

MASS INTENTIONS
Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

Saturday 21 st May – Feria	6.30pm	Donald Hamilton (R.I.P)
Sunday 22 nd May – Sixth Sunday of Easter	9.00am	People of the Parish
	11.00am	Dylan Dunbar (Int)
Monday 23 rd May – Feria	9.00am	Thomas Carleton (R.I.P)
Tuesday 24 th May – Feria	9.00am	Claudette Rashid (R.I.P)
Wednesday 25 th May – St Bede	9.00am	Goretti Anglim (R.I.P)
Thursday 26 th May – The Ascension of the Lord	9.00am	Tim & Josephine Keane
	7.30pm	Peace in Ukraine
Friday 27 th May – St Augustine of Canterbury	9.00am	Frances Roche
Saturday 28 th May Feria	9.00am	Joanna French (R.I.P)

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

Thought for this week: Vocation to Love

Love can seem beyond our reach when we are short-tempered or having a bad day or just feeling off. We often say, “Well, no one’s perfect”, as a way of justifying ourselves. It is true, of course, no one is perfect. But we are called to be. “Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Matthew 5:48). A tall order? Too much to ask? Impossible? With God all things are possible (Matthew 9:23). We cannot be perfect or mature in love and faith by our own strength and power; we need the Holy Spirit. However, we must really want the Spirit, cry out for the Spirit, long for the Spirit and, yes, even beg for the Spirit to give us the grace to love as Jesus loves. ***(Walk with me an Eastertide Journey of Prayer for 2022)***



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21st & 22nd May 2022

We live in a world that says more is better. But today's first reading, which recounts a controversy in the early church, reminds us that sometimes less is better. The sides are lined up against each other. Jewish Christians who wanted Gentile converts to adopt Jewish religious practices. Others, including Paul, strongly disagreed, saying God did not want unnecessary burdens on anyone. Their opinions prevailed.

'Unnecessary burdens' the very phrase implies that some burdens are necessary. While it's more true to speak of God's commitment to us, rather than our dedication to God, religious faith does place some necessary burdens. The call to fidelity in prayer, acting justly, loving tenderly, becoming selfless rather than selfish are prime examples.

However, some burdens are unnecessary and arise out of fear, guilt, or mistrust of God. There can be a layer of superstition under-lying any religious faith. We should pray to be freed from the burdens of our own making in order to bear generously the genuine burden of Christian loving.

PRAYER

As we thankfully remember the gift of the Lord Jesus in this celebration of our life as Church, we embrace the love, peace, and hope that we share as members of this community. May we allow the Spirit to guide our lives and direct our decisions during the coming week. May our community continue to be light and hope for our world.

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, 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

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.

Finance Meeting

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

May Procession – 22nd May at 3pm

Our procession in honour of Our Lady takes place today at 3pm. This will be a coming together of the whole parish family, an afternoon of prayer and song to honour our Blessed Lady and to ask for her motherly Intercession for our families, schools and parish and for peace in our world, especially in Ukraine.

Fundraising Walk for Alzheimer's Society

Next Saturday 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 - We pray 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 for the womb to the tomb.

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 Gaffy 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

Flower Festival, St Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 27th – 29th 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 27th and Saturday 28th May 10am – 4pm, Sunday 29th May 1pm – 4pm. The address is 5 Park End Road, Romford RM1 4AT.

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.