

MASS INTENTIONS
Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)

Saturday 19 th February – Feria	6.30pm	Seamus Nolan (R.I.P)
Sunday 20 th February – Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00	Charles Stimpson (R.I.P)
	11.00	Geraldine Patterson (R.I.P)
Monday 21 st February – Feria	9.00am	Bridget McDonagh (R.I.P)
Tuesday 22 nd February – The Chair of St Peter	9.00am	Bruce Family Intentions
Wednesday 23 rd February – St Polycarp	9.00am	Onodu Family for God to grant them peace
Thursday 24 th February –Feria	9.00am	Becky Lowe (R.I.P)
Friday 25 th February - Feria	9.00am	Gillian Carleton (R.I.P)
Saturday 26 th February – Feria	9.00am	Fr. Andrew Forys Intentions

Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)

Saturday 26 th February – Feria	6.30pm	Catherine Sullivan (R.I.P)
Sunday 27 th February – Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	Brandon Clarke (R.I.P)

Reflections for this week:

We are silent at the beginning of the day because God should have the first word, and we are silent before going to sleep because the last word also belongs to God – **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

Virtue of Temperance: Temper my desires, O Lord, and turn my focus towards you. Deliver me from the tendency to go to extremes that strain both body and soul. Help me to be content with what I have instead of constantly seeking more. May I come to recognize the grace of moderation that brings both contentment and appreciation. Let temperance grow in me and lead me to discover other virtues that bring deeper union with you. In your sacred name, I pray. Amen.



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Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)
 19th & 20th February 2022

We both plumb the depths and soar to the heights of human behaviour today. Our first reading presents us with an old King turned nasty who came off second best in a song comparing David and himself. He hunts David down, but his anger is recoiled on himself, when David lets King Saul off when he had caught him off guard. David is merciful.

What would we have done? Do I sow seeds of Jealousy? Do I make unhelpful comments and comparisons between people? Do I take advantage of people in a callous and uncaring way?

The demands made by Jesus in the Gospel may seem impossible. 'Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly'. If we can listen to those demands without being made feel uncomfortable, then we have not really listened.

The Good News is that there is no limit to what we can do with God's help. A single parent gets through the rearing of her family against the odds, the sick achieve an almost impossible level of serenity. The Gospel is made flesh and fresh in the lives of so many people today, neighbours, friends, family and YOU.

Jesus calls for a high standard of behaviour. He also calls for a great compassion. We should never separate the two.

Prayer: With confidence we now approach the all-giving Father whose mercy towards us is limitless and without bounds. Almighty and compassionate Father, we thank you for the forgiveness you have offered through your Son. Help us to show your forgiveness to others. We make our prayers through Christ our Lord. 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, Denis Doherty, Gerry Dique, Rose Dique, 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 and Clara Yankey. For those we know and the many we don't know, we pray to the Lord

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 next Saturday 5th March 2022 from 4.00-6.30pm.

Baptism Course: The next Baptism course will take place on the 12th of March 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 10th of March at 7pm. The children will meet in the hall and parents to meet in the Church, as Usual, for their session.

Journey in Faith Programme (RCIA) The R.C.I.A programme continues every Monday at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. Anyone interested in joining the church or learning more about the faith is welcome to come along.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for Ursula McCleallan who died recently and her funeral will take place at South Essex Crematorium on Friday the 25th of February 2022 in the South Chapel at 12.00 pm. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Cahill who died recently. His Requiem Mass will take place on the 28th February at 12 noon. Please also pray for Martin Delaney who died recently, his funeral will take place on the 4th March at 2.40pm at South Essex Crematorium. May they rest in peace.

BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage:

Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes Takes place on the 23rd to the 30th July. The cost is **£625** for the week. It is for students from year 11 and above. For more information, you can email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Synodal Pathway

The next session will take place in the Parish Hall after the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 26th February. All are welcome to attend.

Interested in Vocations:

The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 1 March at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton at 7pm. The speaker will be Fr Maurice Gordon.

For further information, please contact Fr Mark Swires vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Red Box Appeal

We welcome Fr Kevin Huges next weekend to give the five yearly red box appeal. Through the red box we care for our church family around the world if you would like to have a red box please see Fr Hughes after Mass. Thanks to Mr James Akinyemi and all parishioners who support this appeal.

Schools

We welcome back our school this Monday we hope the teachers and pupils have had a good rest.

Headteacher Vacancy

St Alban's Catholic Primary School, Hornchurch. Required from 1st September 2022. Group 2: L11 – L17 (starting salary based on experience). NOR: 210 (1 form entry). The Governors of St Alban's Catholic Primary School are seeking to appoint an inspirational and dedicated Head Teacher from September 2022, due to our long standing Head Teacher retiring. St Alban's is a caring, friendly school and community where our Catholic Ethos is central to all that we do. Our new Head Teacher will work with governors to shape the strategic direction of the school, and will be responsible for the day-to-day leadership and management of St Alban's. Deadline for applications: **12:00 noon on Friday 11th March 2022.** For further information please contact School Business Manager Katrina Arrowsmith at contact@st-albans.havering.sch.uk, or call the office Tel: 01708 555644 for an application pack or to arrange a mutually agreed date and time to visit.