

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)**

Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> February – <b>St Agatha</b>	6.30pm	Noreen & Maureen Walsh
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> February – <b>Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	9.00	People of the Parish
	11.00	Gary Honeyball (R.I.P)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February – Feria	9.00am	Holy Souls
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February – Feria	9.00am	Eileen & Eamon Newman
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February – Feria	9.00am	Pat Lynch (R.I.P)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February – <b>St Scholastica</b>	9.00am	Matthew Onodu
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February - <b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b>	9.00am	Michael Kelly (R.I.P)
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> February – <b>St Agatha</b>	9.00am	Laura O'Dwyer (R.I.P)

**Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)**

Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> February – Feria	6.30pm	Billy Hudson (R.I.P)
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> February – <b>Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	9.00	Thanksgiving for Gods protection.
	11.00	People of the Parish

**Red Box Appeal:**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of February Fr Kevin Huges will come to give the five yearly red box appeal. Through the red box we care for our church family around the world. Thanks to Mr James Akinyemi and all parishioners who support this appeal.

**Reflections for this week:**

Without God I can't, without me God won't.

"Every day, as long as this 'today' lasts, keep encouraging one another"

**(Heb. 3:13)**

Prayer is the Divine in us appealing to the Divine above us.

"Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought." **St. John Paul II**

"Act Justly, Love Tenderly, Walk Humbly" **(Micah 6:8)**



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**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

Never before have so many self-development and assertiveness course existed. However, lack of confidence and feelings of unworthiness are not just a modern problem. Indeed, Isaiah, Paul and Peter in today's three readings could be said to suffer from inferiority complexes.

Isaiah states he is a man of unclean lips, Paul that he is the least of all the apostles, Peter that he is a sinful man. Each start by admitting their unworthiness and inadequacy. Unfortunately, we too often confuse repentance with remorse. Remorse is literally the devil's contrition; it cuts the soul of hope and possibilities offered by the Lord of the future. Repentance however is the sister of true humility and springs from trust. Remorse looks back, repentance looks forward and trusts that in God all will work to good.

But it's hard to keep going. It is difficult to keep asking for something that you do not get. It is hard to keep working at relationships that seem to lead to hurt or rejection. Peter may have worried about what the other fisherman would say if they did not catch any fish after Jesus' instruction to lower the nets one more time. Did he just go on faith, just move forward in obedience to this friend that he had come to believe in? Did he just feel in his heart that, sink or swim, fish or no fish, he would be secure in the love and the promises of Jesus?

Let's pray to have such a faith; to have the courage to move when called; to set out into deeper waters; to try again even when it feel futile. In a world that demands perfection as a prerequisite for credibility, remember that it is not the world, but the Lord, Creator and Saviour who has confidence in you.

**Every sinner has a past – Every saint has a future. (Cardinal Hume)**

*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, 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 next Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2022 from 4.00-6.30pm.

**Baptism Course:** The next Baptism course will take place next Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of February 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 Martin Delaney who died recently, his funeral will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> March at 2.40pm at South Essex Crematorium. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Cahill who died recently. His funeral arrangements will be made later. May they rest in peace.

**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](mailto:agnesumana@googlemail.com) You can join the meeting via Zoom on **Meeting ID:** 596 277 8569

**Passcode:** biblestudy

**The Universe Catholic Weekly**

The Universe Catholic Weekly have launched their new on-line newspaper. Order your digital copy by going to [www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk](http://www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk) or call on 0743661 7650 and ask for Michelle. Special offer only £20 for 3 months.

**Synodal Pathway**

We met recently at the Parish Hall after the 11am Mass and we had a good response from our parishioners. A summary of the feedback received is available at the back of the Church and on the church website. This is an ongoing discernment that requires new energy, renewed efforts and some fresh vitality, in order to bring the message of Jesus Christ to the contemporary world. This is an opportunity for us to listen to the Holy Spirit and one another and discern what God wants from us. To help everybody be involved, the next session will take place in the Parish Hall after the 9am Mass next Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February. All are welcome to attend.

**Right to Life**

We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies that they would experience peace and support in their situations, and enjoy the many blessings that motherhood brings.

The assisted suicide lobby attempting to hijack the Government's Health and Care Bill and force them to lay an assisted suicide bill before Parliament within a year of the Bill passing into law.

Right To Life UK is asking parishioners to sign up to their Action Alerts, so they can effectively participate in their efforts to stop this amendment passing, and others like it. You can do so by visiting the following link: [www.righttolife.org.uk/#action-alerts](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/#action-alerts)

**Toddler Group**

A toddler group has now started every Thursday in the Parish Hall 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](mailto:stalbanstoddler@yahoo.com)

**The Pope Francis' Intention for the month of February:**

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.