

MASS INTENTIONS
First Sunday of Advent (Year C)

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| Saturday 27 th November – First Sunday of Advent | 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 |
| Monday 29 th November – Feria | 9.00am | P K Kuriakose (R.I.P) |
| Tuesday 30 th November – St Andrew | 9.00am | Nuala Kelly (R.I.P) |
| Wednesday 1 st December –Feria | 9.00am | Holy Souls |
| Thursday 2 nd December – Feria | 9.00am | Nuala Kelly (R.I.P) |
| Friday 3 rd December - St Francis Xavier | 9.00am | Freda Willis (R.I.P) |
| Saturday 4 th December – Feria | 9.00am | Ann's Intentions |

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| Saturday 4 th December – Second Sunday of Advent | 6.30pm | Nolan Family |
| Sunday 5 th December – Second Sunday of Advent | 9.00am | Driver Family Intentions |
| | 11.00 am | Deaths of Abela & Borg Families |

It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope (Pope Benedict XVI)

The Pope Francis' Intentions for December 2021:

We pray for catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



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27th & 28th November 2021

Jesus said to his Disciples: 'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life....' (Luke 21:25, 34-36.) There is an old story about two monks called Poemen and Prior who lived in the desert centuries ago. One day, Prior felt depressed because he felt that he had not made the spiritual progress he had hoped for. He went to Poemen and asked what he should do. Poemen's advice was: 'Make every single day a fresh beginning.'

This is what we are doing in Advent. Of course, Jesus was born among us ages ago. But every time we look out of our windows, we see a world in which the 'new age' that the infant Jesus came to introduce is far from realised. The worries of life often make us forget about him, and we are not as aware of his presence as we should be.

Like Prior, we all need a fresh start. Advent is a time of new beginnings, as well as an end to the past.

PRAYER: Lord, I have let myself be deceived; in a thousand ways I have shunned your love, yet here I am once more, to renew my covenant with you. Save me once again, Lord, take me once more into your redeeming embrace.

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, 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, 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, Brigid Philomena Barulis and Tim Keane.

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 next Friday 3rd December at 7pm returning on Sunday 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, 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 this evening (28th November) from 5pm-7pm and Monday 29th November from 6.30-7.30pm.

St Albans School and Parish Bazaar

We will be holding our Christmas Bazaar next weekend, the 4th December from 12-3.00pm 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. If you are able to help on the day, please contact the school office ASAP to let them know. 01708 555644

Walk With Me Booklets

These are available at the back of the Church, these are a reflection for each day during this time of Advent. They cost £1 each – please place your money in the collection basket on your way out.

Brentwood Diocesan Directory

These are now in stock in the Repository. Ringbound copies are £4.80 and the non ring bound copies are £2.80.

Masks

In order to keep our community safe and to allow us to celebrate Advent together, please continue to wear masks during Mass, unless you are exempt.

Live Simply Campaign

Please see the flyer at the back of the Church from the Live Simply campaign. Donations to help the Trussell Trust Rainham Foodbank of toiletries, tinned fruit, rice pudding, pasta sauces (they have plenty of pasta), tinned meat and veg, jam, coffee (small size), long life milk, biscuits, new toys, books, perfume/after shave are needed by the 6th December please. Thank you for anything you are able to donate.