

MASS INTENTIONS
Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year C)

Saturday 2 nd April – Feria	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 3 rd April – Fifth Sunday of Lent	9.00	Barry McManus
	11.00	Bernie Fennessy & Family
Monday 4 th April – Feria	9.00am	Dylan Dunbar
Tuesday 5 th April – Feria	9.00am	Alfreda Willis
Wednesday 6 th April – Feria	9.00am	Fergus (Int)
Thursday 7 th April – Feria	9.00am	Frances Nolan (R.I.P)
Friday 8 th April – Feria	9.00am	Silvia Onodu
Saturday 9 th Apr–Feria	9.00am	Greta Anglim (Int)

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year C)

Saturday 9 th April – Feria	6.30pm	Frances Nolan (R.I.P)
Sunday 10 th April – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	9.00	William Shorey (R.I.P)
	11.00	Helen Ging

Reflections for this week:

Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions: We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments local communities.

St Catherine Of Siena, Feast Day 29th of April: Start being brave about everything. Drive out darkness and spread light. Don't look at your weaknesses. Realise instead that in Christ crucified you can do anything.



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2nd & 3rd April 2022

Our Lenten liturgy today calls us back to the purpose of this season. Certainly, the theme of God's mercy is central to what we do. The Gospel tells the powerful and dramatic story of the woman accused of adultery. Jesus teaches that there is a balance between justice and mercy. Jesus certainly did not condone the sin, yet it is also just as certain that Jesus showed loving mercy in the forgiveness of the sinner. Our relationship with God as a sinful people must be acknowledged. We stand before God deserving justice and yet God reaches out to us in mercy and forgives a penitent people. So, we gather then, resolved once more to place ourselves in the hands of a loving and merciful God.

Father Joseph and Canon Maurice will be available for Reconciliation after all Masses during the coming week and Holy week. Please avail of the opportunity that this offers you in preparation for Easter.

Prayer: Come, Holy Spirit and give my heart's dry roots your nurturing rain. Save me from the unbelief of lingering guilt, from harbouring grudges and nursing resentments. Open my eyes to the limitlessness of your goodness when, on the cross, you absorbed the violence of our sinfulness and gave us life in return. May your forgiving Spirit live in us now and always. We ask this through Jesus 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, Christine Johnson, Jenny Jones, Julia Joseph, Kathleen Kavanagh, Stuart Keen, 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

Beginning Experience Weekend

If you are single again following divorce, separation or the death of your partner, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 8th to 10th April 2022 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details, please ring Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 07795-498445 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com

Baptism Course: The next Baptism course will take place next Saturday 9th of April 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 the 21st of April at 7pm. The children will meet in the hall and parents to meet in the Church, as usual, for their session. It is important that parents attend as well as the children to help you in your faith so that you in turn, will help your children and help you to be more confident in your faith.

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.

Easter Cards

Please take home the Easter cards for the Mass times during Holy Week and Easter. It will be available at the back of the Church and on the Church website.

Stations of the Cross: This will be held at St Nicholas next Friday 8th April at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

St Albans School

St Albans have now finished for the Easter holidays; we wish all of the staff and pupils a restful break. The school re-opens on Tuesday 19th April.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mathew Joseph, we extend our sympathy to his wife Remi and their 2 children. His funeral will take place on this Thursday 7th of April. His remains will be brought into the Church at 9.30am and his Requiem Mass will follow. May he Rest in Peace.

Chrism Mass

Please note that this year the Chrism Mass will be held at Brentwood Cathedral on the 13th of April at 11am. A coach will leave the Parish at 09.30am. A list will go up at the back of the Church for those wishing to go along, everyone is welcome at no expense. There will be no morning Mass at St Albans that day.

Weekly Offertory Envelopes

If you have not yet collected your new box of envelopes, please look for the box with your name on it which is on the table at the back of the Church, by the stairs.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes this Summer

Bishop Alan will lead the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 24-29th July, a time to pray at the Grotto of Our Lady and enjoy the opportunities of this experience. The pilgrimage team includes a doctor and nurses, for those who need assistance. For those with limited mobility, there will be many young people on hand to assist with wheelchairs. It is a wonderful week, Canon Maurice will be attending and if you would like to go, you can book online at www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood. For further information, please phone Cathy O'Connor on 01206 735623.

School Vacancies

Details for the following vacancies being advertised throughout the Diocese can be found at <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

Headteacher St Alban's Primary, Elm Park
Headteacher St Joseph's Primary, Upminster
Headteacher Holy Family Secondary School, Walthamstow
Deputy Headteacher St Mary's, Tilbury
Deputy Headteacher St Alban's, Elm Park.
Deputy Headteacher, St Joseph's Primary School, Harwich