

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

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October – <b>The Holy Guardian Angels</b>	6.30pm	Fred & Ivy Preston (R.I.P) 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October – <b>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	Tom Gorham (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Denis Bramwell
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> October - <b>St Francis of Assisi</b>	9.00am	Samuel Nti (Intentions)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October – Feria	9.00am	Jim Nolan (Intentions)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October– Feria	9.00am	Ellen Hurley (Intentions)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October – <b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b>	9.00am	Dylan Dunbar (Intentions)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> October – <b>St Osyth</b>	9.00am	Mary Sayers (Intentions)
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> October – <b>St John Henry Newman</b>	9.00am	Teresa Shorey

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**(Year B)**

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> October – <b>St John Henry Newman</b>	6.30pm	Tony Eastman (R.I.P)
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> October – <b>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	Neil Kelly (Intentions)
	11.00am	Marta & James (1 <sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary)

**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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**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021**

Dear Friends,

Many of us were raised in the romantic era of the fairy tale when boy and girl met, fell in love, overcame an obstacle, married in a gorgeous ceremony of white lace, flowers and sunshine and then lived happily ever after; and were never heard from again. Today we are exposed to the cold winds of chat show and media coverage, which shatter those dreams as romantic illusion.

No wonder that some fear committing themselves to marriage as they feel torn between the powerful attractions of romance and the fear that their love will disintegrate. Even wedding day conversations among guests can include comments like; 'well they should know each other well enough' 'lets hope it works out for them' You can almost smell the uncertainty.

Of course, neither the romantic idealism nor the fear of commitments is an adequate view of marriage. Both are extreme. Marriage is a new beginning not an end. There is life after marriage, and life continues to confront us with pleasure, obstacles and challenges.

If we are side-tracked into committing ourselves to circumstances or to behaviour – then our commitment is conditional and constantly changing. Commitment is to the present moment, whatever is before you. Commitment is walking through today with the partner and circumstances you have – not the ones you think you should have or deserve.

Christ's commitment to the Father was from moment to moment, not a sentiment about the future; 'I always do the things that please him' Marriage may be made in heavens but the maintenance work goes on down here on earth.

**Prayer:** God our creator you have given us so much that is good. Help us; we pray to be good stewards of the earth, good companies of one another, and good disciples of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

*God Bless and Keep Safe,*

*Canon Maurice*

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***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, 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, Iivan 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 14<sup>th</sup> October from 7-8pm.

**Confirmation**

Confirmation interviews will take place this Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October at 5-7pm & Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of October at 7-8pm and the first session will take place on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

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

**Baptisms**

We welcome into the family of the Church both Giavanna Falzon & Mason Elmore 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 10<sup>th</sup> of October from 5pm-7pm and on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> from 6.30-7.30pm.

**St Albans School Parish Choir**

From next Sunday, 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 next 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!

**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.

**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.

**CAFOD – Family Fast Day**

Please take an envelope from the back of the Church and please return them next weekend as this Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October was Family Fast Day.

**Pastoral Letter**

This weekend, our Bishop has written a Pastoral letter in respect of Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si and each parishioner will be given a booklet today explaining what our response should be to climate change. The Bishop writes 'to reinforce these Diocesan actions, and our personal pledges today, I urge every school and parish to work towards the Cafod LiveSimply award'

**Thank you**

Canon Maurice would like to thank everyone for their generosity in organising the celebrations after last weekends Masses. Thank you all for your kind gifts.