

MASS 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)
Monday 28 th February – Feria	9.00am	Mrs Nora Fennessey (Int)
Tuesday 1 st March – St David	9.00am	Peter Quinn (R.I.P)
Wednesday 2 nd March February – Ash Wednesday	9.00am	Celia Hession (R.I.P)
	7.30pm	Sick in Hospital
Thursday 3 rd March – Thursday after Ash Wednesday	9.00am	Michael Kelly (R.I.P)
Friday 4 th March – Friday after Ash Wednesday	9.00am	Carroll Dunne (R.I.P)
Saturday 5 th March – Saturday after Ash Wednesday	9.00am	Danny McBride (R.I.P)

First Sunday of Lent (Year C)

Saturday 5 th March – Saturday after Ash Wednesday	6.30pm	Kathleen McLaughlin
Sunday 6 th March – First Sunday of Lent	9.00	Terry Rothon (R.I.P)
	11.00	People of the Parish

Reflections for this week: (Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent)

Why does the Church place ashes on our foreheads today? Why does she remind us of death? Death, which is the effect of sin! Why... To prepare us for Christ's Passover. For the paschal mystery of the Redeemer of the world. The paschal mystery means what we profess in the Creed: "On the third day he rose again"... Yes. Today we need to hear the "You are dust and to dust you will return" of Ash Wednesday, so that the definitive truth of the Gospel, the truth about the Resurrection, will unfold before us: believe in the Gospel. – **Pope St John Paul II**



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26th & 27th February 2022

At the very centre of the Mass, we proclaim the mystery of our faith in which we publicly acknowledge our belief in the saving power of the Death, Resurrection and Second Coming of Christ. Today's reading from St Paul spells out the implication of the faith for our own passage through death to eternal life. In this spirit of faith and hope, let us joyfully celebrate today's Mass.

Ash Wednesday – 2nd March – the beginning of Lent is a day of fasting and Abstinence.

We begin our preparation for Easter. We are encouraged to take stock of ourselves and to try to come closer to God. Our preparation is both private and public. During Lent, the Church arranges for some extra things that we can do, but even more important is the fact that the Church's door is always open beckoning us to come and spend a little time with our Lord. We are encouraged to walk with our Lord each Friday evening at 7.30pm – we will take turns in hosting the Stations of the Cross with St Nicholas Church this year - the first will be held here at our Church on the 4th March, the following week, 11th March it will be held at St Nicholas Church and so on.

Journey In Faith – Next Sunday at the Cathedral in Brentwood, we have what is known as the Rite of Election for those who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. In this celebration, the Candidates and Catechumens from our Diocese will be presented to the Bishop. We the Parish community, pray for our own Candidates and Catechumens - Charles Clark, Michelle Kearns, Tracey Law and James McDonald.

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, Christine Johnson, 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 do not 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 the repose of the soul of Patrick Cahill who died recently. His Requiem Mass will take place this Monday, the 28th February at 12 noon. Please also pray for Martin Delaney who died recently, his funeral will take place this Friday 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

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 Hughes this 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.

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.

Vacancy - The Ursuline Academy Ilford are looking for an Exams Officer & Sixth Form Administrator 5 days (36 hours) per week (Term Time *plus* 10 days) FTE Salary: £26,959 (*inc.* Outer London Allowance) per annum Actual Salary: £24,818 (*inc.* Outer London Allowance) per annum Please see our website www.uai.org.uk for further details. Closing date for applications 18th March 2022

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!