

**MASS 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)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May – <b>St Athanasius</b>	9.00am	Maria Stella D’Souza (R.I.P)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May – <b>SS Philip &amp; James</b>	9.00am	Benedict D’Souza (R.I.P)
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May– <b>The English Martyrs</b>	9.00am	Mrs E A Abrahams (R.I.P)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May– Feria	9.00am	Alex D’Souza (R.I.P)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> May – <b>St John Payne</b>	9.00am	Leonard Addison (R.I.P)
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> May – Feria	9.00am	Elizabeth Lopez (R.I.P)

**Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year C)**

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> May– Feria	6.30pm	Olive George
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> May – <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	9.00am	Goretti Anglim (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Claudette Rashid (Int)

**May is Mary’s month:**

We are hoping to have the rosary every evening at 6pm led by our parish families. The intentions will be to pray for peace in Ukraine.

**On the 31<sup>st</sup> of May we celebrate the Feast of the Visitation:**

Reflecting on this mystery we see our Lady and Saint Elizabeth are exceptional reminders of the world’s need for what Saint Therese of Calcutta described as a ‘revolution of love’. We have an urgent need to recover a profound regard for the truth, when we witness the destructive and appalling consequences for innocent human life, of lies and of fear. Our Lady and Saint Elizabeth bear witness to the joy and freedom which are fruits of faith and confidence in God who is Himself the Truth and the only way that leads to Peace.

**Our Lady Queen of Peace, Pray for Us**



**ST ALBAN’S PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
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**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April & Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

In today’s Gospel (John 21:1-19) the disciples recognise the Lord standing on the shore of Tiberius. Peter’s three denials were uppermost in his mind, and he felt great shame. St John notes that Peter puts on his clothes before jumping into the water and moving towards Christ.

This subtle detail is reminiscent of Adam and Eve in the garden, who covered themselves in shame after original sin. The same is true for us – when we let Jesus into our lives, we become more aware of our sinfulness. The light shows up the smudges on the windows, but that is a good sign, because it shows that God is operative in our lives. It is the Holy Spirit who convicts us of sin and moves us to repentance. Christ isn’t looking to humiliate Peter, but to reinstate him. He leads him through a process of repentance. As Peter denied Jesus three times by a charcoal fire, now, also by a fire, Christ asks Peter to reaffirm his love. Three times he asks, ‘Do you love me?’

Christianity is not a philosophy. It is not a set of abstract ideas. It is a relationship with the Person of Jesus. Peter says humbly that he loves Christ. His love is sincere, and now he knows his own weakness, he trusts not in himself, but completely in Christ. Now Christ can do in Peter what Peter wanted to do but could not do on his own. He receives his mission – to take care of the sheep. And ultimately, he gives his life for Christ and the Church. What is our mission? Peter receives a special commission as the first Pope, but the call to give ourselves and feed others belongs to all of us. “I was hungry, and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me to drink, a stranger and you made me welcome.” We pray that the Lord may illumine our lives, and lead us into a deeper relationship with Him, so that He can work through us as we serve others.

*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 Morrison, Jim Nolan, Brian Nash, Iivan 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, Theresa Carty, 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.

**Celebration of First Holy Communion:**

Next Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of May at the 11.00 Mass, 22 children from our Parish will be receiving our Lord for the first time in Holy Communion. As we share their happiness, we thank their parents for bringing their children to this joyful step along the journey of Faith. We also thank the Catechists, teachers, and the people of the Parish as you have all helped in various ways in leading these children to their special day and you too have a care for their future growth and faith. Remember them in your prayers and pray for their families.

**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.

**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** - On Thursday, we celebrated the feast of St Gianna Beretta Molla, patron saint of mothers and unborn children. We pray that we, like her, may have the courage to stand up for the lives of unborn children.

**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/>

Deputy Headteacher St Alban's, Elm Park

Deputy Headteacher St Mary's, Tilbury

**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 your 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, 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 more information on [www.bcys.net/events/whopenday/](http://www.bcys.net/events/whopenday/) and social media @Brentwoodcys

**Catholic Women's League – Upminster**

Welcome all to their Wednesday weekly lunch club. 12noon-1.30pm, 2 course lunch and coffee or tea for £5. Held at St Joseph's Social Centre. Free parking at The Windmill Car Park opposite.

**Family Co-ordinator Parish of the Most Holy Redeemer, Billericay:**

To be considered for the role, please send a CV and covering letter (no longer than one side of A4) to [office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk](mailto:office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk). Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted. Please note that you will need to be eligible to work in the UK to apply for this position. You must provide proof of Right to Work in the UK. For an informal chat with the Parish Priest and a copy of the Job Description please email [office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk](mailto:office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk)

**Hours of work:** 15 hours per week, **Contract:** 3 years fixed term, **Closing date:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022, **Interviews:** TBC