

MASS INTENTIONS
Second Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Saturday 4 th December – Second Sunday of Advent	6.30pm	Nolan Family
Sunday 5 th December – Second Sunday of Advent	9.00am 11.00 am	Driver Family Intentions Deaths of Abela & Borg Families
Monday 6 th December – Feria	9.00am	Nana's birthday
Tuesday 7 th December– St Ambrose	9.00am	Gary O'Loughlin & Mary Quigley
Wednesday 8 th December – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00am	Mike Hebron (Intentions)
Thursday 9 th December –Feria	9.00am	Eileen Newman (Intentions)
Friday 10 th December - Feria	9.00am	Ravi Miranda (Intentions)
Saturday 11 th December – Feria	9.00am	Ariel Paltao (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)

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.



ST. ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER
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Second Sunday of Advent (Year C)
4th & 5th December 2021

The opening prayer of today's Mass asks God to open our hearts in welcome. To welcome a person means that person's coming is a pleasure both for the one arriving, and those receiving the guest. We are all welcome at Mass today and we are pleased and proud to be so intimately present to God.

In the second part of that prayer, we are asked to remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy. What these things are, only I know about me and you know about you. One thing we all know is if they get in the way they have to be got rid of, As a rule, they concern our relationship with ourselves, with our families, with our friends and parishioners.

Often it means you and I being big enough to say 'sorry' That little word can get rid of so many things that may hinder us from receiving Christ with joy.

During this time of Advent we are urged to prepare a way for the Lord through repentance. Repentance has to do with coming to the full truth. It is not just about my sin and all in me that is narrow and limited, but it is about coming back to my original self, the self that is made by none other than the good God himself – and in his own image. I am therefore inestimably good; beautiful. We are God's work of art. We are the Fathers creation and child. We are not just made for time but for eternity. The Christ child is the Fathers gift to us. We cannot but come to him and be reconciled.

PRAYER God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin. Make our conduct blameless, keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection, the good you have begun in us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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, 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, 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 Programme

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

Rite of Welcome

Last week, in a short Rite of Welcome at the 11am Mass, we welcomed Michelle, Tracey and Charlie into the order of Catechumans. This is their first step for them as they prepare to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

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.

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.

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 Charles Poddington who died recently, his funeral will take place on Friday 10th December 2021 at South Essex Crematorium.

Synodal Pathway

Last weekend we 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.

Baptisms Last Sunday we welcomed Davina and Dylan Williams into the community of the Church through Baptism. We wish them and their family all of God's blessings for their future happiness and wellbeing.

Bible Study prayer group: St Albans' Parish Bible Study/Prayer Group Meeting, every Sunday at 3pm. Please contact Agnes Umana on email: agnesumana@googlemail.com.