. Therefore we have a tremendous dignity. We have no need then, to pretend. Let us pray that we may live up to our dignity as a child of God.

SUNDAY REFLECTION

“Faith without good works is dead” (James 2:14 -18)

So says the apostle St James in one of the most important sayings of the New Testament.

A watch that has a gold chain but which does not tell the time is worthless.

A fruit tree which in spring is full of blossoms and leaves, but when autumn comes has no fruit, is false and is only taking up space.

It is the same with faith. A faith that does not lead to works of love – such as kindness, compassion, forgiveness – is false and useless and dead. Saint Theresa of Calcutta puts it like this “If we believe, we will love. If we love, we will serve” It is as simple as that.

God Bless and Keep Safe,
Father Maurice

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, Iwan Opoku-Agyemang, Baby Teegan Oakley, Cecilia O'Connor, Vincent Okolo, Dean Partleton, Teresa Pitman, Baby Teddy Rands, Jennie Reddy, Rosetta Reehill, Nellie Ringrose, Dorothy Ryan, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, Charles Stimpson, Crystal Stimpson, Theresa Wiseman, Elizabeth Wyles, Jay Spencer, Clara Yankey and Brigid Philomena Barulis.

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. There is a meeting this Sunday for parents at 5pm in the parish hall.

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. The Bishop will come on a pastoral visit on June 12th 2022 and on that occasion, he will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Car Park – The Blood Donation Service will be using the Parish centre on the 19th September; please do not use the parking spaces on the hall side of the Church on this date.

Day of recollection

A day for Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion will be held in the parish on Saturday 20th November; more details to follow. Please put the date in your diary.

Donations via Bank Account

Please would the following people who make donations straight in to the bank account come into the office A Wallace, Mrs E O'Reilly, Camelia Salter and Mrs Moira D McClean. Thank you

Communion

Please remember as we are still trying to keep everyone safe when going up to communion please stay seated and wait for the steward to invite you, make sure you leave a space in front of you if the person in front is not a member of your group. Keep in mind some people are still unsure and would like some space so please give it to them.

The Permanent Diaconate: a Ministry of Service

There will be a study day on 18th September from 10.00 to 2.30 at St John Payne Church, Colchester, for all those interested in knowing more about this ministry and meeting Bishop Alan and some of our diocesan deacons and students. Please see the poster at the back of the church or speak to Deacon Ken for more details.

Mass at Brentwood Cathedral – 13th September at 7.00pm

As you know, Father Maurice will be installed as a Canon of the Brentwood Cathedral Chapter. All are invited to this celebration this Monday, 13th September at 7.00pm. A coach will be leaving St Albans at 5.00pm, please put your name down on the list at the back of the Church if you would like a seat on the coach. If you are able to take your own car there, please do so, so as to allow other people who do not drive, space on the coach. Sanitise your hands as you enter the coach and please wear masks. There is no cost for the coach. Seats are still available. For those that are unable to attend, we will celebrate after each Mass on the 26th September with refreshments in the parish centre.

Mass Books

We are now, with the approval of the diocese Health and Safety advisers, in a position to distribute mass prayer books. At the present time, we shall only be doing this at the Saturday evening mass and the two Sunday masses. These books will either be on the bench or distributed on entry if you require one. At the end of each mass the books will be placed in secure boxes and will only be used again at the same mass on the following weekend. This will ensure that the books are not used again within 72 hours (recommended quarantine time). Further consideration as to the use of hymn books and prayer books for week day masses is on going and will be addressed as soon as possible”

Baptisms - We welcome in to the family of the Church Harley & Paige Bower who were both baptised in our parish last Sunday. Congratulations and every blessing to the family.