

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year C)**

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> May – <b>St Matthias</b>	6.30pm	Donal Hayes (R.I.P)
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> May – <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	9.00am	People of the Parish
	11.00am	Stella & Clarence Mirando (R.I.P)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> May – Feria	9.00am	Anna Gawlick (Int)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May – Feria	9.00am	Goretti Anglim (R.I.P)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May – Feria	9.00am	Denis O’Meara (R.I.P)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May – Feria	9.00am	Niamh Kiernan (Int)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May – Feria	9.00am	David Evans (R.I.P)
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> May Feria	9.00am	Holy Souls

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

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> May – Feria	6.30pm	Donald Hamilton (R.I.P)
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May – <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	9.00am	People of the Parish
	11.00am	Dylan Dunbar (Int)

**Thought for this week:**

Quite often, perhaps even very often, praying words slowly or reflecting on a passage from the Gospel may seem to be frustrating and unrewarding. Do not be surprised or anxious. Such a situation purifies our motive for praying, which is primarily to please God, not to comfort ourselves. Our perseverance is a proof of our love. There is a gentle breeze if we can but catch it, which blows all the time to help us on our journey through life to our Final destination. That breeze is the Holy Spirit. But the wind cannot be caught or used unless the sail is hoisted, and the hoisting is our task. We must be on the watch, ready to recognise it and play our part. God does hold us, and will lead us, if we want it; but we must want it. – **Cardinal Basil Hume**



**ST ALBAN’S PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
Langdale Gardens RM12 5LA  
**PARISH PRIEST: Canon Maurice Gordon**



**Presbytery:**  
1 Ullswater Way, Elm Park, RM12 5JX  
Tel: 01708451449

[parishoffice@stalbanrcchurch.uk](mailto:parishoffice@stalbanrcchurch.uk)  
Parish Deacon: Rev. Ken Carleton  
[kencarleton@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:kencarleton@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

**Mob: 07971 544921**  
Parish Website: <https://www.stalbanrcchurch.uk>  
Fr. Joseph Farrell (Retired) – 2B, Langdale Gardens, RM12 5LA  
Tel: 01708459709

St Alban’s Primary School  
Heron Flight Avenue, RM12 5LN  
Tel: 01708 555644  
Head Teacher: Lisa Schaberg  
Angela – Gift Aid Organiser  
Mobile: 07510 243188  
Safeguarding Representatives  
Mobile: 07544 842677

**Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year C)**  
**14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

We congratulate our 20 children who will be receiving Our Lord for the first time at the 11.00am Mass this weekend. As we share their happiness, we thank their parents for bringing them to this joyful step along the journey of faith. We also thank the Catechists, the teachers at St Alban’s and the people of the Parish, as you have all helped in various ways in leading them to this their special day and you too, have a care for their future growth in their faith. Remember them in your prayers and pray also for their families.

**PARENTS COMMUNION REFLECTION**

Dear Father in Heaven, here are our children. We give them to you. Reach out and touch them with the finger of your love, so they will stop where they are, sense your presence and turn to you. Take them and make them what you want, not what we want. Call them to adventures you have planned for them not what we aspire to for them. Keep them from sin, but, if they sin, draw them back to you. Keep them from smallness of spirit. Help them to know themselves and enjoy the person you created them to be. Help them to use their gifts to serve you. Help them to plunge deep into the mystery of their union with you and love you above all things. As for us, help us to love them without possessiveness. Help us to be patient while they strive to find themselves. Help us to respect them for what you made them to be. Help us to guide them with your wisdom. Amen

***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, Baby Stephen Kelly, George Kiparrisi, Mary Lynes, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Matthew Milnar, John Morrison, Jim Nolan, Brian Nash, Iwan 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, 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.

**R.I.P**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Antony Hurley whose funeral will take place this Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> May 12:20pm at East Chapel at South Essex Crematorium. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Donald Hamilton who died recently, His funeral will take place at South Essex Crematorium, Upminster on this Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 12.40pm. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Neil Kelly who also died recently. His Requiem Mass will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June at 12.30pm. May they rest in Peace.

There will be Memorial Mass for Goretti Anglim on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July at 11:00am. Followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall. Goretti was very much a part of our Parish family for many years and was involved in the life of the Parish, in helping with the First Holy Communion programme and with the choir.

**Baptism Course:** The next Baptism course will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> of June in the Parish Hall at 9am. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

**Fundraising for St. Francis Hospice Havering atte-Bower**

CDOT Voices invite you to their summer concert on Saturday 18th June 2022 at 7.30pm at St. Peter's Hall, Front Lane, Cranham, RM14 1LW (Parking on site) £12 – adults £1 – school children. Under 5s welcome for free.

**Right to Life** - We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support in their circumstance, and recognise the many blessings that motherhood brings

**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

**Toddler Group**

A toddler group takes place every Thursday and Friday in the Hall between 10-11:30am - 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)

**Finance Meeting**

The next Finance Meeting will take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 8.15pm. All members are expected to attend.

**Flower Festival, St Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May.**

The talented parish flower arrangers will fill this magnificent nineteenth century church with wonderful displays. We hope it will be a lovely way to invite people to church who may never have been before, and everyone is very welcome. There will be tasty cakes and refreshing tea and coffee in the hall. Friday 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 10am – 4pm, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 1pm – 4pm. The address is 5 Park End Road, Romford RM1 4AT.

**Director of Finance Required June 2022 (or as soon thereafter) Salary £63,000 - £68,000**

The Champion School is looking for a talented, committed, enthusiastic and innovative colleague to work at a senior level to support the strategic direction of the school through high-quality financial management. This is a great opportunity to work in one of the most successful schools in the London area. The position becomes available following the current postholder moving into another position.

Please contact [cnoddings@thecampionschool.org](mailto:cnoddings@thecampionschool.org) for application details and more information  
Closing date for applications **12 noon, Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022**