

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

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> September – Feria	6.30pm	Greta Street (Intentions)
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> September – <b>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	Temi & Raphael Akinwumi (Thanksgiving)
	11.00am	Maureen Demmon (Int)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> September <b>St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon</b>	9.00am	Joanne Lojewska (R.I.P)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September – <b>St Matthew</b>	9.00am	Annamma Francis (R.I.P)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September – Feria	9.00am	Brigid Philomena Barulis (Intentions)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September – <b>St Pius of Pietreicina</b>	9.00am	Thanksgiving
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> September – <b>Our Lady of Walsingham</b>	9.00am	Tommy Cartwright (Intentions)
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> September – Feria	9.00am	Stokes Family (Intentions)

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
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Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> September – Feria	6.30pm	Rose & John Dique (Intentions)
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> September – <b>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	Trish Sharpe (Intentions)
	11.00am	David Evans (R.I.P)

A study day on Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Fratelli Tutti* on 'fraternity and social friendship' will be live-streamed from 11.00 to 12.30 BST on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. The study day, entitled 'The Cry of the Poor', is organised from Gidea Park parish, and the speaker is Fr Ashley Beck, expert on Catholic Social Teaching. To access the livestream go to [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

**ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
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**18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Dear Friends,

In the Gospel today, which follows on from the account we heard last week, Jesus again tells His disciples that he must suffer, die and rise again. But they still do not understand. Jesus tries to prepare them for the difficult days ahead in Jerusalem and yet they are wrapped up in their own world, seeking power and prestige. They argue amongst themselves over who is the greatest, like a group of little children arguing over who is whose best friend. Jesus asks them what they are arguing about, and they respond with the silence of shame. He now teaches them an important lesson, 'if anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all' What does it mean to be a servant? To be a servant means to seek the good of the other person, not to control them for our own ends.

The sacrifices made by front line health care workers during the coronavirus pandemic were an inspiration to many. They put themselves at risk to care for the sick and some of them died.

Achievement, affirmation, recognition and status are attractive and enjoyable when they come our way, yet we can be in trouble if, like the disciples, we become caught up in the pursuit of them. Jesus tells them that true greatness lies in service of others. The call of the Gospel is to break out of self-absorption, to put aside our own desires and truly place ourselves at the service of others, for the sake of the Kingdom of God. We do not want to be contaminated by the values of the world, but we do want to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world; in other words, to show the world where true greatness is found.

*God Bless and Keep Safe,*  
*Canon 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, Ivan 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 this Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of September 7pm for children in Year 4 and upwards. Children will meet in the hall and parents will meet in 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. The Bishop will come on a pastoral visit on June 12<sup>th</sup> 2022 and on that occasion, he will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Day of recollection:**

A day for Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion will be held in the parish on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Mass at Brentwood Cathedral**

Canon Maurice would like to thank everybody who made the celebration on Monday, very special for all of our parish and our Diocese. He had a letter from John McCormack the Chairman of the Guild of St Stephen, he said 'I would like to pay a huge vote of thanks to all the Servers from St Albans who conducted themselves so magnificently at your induction. They are a great credit to themselves, their Parents and the parish of St Albans' For those who were unable to attend, there will be refreshments after every Mass next weekend in the Parish centre as a token of gratitude to all.

**Baptisms**

We welcome in to the family of the Church Grace & Gabriel Enime who were both baptised in our parish last Saturday. Congratulations and every blessing to the family.

**Campion School**

The Campion School Open Evening concerning admission of boys who will be eleven years old during the current academic year will be held virtually on the school's website: [www.thecampionschool.org.uk](http://www.thecampionschool.org.uk) and can be found under Admissions. The Supplementary Information Form (SIF) will be available online that evening until 4.00 pm on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

**Volunteer Gardeners wanted**

Do you enjoy gardening? Do you have a few spare hours on a Monday? We are in need of volunteers to join the wonderful team who help look after the grounds at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. There are a wide variety of things to be done, suiting all types of gardening experience! The friendly volunteers will welcome you with tea, cake, friendship and practical help. If you would like to know more please phone Joe Beattie, 01277 373959, or email [josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**Sacramental Preparation for members of the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller**

**Communities** We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping children from GRT communities prepare for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. If you would like to find out more about this work, we will be running two training sessions in the Canon Roche Pastoral Centre behind the Most Holy Redeemer Church in Billericay. The two training sessions will be on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> October from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. If you would like more information please phone the Billericay Parish Office on 01277 624891 or email the Parish Office at: [billericay@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:billericay@dioceseofbrentwood.org). Please note that as this involves working with children, it will be necessary to have a DBS certificate issued by the diocese.