

MASS INTENTIONS
The Baptism of The Lord (Year C)

Saturday 8 th January - Feria	6.30pm	Joe Kelly
Sunday 9 th January - The Baptism of The Lord (Year C)	9.00am	Mary Crake (Int)
	11am	Eileen Newman
Monday 10 th January – Feria	9.00am	Francis Xavier (R.I.P)
Tuesday 11 th January– Feria	9.00am	Alex and all homeless
Wednesday 12 th January – Feria	9.00am	Salvina Zammit
Thursday 13 th January – Feria	9.00am	Maria Formosa (R.I.P)
Friday 14 th January - Feria	9.00am	Micheal Kelly (R.I.P)
Saturday 15 th January – Feria	9.00am	People of the Parish

Second Sunday of 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)

The Popes Monthly Intentions:

For true human fraternity: We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Archbishop Dermot Farrell on the 175th anniversary on the catholic institution of the deaf:

When we look at the gospel, or dare I say when we ‘hear’ the gospel and that ‘hearing’ for us all is a hearing beyond words, it is hearing of the heart we discover not only a Jesus who heals, but whose healing ministry is directed towards inclusion.



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The Baptism of The Lord (Year C)
8th & 9th January 2022

Today we commemorate the Baptism of Jesus. It marks the beginning of Christ's public mission. He is proclaimed Son of God and the Spirit rests upon him. We are invited to make a new beginning, to recognise him more clearly and follow him more faithfully. This Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the official end of the Christmas season, the transition to Ordinary Time. The focus today is on Jesus revealed as the Promised One, the humble Servant foretold by the prophet Isaiah, the beloved Son with whom the Father is well pleased.

As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist in his name, let us draw near to Him who is a messenger of the Father's love and mercy.

A prayer at the beginning of a New Year 2022:

God of this New Year, we are walking into mystery. We face the future not knowing what the days and months will bring to us or, how we will respond. Be love in us as we journey. May we welcome all who come our way. Deepen our faith to see all life through your eyes. Fill us with hope and an abiding trust that you dwell in us amid our joys and sorrows. Thank you for the treasure of our faith life. Thank you for the gift of being able to rise each day with the assurance of your walking through the day with us. God of this New Year 2022, we praise you. **Amen.**

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

First Holy Communion Programme

The next session will take place on the 13th January 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 on the 16th January 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).

Thank You

We would like to thank all of those who made our Christmas celebrations, such joyful events. We thank the choir and St Albans School for their participation in the 6.30 Mass on Christmas Eve and the 11 o'clock school parish choir on Christmas Day. We thank all those who participated in preparing the Church beforehand or taking part in the Masses, the cleaners, the flower arrangers, altar servers, readers, Eucharist ministers and the stewards and all of those who came to join in the celebrations. Canon Maurice would like to thank all parishioners for all of their cards, presents and generous Christmas offerings.

Farewell

We thank Father Henry Mobela who came to look after the Parish whilst Canon Maurice had a break. We thank him for his care and hope to see him again next year.

Rest In Peace

We pray for the repose of the soul Terence O'Hea who died recently. His funeral will take place at South Essex Crematorium on this Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 11.20am. Please also pray for James 'Jim' Callaghan died recently and his funeral will take place on next Wednesday 19th January at 13.20 at South Essex Crematorium, south chapel. May they rest in peace.

Michael Kelly

The family of Michael Kelly would like to thank all parishioners for the love and support shown following the death of Michael. They said he would be delighted to know how well regarded he was by so many people.

Schools Returned

Our schools returned on the 4th January and we wish all teachers, pupils and staff a good term.

Synodal Pathway

We have launched our Synodal Pathway Journey Together. We will be saying our Synodal prayer at every Mass from now on. This weekend, questions will be given to all parishioners to help us to respond to Bishop Alan's letter. 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