

MASS INTENTIONS
Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year C)

Saturday 28 th May – Feria	6.30pm	Chinnamma Augustine (R.I.P)
Sunday 29 th May – Seventh Sunday of Easter	9.00am	Bridget Barulis (R.I.P)
	11.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 30 th May – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00am	Mrs Williams (R.I.P)
Tuesday 31 st May – Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, Brentwood	9.00am	Fiona Madden
Wednesday 1 st June – St Justin	9.00am	Annamma Thomas (R.I.P)
Thursday 2 nd June – Feria	9.00am	Tony Greenan (Get Well)
Friday 3 rd June – St Charles Lwanga & Comps	9.00am	Joanna French (R.I.P)
Saturday 4 th June - Feria	9.00am	Gladys McQuaid (Int)

Pentecost Sunday (Year C)

Saturday 4 th June – Feria	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 5 th June – Pentecost Sunday	9.00am	Charles Stimpson (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Teresa Clarke (R.I.P)

Thought for this week: Looking forward to Pentecost

What does it mean to be a Spirit-filled witness to Christ? What does it mean to be a joy-filled person? How can we become joyful and enthusiastic proclaimers of the gospel? The truth is that we don't often feel filled with the Spirit but rather as if we are running on empty, not firing on all cylinders. Like a boat that has sprung a leak we can feel like we are sinking fast. We can feel a million miles from sharing our faith or being filled either with joy or the Spirit. We are in good company. The Holy Spirit was poured out upon disciples precisely when they were suffering from confusion, darkness, and fear. We are weak, fragile vessels, but the Holy Spirit raises us up and pours out his love into our hearts. – **COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME HOLY SPIRIT**



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28th & 29th May 2022

There is more immediate hope shared by the whole Church on this last Sunday before Pentecost. It is that the celebration of Pentecost in the liturgy next week will be an occasion of a fresh outpouring and empowering of the Holy Spirit. The Church is now in a state of waiting as the disciples waited in Jerusalem. Waiting to receive power in order to continue to be Jesus' witnesses to the very ends of the earth. One thing about Jesus' words to the disciples seems to be very significant. He told them 'wait'. Why was this important? The same idea is contained in the second reading of today from the book of Revelation: 'Let him who is thirsty come, let him who desires take the water of life without price' (Rev. 22:17). The water of life is another image for the Holy Spirit. It appears that the coming of the Spirit is linked to the waiting and the thirsting. Hence, each year, in these days between the Ascension and Pentecost, the Church teaches her children how to wait and thirst.

Do you desire more of the Holy Spirit; a greater empowering in order to be a witness for Jesus?

Do you desire a greater glimpse of the glory of Jesus?

Do you desire to share in it one day?

PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the Earth. O God who has taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of same Spirit we maybe always truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. **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, Gladys McQuaid, 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, Theresa Carty, Jay Spencer and Clara Yankey. For those we know and the many we do not know, we pray to the Lord

PARISH FINANCES

22nd & 23rd May

Loose

£667.60

Envelopes

£362.13

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 Neil Kelly who died recently. His Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 1st of June at 12.30pm. We also pray for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Gillespie. Her Requiem mass will take place here in the church on Wednesday 15th of June at 11am. May they rest in peace.

There will be Memorial Mass for Goretti Anglim on the 10th 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 11th of June in the Parish Hall at 9am. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

Confirmation Candidates

The next session for our Confirmation candidates is on Monday the 6th June at 7pm. This is a rehearsal as we move towards the day when 29 young people from our Parish will be confirmed by Bishop Alan on the 12th June at 3pm.

May Procession

Thank you to everybody who was involved with our May Procession last Sunday. We had a great turnout and we thank the teachers and pupils from St Albans School and our Confirmation candidates and the people of different cultures who lead us in the Rosary. It was a blessed and enjoyable day for our Parish family.

Fundraising Walk for Alzheimer's Society

This Saturday morning 28th May, Father Maurice will go on a 13-mile trek around London hoping to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society. If you would like to support this worthy cause, you can donate online at www.justgiving.com/Maurice-Gordon or there is a sponsorship sheet at the back of the Church if you would prefer.

Right to Life - As we near the end of this month dedicated to our Blessed Mother, we bring to mind all mothers. That, like Mary, they would be able to love and cherish their children from the point of conception. We pray also that these women would find support in their spouses, family, and friends as they journey through the joys and trials of parenthood.

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 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 or calling 01277 373959. There is more information on 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

Is God calling you to be a Priest?

There is a monthly vocation group to help those who would like to find out more about a possible vocation to the priesthood. The next meeting will take place on the 7th of June at 7pm. Anybody interested see Father Maurice.

250 Club

The winner of the 250 club for April was A Wood. Please see Father for your cheque.