

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

Saturday 25 th September – Feria	6.30pm	Rose & John Dique (Intentions)
Sunday 26 th September – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Trish Sharpe (Intentions)
	11.00am	David Evans (R.I.P)
Monday 27 th September St Vincent de Paul	9.00am	Alex and all those who are homeless (Intentions)
Tuesday 28 th September – Feria	9.00am	Michael Kelly (Intentions)
Wednesday 29 th September – SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	9.00am	Gladys McQuaid (Intentions)
Thursday 30 th September – St Jerome	9.00am	The Holy Souls
Friday 1 st October – St Therese of the Child Jesus	9.00am	Frederick Onodu (R.I.P)
Saturday 2 nd October – The Holy Guardian Angels	9.00am	People of the Parish

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Saturday 2 nd October – The Holy Guardian Angels	6.30pm	Fred & Ivy Preston (R.I.P) 30 th Anniversary
Sunday 3 rd October – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Tom Gorham (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Denis Bramwell

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 2nd 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

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)
25th & 26th September 2021

Dear Friends,

It's strange how we struggle to acquire and hold on to things, even with God. We can be so jealous of our patch, our area of responsibility, no matter how small, we guard it so carefully. We all too easily pit ourselves against others, we versus them, ours versus theirs, labelling others as strangers.

At the root of such behaviour is envy and jealousy. At their heart is sadness, when you resent another's joys and God-given abilities. It's not just a modern reality. In the First Reading, Moses shows himself to be great in mind as well as in action. A lesser person could have felt threatened if they weren't the sole agent of God's word. Unlike others, Moses is secure in the knowledge that all gifts come from above and God's arm is not shortened. In the Gospel, an unperturbed Jesus faces the young disciple John who is disturbed because people other than disciples were casting out demons. Jesus' advice is to take a wider view'.....He that is not against us is for us'. God isn't choosy – we are.

Prayer – Heavenly Father, free us from pettiness and small-mindedness and give us the generosity to acknowledge and praise the gifts of our brothers and sisters, for in so doing, we are acknowledging and praising you who live and reign with our Son in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen**

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, 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

The next session will take place on 14th October from 7-8pm.

Confirmation

Confirmation interviews will take place on Sunday the 3rd of October at 5-7pm & Monday the 4th of October at 7-8pm and the first session will take place on Saturday the 9th of October in the Parish Hall from 4.00pm-6.30pm.

Journey in Faith Programme (RCIA)

Anyone who wants to know more about the basics of the Faith or is interested in joining the Church is invited to the weekly sessions, the first of which will be on Monday the 11th October at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

Baptism Course: The next Baptism course will start on Saturday the 9th of October in the Parish Hall at 9am. For further information, please contact Mr & Mrs Law on 01708 705591

Baptisms

We welcome into the family of the Church both George Francis and Fiadh Kiernan who were both baptised in our parish last weekend. Congratulations and every blessing to the families.

Secondary School Forms

Forms for secondary school places can only be signed on Sunday the 10th of October from 5pm-7pm and on Monday the 11th from 6.30-7.30pm.

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.

Pastoral Care & Mental Health Talk

On Wednesday the 17th of November at 7.30pm there will be a talk in the Parish hall on pastoral care and mental health issues given by Paul McNamara from NELFT (North East London NHS Foundation Trust). All are welcome.

Toddler Group

A toddler group has now started every Thursday in the Sacristy between 10-11am - all parents are welcome.

Preschool

A Preschool began this week in the Parish hall, we hope that this will help the younger families of our Parish. Anybody who may be interested in joining ST Albans preschool can come along and register or call Nisha on 07977 103156.

Matus Meleg

We welcome Matus Meleg to our Parish every Thursday, he is studying for the Priesthood for our Diocese. He is here for some Pastoral experience until Christmas and will be working at St Albans Primary School as well as other Pastoral work at the hospital etc. After Christmas, he will be coming here every Sunday to be with us. Please do make him welcome as he introduces himself this weekend at all of the Masses.