

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Second Sunday of Easter (Year C)

Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April – Saturday within the Octave of Easter	6.30pm	John Dwyer (R.I.P)
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> April – <b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>	9.00am	Marian Francis (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Eric Malyan (R.I.P)  Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April – <b>St Mark</b>	9.00am	Pauline Fennessey (R.I.P)
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April – <b>St George</b>	9.00am	Edward Di Marscio (R.I.P)
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April – Feria	9.00am	Nigel D'Souza (Birthday Thanksgiving)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April – Feria	9.00am	Fergus (Intentions)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April – <b>St Catherine of Siena</b>	9.00am	Celia Desmond (Intentions)
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> April– Feria	9.00am	Paul & Eva Au (Intentions)

### Third Sunday of Easter (Year C)

Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> April – Feria	6.30pm	Una McLaughlin (R.I.P)
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> May – <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	9.00am	Anne Kelly (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Richard Sharland (R.I.P)

**Reflection for the second week of Easter:** The natural thing to do when we are feeling anxious or threatened is to hunker down and lock the doors, to become focused on our own security rather than the risky mission to which we are called. The promise of this text is that Jesus can't be stopped by our locked doors. Jesus comes to us as he came to the first disciples, right in the midst of our fear, pain, doubt, and confusion. He comes speaking peace, breathing into our anxious lives the breath of the Holy Spirit. What is more, he keeps showing up. As he came back a week later for Thomas, Jesus keeps coming back week after week among his gathered disciples – in the word, the water, the bread, and the wine – not wanting any to miss out on the life and peace he gives. And he keeps sending us out of our safe, locked rooms, into a world that, like us, so desperately needs his gifts of life and peace. – **Elizabeth Johnson**



## ST ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Easter has come and gone...or has it? Last weekend we celebrated the great Easter Triduum of the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord and now it's over. But that's not true. All this week of the Octave, we've extended the feast into a week of Easter days. Now for the coming weeks until Pentecost we'll be basking in the light of the Paschal Candle and reminding ourselves that Jesus is really and truly risen from the dead and his victory is something to celebrate and shout about.

Easter isn't a feast that comes and goes, touching us only briefly, rather Easter is the foundational feast of our faith. We go through these days with a sense of wonder and awe at the great mystery we've shared in.

The Resurrection of the Lord is the HIGH POINT of all the world's history. We as the 'Easter People' are called upon to bring this good news to the whole world. We'd be failing in our duty if we did not live up to this mission given to us by the Lord...'Go tell my brothers and sisters' Each one of us must do all we can as the people of the resurrection to proclaim the mighty joy that this great event brings into the lives and hearts of all people.

We spend the fifty days of Eastertide deepening our own faith and love for Jesus, the risen and glorious Lord. Let us pray that we will grow daily more aware of what the resurrection means for us in our lives of faith.

*God Bless and Keep Safe,  
Canon Maurice*

***Please pray for all who are sick, including:***

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, Anna Gawlik, 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 Morriseon, Jim Nolan, Brian Nash, Iivan Opoku-Agyemang, Baby Teegan Oakley, Cecilia O'Connor, Vincent Okolo, Dean Parleton, 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.

**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.

**Baptism Course:** The next Baptism course will take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May in the Parish Hall at 9am. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

**First Holy Communion Programme**

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm, there will be a rehearsal for the children making their First Holy Communion on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May. There will then be further rehearsal on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm for those children that will be making their First Holy Communion on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

**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**

We pray for Francis Seaman who died recently. Francis' wife Elizabeth, is a member of our present choir. His funeral will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 11.30am at St Anthony's Church, Forest Gate

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes this Summer**

Bishop Alan will lead the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 24-29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood). For further information, please phone Cathy O'Connor on 01206 735623.

**Right to Life** - This Wednesday marks 54 years since the 1967 Abortion Act came into effect. As we hope and pray for an end to abortion, we pray especially for our Government, that their ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves on the desire to protect all human life.

**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

**Acts in Easter:**

Throughout the fifty days of Easter we read from the Acts of the Apostles, the New Testament book which narrates the early years of the Church. Fr Adrian Graffy has prepared podcasts on '[The Acts of the Apostles](#)' and '[Paul in Acts](#)', for yours use through the Easter season. Visit [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) for free access.

**Be part of the Walsingham House Team 2022/23:**

If you will be 18+ in September, and are looking for an exciting gap year opportunity, deepening teamworking and practical skills in a context of youth leadership, and developing your faith, then a year on the Walsingham House Team could be perfect for you. For more information please contact Joseph Beattie, by emailing [josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or calling 01277 373959. There is an open afternoon from 2-4pm on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April; for more information and to register, go to [www.bcys.net/events/whopenday/](http://www.bcys.net/events/whopenday/)