

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

Saturday 9 th October – St John Henry Newman	6.30pm	Kathleen Kavanagh (Intentions)
Sunday 10 th October – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Neil Kelly (Intentions)
	11.00am	Marta & James (1 st wedding anniversary)
Monday 11 th October - St John XXIII	9.00am	Mr Anyaxio Tolentin (R.I.P)
Tuesday 12 th October – St Ethelburga, Hildelithe & Cuthberga	9.00am	Amelia Constantino (R.I.P)
Wednesday 13 th October – Feria	9.00am	Matthew Onodu (Intentions)
Thursday 14 th October – Feria	9.00am	Margaret Geigher (R.I.P)
Friday 15 th October – St Teresa of Jesus	9.00am	Damien Byrne (R.I.P)
Saturday 16 th October – Feria	9.00am	Canon Maurice

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Year B)

Saturday 16 th October – Feria	6.30pm	Marie, Thomas & Matthew O'Neill (Intentions)
Sunday 17 th October – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Seamus Boyd (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Margaret & Bernard Hughes (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 flavor of the Gospel.

ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)
9th & 10th October 2021

Dear Friends,

The way Jesus often uses to point his disciples to the true, radical nature of his teaching is to shock them. By using paradox and by appearing to overthrow the familiar, accepted teachings of the Scribes, he shakes the disciples out of their complacency. Of course, they are not to despise their homes and families; of course, they are not to cut off their limbs, which cause them to sin; of course, they cannot always turn the other cheek. However, in the hard words like a challenge: the real, radical, kingdom values are underneath. Sin is intolerable, family ties are not ends in themselves, violence is not the Gospel response to violence. To the rich young man, Jesus is saying "Think again; let nothing you have and are, come between you and God. Then you will appreciate the proper place in your life of family and of wealth.

There are not two classes of Christian, those who can live up to the often hard demands of Christ, and those who cannot. Some of what Jesus says is to provoke us and shake us out of our own complacency. We are not to seek more and more religious duties to add to those we already have. Rather we are to learn to rely more and more on the grace of God, which alone can accomplish our salvation.

A world without family is impossible. So, in our family relations we put our faith into practice. Jesus has not abolished the family, but rather demanded that we do not take it for granted. Our family, whatever its shape or size, is our first community, and where our first duties of love lie. If our family is where our concern for others ends, something is wrong. We begin with family, and what we learn there, we share with others beyond the walls of our home. Our commitment to the Gospel makes our families living signs of the Good News of Christ.

Prayer: Loving God, you have planted your wisdom in our heart, and we can see you in the midst of our world. Help us to work for your kingdom of love and peace. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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, 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, 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 this Thursday 14th of October from 7-8pm.

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 this Monday the 11th October at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

Baptisms

We welcome into the family of the Church, Anthony Bernard who was baptised in our parish last weekend. Congratulations and every blessing to his family.

Secondary School Forms

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

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 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 28th November from 5pm-7pm and Monday 29th November from 6.30-7.30pm.

Plea for volunteer Stewards

We urgently need more stewards to help with 11am Mass each Sunday. If you are able to help, please let Canon Maurice know.

Job vacancies

We are looking to recruit a cook and kitchen supervisor at Walsingham House at Abbotswick (15 hours/week, 39 weeks – Saturday 10.30am – 6.30pm; Sunday 10.00am – 1.30pm & Monday 10.00am – 1.30pm, with the potential for occasional overtime on weekdays), starting in January 2022. If you or any of your family and friends are interested in this role further information and a full job description can found on our website, www.bcys.net/job-vacancy-cook/ or by emailing clairebailey@dioceseofbrentwood.org. The closing date is midday on 18th October 2021, however applications will be reviewed as they arrive. Please note that on occasions, posts may close earlier than the closing date due to the volume of applications being received. Early applications are therefore advised.

FOSSA (Friends of St Alban's Association):

FOSSA is selling raffle tickets for 5 pounds each the prize will be a brand new PS5 console worth over £500. Please support our primary school.

Climate Change and the LiveSimply Campaign

Last weekend booklets were given out following our Bishops Pastoral letter regarding a 'LiveSimply' campaign - if anybody would be interested in getting together to work towards this, please do not hesitate to contact Canon Maurice.

R.I.P – Patrick Cooke

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Cooke who died recently, His Requiem Mass will take place on the 22nd October at 10.30am. May he Rest in Peace.