

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**(Year B)**

Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October – Feria	6.30pm	Alex Snowdon (R.I.P)
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> October – <b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Reshma D’Souza (Intentions) Anna Travkina (Intentions)
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October - <b>St Luke</b>	9.00am	Ida Picardo (R.I.P)
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> October – Feria	9.00am	Beulaiy Pinto (R.I.P)
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> October–Feria	9.00am	Milburg Asher (R.I.P)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Feria	9.00am	Seamus Brown (Int)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October – Feria	9.00am	Alfredo Canlas (R.I.P)
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> October – Feria	9.00am	John & K Sebastian

**All Saints  
(Year B)**

Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> October – Feria	6.30pm	Neil Nagle (R.I.P)
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> October – <b>All Saints</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Charlie Williams (R.I.P) John Moody (R.I.P)

**The Popes Monthly Intentions for October 2021**

**Missionary Disciples**

We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.



**ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
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**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**  
**23rd & 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Dear Friends,

The fact that we have eyes does not mean that we always see what is most important in life. There is more to sight than merely seeing the light of day. Eyes are of little use if we fail to see the hand of God at work in our lives. At times, we all experience such darkness and are sorely in need of the light of God. In caring for the blind Bartimaeus, Christ is telling us that there is an even worse state of blindness than physical blindness. We all suffer from spiritual blindness and Jesus is letting us know that he can cure this illness and prevent us from groping around in the darkness.

**REFLECTION**

A blind man heard that Jesus was passing by, He cried out 'Jesus! Son of David! Have mercy on me!' Jesus stopped and asked him: 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Sir' he answered, 'I want to see again.' Luke 18:38

A lecturer read the above passage. The she said to her students; 'Imagine you are alone praying. Jesus appears and asks you, 'what do you want me to do for you?' What would you say?' Here are some of the students' responses:

'Give me courage to stop taking drugs', 'Give me back my childhood faith', 'Take away my depression', 'Give me confidence in myself'. These responses invite me to ask: What would I ask for if Jesus appeared to me and asked, 'What do you want me to do for you?'

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, you shine your light into the dark shadows of our lives. We invite you to illuminate the darkness in our lives so that we may walk as children of the light.

*God Bless and Keep Safe,*  
*Canon Maurice*

**Please pray for all who are sick, including:**

Greta Anglim, Nell Addison, Paul & Eva Au, Michael Balfour, Doreen Banister, John Barry, William Bradbury, Vincent Brady, Rob Brown, Rose Cahill, John Carty, 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, Samuel Nti 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 18<sup>th</sup> November from 7-8pm.

**Confirmation**

The next session for the Confirmation programme will take place in the Church on the 6<sup>th</sup> November at 4.00pm.

**Journey in Faith Programme (RCIA)**

The R.C.I.A programme continues on Monday evenings at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. Anyone interested in joining the church or learning more about the faith is welcome to come along.

**Baptism Course:** The next Baptism course will take place on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of November in the Parish Hall at 9am. For further information, please contact Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277

**St Albans School Parish Choir**

We are inviting all pupils from year 4 upwards to join our School Parish Choir. Michelle will lead this choir so please do join her upstairs in the Choir Loft at 10.50am each Sunday.

**Toddler Group**

A toddler group has now started every Thursday in the Sacristy between 10-11am - all parents are welcome. Please share this news with your friends and newcomers to the parish – spread the good news on any of your social media accounts! If you need any more information, please call Maria on 07751 236262.

**Preschool**

A Preschool has begun 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.

**St Alban's Catholic Primary School - Reception Intake 2022**

Prospective Parent/Carer Tours will take place on 2nd November at 7pm. Please contact the school office on 01708 555644 to book your place. We look forward to welcoming you to our school family. Canon Maurice will be available to sign the application forms on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November from 5pm-7pm and Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 6.30-7.30pm.

**Pastoral Care & Mental Health Talk**

On Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Day of recollection** for extraordinary ministers and readers will take place in the church hall on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November starting with mass at 9:00am and finishing at 2pm. All are welcome.

**Climate Change and the LiveSimply Campaign**

As a follow up to the Bishops Pastoral letter regarding a 'LiveSimply' campaign – Bernadette Tsocos will be coming next weekend to us on the 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> October to give us a talk on how we can proceed with this project. On the following Thursday at 7.30pm, there will be a meeting for any parishioners interested in working on this Parish project. All are welcome.

**St. Alban's care group sponsored walk**

The Care Group will be doing a Sponsored Walk on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November in Hornchurch Country Park. The Group will leave the Church at 1.00pm and arrive back between 4.30 and 5.00pm. All wishing to join are welcome. For sponsor forms contact Tom McManus 07840 760907.

**Catechists' Training and Resources Day:** 10am (arrivals, for a 10.30am start) – 3pm Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2021, Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School, Upminster (the school is a short walk from Upminster Station, on the District and C2C lines)