

MASS INTENTIONS
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary (Year B)

Saturday 4 th September – Feria	6.30pm	Jim Nolan's Intentions
Sunday 5 th September – Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Intentions of the Driver Family
	11.00am	John Madden (R.I.P)
Monday 6 th September Feria	9.00am	Roy North Intentions
Tuesday 7 th September – Feria	9.00am	Patricia Kathleen North (R.I.P)
Wednesday 8 th September – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00am	Jennie Reddy Intentions
Thursday 9 th September – Feria	9.00am	Jeremy Finn
Friday 10 th September – Feria	9.00am	Sarah Anglin Intentions
Saturday 11 th September – Feria	9.00am	Padriag Hester (R.I.P)

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)

The Popes Monthly Intentions

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary (Year B)
4th & 5th September 2021

Dear Friends,

The man in today's Gospel, suffers from a speech impediment as well as from deafness and the opening of his ears is the first step in his recovery of clear speech. The evangelist, like the modern speech therapist, knew that clear speaking depended on being able to hear clearly. Communication problems often arise because what we think we are saying is not quite the same thing that our conversation partners are hearing. It might be that the cure of deafness we must need is to hear ourselves with the ears of the other. That means not simply attending to the words we use, but to the tone, to the body language, whether we seem to be stonewalling or whether our whole bearing says that we are people who want to communicate. The recent history of Northern Ireland for instance, provides an extraordinary example of how divided people began to get the courage to listen and to speak to one another. They stopped shouting past each other and unimaginable change began to take place. The Good Friday Agreement resulted.

REFLECTION: Silence can sometimes be the best preparation for listening. It helps us to become aware of all of the things which block our communion with one another. As we savour the presence of the Lord with us, we remember that he opened the ears of the deaf and made the dumb speak. May this moment of holy communion with him and with each other prepare us for the times in the week ahead when we will need to listen to one another with the mind and heart of Christ.

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 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.

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 on 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 wear masks.

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"

Pro Life - Today we celebrate the feast of St Mother Teresa of Calcutta, patron saint of the pro-life movement. We ask for her intercession as we, the church, seek to support all pregnant mothers through their pregnancies, and that, like her, we would become models of support and charity to all in society. Lord hear us".

Baptism

We welcome in to the family of the Church George Formosa who was baptised in our parish last Sunday. Congratulations and every blessing to the family.