

MASS INTENTIONS
Our Lord Jesus Christ the King (Year B)

Saturday 20 th November – Feria	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 21 st November– Our Lord Jesus Christ the King	9.00am	Charlie Williams (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Anne Rouson (R.I.P)
Monday 22 nd November – St Cecilia	9.00am	Rita Mill (R.I.P)
Tuesday 23 rd November – Feria	9.00am	Chris Chapman
Wednesday 24 th November – St Andrew Dung-Lac	9.00am	Holy Souls
Thursday 25 th November - Feria	9.00am	Thanksgiving
Friday 26 th November - Feria	9.00am	Helen Brown (R.I.P)
Saturday 27 th November – Feria	9.00am	Micheal Shead (R.I.P)

First Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Saturday 27 th November – Feria	6.30pm	Liam Hoey (R.I.P)
Sunday 28 th November– First Sunday of Advent	9.00am	Teresa Jarrold (R.I.P)
	11.00am	People of the Parish

The Popes Monthly Intentions for November 2021

People Who Suffer from Depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burnout will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



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Our Lord Jesus Christ the King (Year B)
20th & 21st November 2021

When we say that Christ is King, we are saying that He must rule over every aspect of our lives. If we say that Christ is our King, but He does not rule over every aspect of our lives, then our Christian faith is not serious, we are fooling ourselves.

In our work or professional life, does Christ rule us, or are we involved in immoral practices? Does he rule in our family life? How do we treat one another as husbands and wives? Do we create a good and nurturing atmosphere for our children? Are we even open to having children, or do we allow our own material plans to dominate our thinking? Does Christ rule in my personal life? Do I pray regularly? In my moments of free time, whatever I get up to, would I be happy for Christ to be there beside me? If not, there is something wrong. Does Christ rule in my mind? Am I careful about what I fill my mind with? When did we last read a book about our Catholic faith or try to learn more about it? If we give our mind over to the things of the world, then Christ does not truly rule us as King. Does Christ rule over our bodies? Do we take basic care of ourselves, or do we abuse alcohol, food or drugs? Our bodies are given to us to do God's work, so we have a responsibility to take good care of them. Also, how frequently do we partake in the Sacraments, especially Confession and Holy Mass? These are the lifelines of grace for us, and they keep Christ at the centre of our lives. If we neglect the Sacraments then Christ does not rule us.

We see in today's Gospel the tension between the kingdom of this world, represented by Pontius Pilate, and the Kingdom of Christ. Often our faith will conflict with the prevailing culture. We are then called to choose between what is right and wrong. Today we pray that Christ may reign in every aspect of our lives, that we will listen to His voice, and take a stand for the truth.

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, Kathleen Kavanagh, Stuart Keen, 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 Thursday 9th December from 7-8pm.

Confirmation

The next session for the Confirmation programme will be the retreat at Walsingham House, leaving on Friday 3rd December at 7pm returning on the 5th December at 3.30pm.

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 11th of December in the Parish Hall at 9am. For further information, please contact Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277 to register.

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.

Email stalbanstoddler@yahoo.com

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

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

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Peter Shead who died recently. His funeral Mass will take place on the 24th November at 12 noon. Please also pray for Nuala Kelly, (granddaughter of Michael Kelly) who died recently, we offer our sympathy to her parents, Sean & Sue.

St Albans School and Parish Bazaar

We will be holding our Christmas Bazaar on the 4th December at St Albans school. We are in need of donations of bottles and any toiletries if any of our parishioners are able to help. A box will be left at the back of the church for any donations.

Live-Simply Campaign – From Jennifer Oxley (Parish Contact)

You may recall that a few weeks ago, Canon Maurice introduced us to the Laudato Si' Action Platform which has been launched by Pope Francis to inspire and encourage the global Catholic Church to reflect on their part in the care of God's creation and love of neighbour. Live-simply has been officially recognised as a wonderful way for parishes to be part of a Laudato Si' journey. As a parish, we have applied to complete the award. The idea is to demonstrate how we are actively embracing and improving the environment and sustainability of our community. To kick things off, during this wonderful time of Advent, we are going to support the Trussell Trust Foodbanks. We understand that this time can be a struggle for many, but are hoping that if each member of our parish and maybe their wider family and friends can donate an item we will be able to provide the foodbank a wonderful gift for Christmas. Information about the type of donations we can accept and more information on the Live Simply Award can be found on the poster at the back of the church.