

MASS INTENTIONS
Third Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Saturday 11 th December Third Sunday of Advent	6.30pm	Stuart Keen (Intentions)
Sunday 12 th December – Third Sunday of Advent	9.00am 11.00 am	Ray Hudson (R.I.P) The Sayers, O’Shea, McMahon & Connolly families (Ints)
Monday 13 th December – St Lucy	9.00am	Donald Cabrol (R.I.P)
Tuesday 14 th December– St John of the Cross	9.00am	Mick Shead (R.I.P)
Wednesday 15 th December – Feria	9.00am	Kathryn Turner (Good Health)
Thursday 16 th December –Feria	9.00am	Mick Shead (R.I.P)
Friday 17 th December - Feria	9.00am	Gavin & Ann Turner (Int)
Saturday 18 th December – Feria	9.00am	Eileen Collier (For Health & Recovery)

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Saturday 18 th December Fourth Sunday of Advent	6.30pm	Tommy Catwright
Sunday 19 th December – Fourth Sunday of Advent	9.00am 11.00am	Repose of the Soul of deceased members of Melon’s Family Mick Shead (R.I.P)

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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11th & 12th December 2021

The antiphon of today’s Mass sound the note of joy ‘Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice’.

The word ‘joy’ or its derivative occurs no less than 28 times in the texts of Advent Sunday Masses. We are reminded of the Church description of Advent as a season of joyful and spiritual expectation.

Advent is a time to recover our joy and to pray for joy, that joy which is the gift of the Spirit. It is the joy of knowing that there is an answer to the needs, the hunger, the searchings of humankind. There is an answer, an only answer. That answer is Emmanuel – God with us.

The whole purpose of Advent is to open our hearts to an awareness of God’s presence and to a longing for his presence in the life of God in every one of us. That longing finds its most beautiful expression in our ancient and beautiful Advent prayer; Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus.

PRAYER - Maranatha – Come Lord Jesus

Come Lord into my helplessness and into my brokenness, come into my failure, come into my grieving. Come into my aloneness, Come into my weakness, Come into my doubting, Come into my searching, Come into my living, Come into my dying, Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus, Come!

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, Mary Lynes, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Matthew Milnar, 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 13th January 2022 from 7-8pm.

Confirmation Programme

The next meeting will take place on the 8th January 2022 from 4.00-6.30pm

Baptism Course: The next Baptism course will take place on Saturday, 8th of January 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.

Christmas Masses

A Christmas card will be given out next week to all Parishioners which will give details of the Masses over the Christmas period.

RIP

Please pray for the soul of Vincenzo Modica who died recently, his funeral will take place on 17th December at 12.20 at Corbets Tey East Chapel. Please also pray for James Sullivan who died recently, his funeral will take place on 22nd December at 3.20pm at South Essex Crematorium. May they rest in peace.

School Holidays

St Albans Primary School finishes next week for the Christmas holidays – we wish them all of God's blessings for Christmas and the New Year. School returns on 4th January 2022.

Synodal Pathway

We have launched our Synodal Pathway Journey Together. We will be saying our Synodal prayer at every Mass from now on. On the 8th & 9th January, we will be giving out questions to all parishioners to help us to respond to Bishop Alan's letter so that we have the views of all of our parishioners as we reflect on how our church can be more effective in proclaiming the Good News. Later, on 23rd January, we will have a meeting of the whole parish where we will feed back our views as we listen to each others thoughts to amalgamate our response to the Bishop.

Bible Study prayer group:

St Albans' Parish Bible Study/Prayer Group Meeting, every Sunday at 3pm. Please contact Agnes Umana on 07852139881 or by email: agnesumana@googlemail.com You can join the meeting via Zoom on **Meeting ID:** 596 277 8569

Passcode: biblestudy

St Helen's Catholic Infant School Vacancy:

Assistant Caretaker 20 hours per week, we are seeking to appoint a reliable Assistant Caretaker to join us in January 2022. The position is for 20 hours a week (6.30am-10.30am or 2pm-6pm each day), 52 weeks a year. Relevant experience is an advantage but not essential. Please contact the school office for further information and an application pack: 01277 215626 admin@st-helens-inf.essex.sch.uk **Deadline:** Wednesday 19th January 2022

Youth 2000 NEW year retreat:

Join Youth 2000 at Trinity Catholic High School in Woodford Green. It will be a weekend filled with fun, friendship, inspiring talks and, of course, lots of praise as we welcome in 2022. The retreat will run from Friday 31st December - Sunday 2nd January 2022. To book your space visit:

www.youth2000.org/new<<http://www.youth2000.org/new>>