

MASS INTENTIONS
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Saturday 15 th January – Feria	6.30pm	Jean Brand
Sunday 16 th January – Second Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00	Len Addison (R.I.P)
	11.00	Martin Loftus (R.I.P)
Monday 17 th January – The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity	9.00am	Egidijus Dorcas (R.I.P)
Tuesday 18 th January – Feria	9.00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday 19 th January – Feria	9.00am	In thanksgiving O’Riordan family
Thursday 20 th January – Feria	9.00am	Michael Kelly (R.I.P)
Friday 21 st January - St Agnes	9.00am	Agnes Umana & Family – thanking God for his love & preservation.
Saturday 22 nd January – Feria	9.00am	Bridget Barulis (R.I.P)

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)

Saturday 22 nd January – Feria	6.30pm	Patrick Byrnes (R.I.P)
Sunday 23 rd January – Third Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	Eileen Glynn

Reflection by Jim Maher SJ:

My worth as a person is not determined by what I have. My material possessions, my academic attainments, my successes, my income and my bank balance do not define my worth as an individual and unique human person. My worth is not determined by what’s outside myself. The bad spirit, the enemy of my human nature, would have me believe otherwise. I am infinitely richer than that. It is so easy to get caught up in what we think we need and desire, but in the cold light of day, we see the illusions for what they are. Solidarity with one another, rather than competition with one another, is God’s idea of what life is about.



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15th & 16th January 2022

Each and every marriage contains pleasure and pain, joy and sorrow, hurt and happiness. It will always be so, because a marriage is made up of imperfect people. Marriages live under far greater pressure nowadays. True, there was more hardship, hunger, disease and child deaths in our grandparents’ day. However, there isn’t the same surrounding support to rally behind couples today. Modern marriages tend to be lived in isolation, further and further away from families and friends. Perhaps it is one reason why we plot and plan so much. We plan the wedding of course, sending invitations, reserving the hotel, booking the florist, the photographer and the caterer. There are more plans to follow, budget planning, career planning, and insurance planning. The more decisions we make, or plans we hatch, the better the chance that something, somewhere will not go the way it was planned. Only confidence can save people from panicking. The kind of confidence that Mary and Jesus have when everything seems to be going wrong at Cana. It’s not the confidence in things that you plan, but in the things that God’s power can do for you. God can always change the water of botched plans into the wine of happiness and real peace. **Rediscover Your Marriage** – Retrouvaille simply means ‘rediscovery’. The programme offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10s and 1000s headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. “There is no group work or group therapy”. For confidential information about ‘Retrouvaille’ or to register for the programme commencing with a ‘Virtual weekend’ on 3-6th March 2022 call or text 07887 296983 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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, Julia Thomas, Theresa Wiseman, Elizabeth Wyles, Jay Spencer, Clara Yankey, Samuel, Nti 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.

Confirmation Programme

The next meeting will take place on the 12th February 2022 from 4.00-6.30pm

Baptism Course: The next Baptism course will take place on Saturday, 12th of February in the Parish Hall at 9am. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277

First Holy Communion Programme

The next session will take place on the 3rd February at 7pm and the children will meet in the hall and parents to meet in the Church as usual.

Journey in Faith Programme (RCIA)

The R.C.I.A programme continues from this Monday 10th at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. Anyone interested in joining the church or learning more about the faith is welcome to come along.

Second Collections

There will be a second collection this weekend on behalf of Pax Christi followed by one on the 30th January for the White Flower Appeal (the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children).

Rest In Peace

Please also pray for James 'Jim' Callagher who died recently, his funeral will take place next Wednesday 19th January at 13.20 at South Essex Crematorium, south chapel. Please also pray for Terence Rotheron whose Requiem Mass will take place on Monday the 24th of January at 12.30 in our Church. Please also pray for Lucia Watson, her funeral will take place on the 31st January at 10.45am at South Essex Crematorium. May they rest in peace.

Synodal Pathway

We have launched our Synodal Pathway Journey Together. We will be saying our Synodal prayer at every Mass from now on. Last weekend, questionnaires were given out to all parishioners to help us to respond to Bishop Alan's letter. Next Sunday, 23rd January after 11am Mass, we will have a meeting of the whole parish where you will feed back your views and listen to each others thoughts. If you are unable to attend next Sunday, would you please answer the questions at home and bring them back to Church next weekend.

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

A Prayer for Christian Unity

A special prayer for unity amongst Christians is observed each year at this time. To express our unity with our fellow Christians, a service of prayer will be held at Elm Park Baptist Church, Ambleside Gardens next Sunday, 23rd January at 6.30pm. Canon Maurice will be preaching at this service. It is hoped that as many as possible will be able to attend.

Parish Secretary Required in Our Lady of Ransom, 50 London Hill, Rayleigh, Essex, SS6 7HP:

The successful applicant will ideally be a Secretary or Administrator with substantial experience in office organisation. They must be a good team player with excellent communication and Microsoft office skills, including Word and Excel and financial experience. It is important that all applicants are self-motivated, organised, can multi-task, work to deadlines, and use their own initiative within this role. Hours: To be a minimum of 12 hours per week. The hours are negotiable and will be further discussed at interview. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter to rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Closing date for applications is Friday 28th January 2022.