

MASS INTENTIONS
Pentecost Sunday (Year C)

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| 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) |
| Monday 6 th June – Mary, Mother of the Church | 9.00am | Mary Walsh (R.I.P) |
| Tuesday 7 th June – Feria | 9.00am | Dermot Mooney (R.I.P) |
| Wednesday 8 th June – Feria | 9.00am | Fiona Ellis |
| Thursday 9 th June – Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest | 9.00am | Thanksgiving |
| Friday 10 th June – Feria | 9.00am | Betty Mabey (R.I.P) |
| Saturday 11 th June – St Barnabas | 9.00am | Bridget Barulis (R.I.P) |

The Most Holy Trinity (Year C)

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| Saturday 11 th June - St Barnabas | 6.30pm | Sharon Ward (Int) |
| Sunday 12 th June – The Most Holy Trinity | 9.00am | Ethel Maud Kirk (R.I.P) |
| | 11.00am | Valerie Tisi (R.I.P) |

Reflection for Pentecost:

What actually happened in the Upper Room in Jerusalem? An event so earth-shattering that timid, confused and frightened men and women were transformed beyond recognition. How can we explain it? The Psalmist sheds his light: 'You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows' (Psalm 23:5). God lavishly poured out his Spirit of love into our hearts. God's love was poured into the hearts of the apostles through the power of the Holy Spirit. This gift of love forgives our sins and heals our wounds. Just like the motley crew in the Upper Room, gathered around Mary, we too can witness with joy and confidence that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *'Through the Holy Spirit we are restored to paradise, led back to the kingdom of heaven, adopted as children, given confidence to call God 'Father' and share in Christ's grace, called children of light and given a share in eternal glory (St Basil the Great).'*



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4th & 5th June 2022

Next Sunday, 12th June, we welcome our Bishop Alan to our Parish. He comes on a Pastoral visit and to Confirm 29 of our young people.

Jesus, before the Ascension, promised his followers that he would send his Spirit to comfort and strengthen them, On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was poured out onto the Apostles. The sacrament of Confirmation is our own Pentecost. When we are Confirmed, the Holy Spirit is poured out onto us so that we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Confirmation is administered by the laying on of hands. The Bishop places his hands on the heads of the Candidates and then anoints their foreheads with holy oil, saying the words 'Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit'. By receiving the seal of the Holy Spirit, they show that they belong to God. Being anointed is a sign of ownership and belonging, but it also elevates them to a higher position. When they receive the oil on their foreheads they become part of the priesthood of all believers, witnesses to Christ and heirs to his royal throne.

Since last September, the Candidates have been preparing for this important stage on their journey of faith. They are happy to share their joy with the whole Parish, parents, relatives, friends, Catechists, and prayer sponsors who have all played their part in supporting and encouraging them. You are all to be thanked for your contribution and affirmation.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

In your bounty Lord, give us the Spirit who alone can teach us to think and to do what is right so that we, who without you cannot exist, may live in obedience to your Holy Will.

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

28th & 29th May

Loose
£470.23

Envelopes
£338.92

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:

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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.

R. I.P

Please 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 she 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 next Saturday 11th of June in the Parish Hall at 9am. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection next weekend for the sick clergy.

Confirmation Candidates

The next session for our Confirmation candidates is this Monday the 6th June at 7pm. This is a rehearsal as we celebrate the Sacrament next Sunday at 3pm. All are expected to attend.

Fundraising Walk for Alzheimer's Society

This weekend we hope to have collected the rest of the monies in for the sponsored walk and we will let you know next week, the final amount collected. Thank you all very much for your tremendous generosity.

Right to Life

As we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, we recall the fruits of the Spirit that are present in our lives. We pray that in our church's mission to serve the poor, broken and unborn, it would be anchored in love, joy, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

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 next Tuesday 7th of June at 7pm. Anybody interested please be at the church by 6:20pm. Thank you.

Prayer for the Queens Platinum Jubilee

We pray for Elizabeth, our Queen; may she continue to know the steadfast love of God and serve her people faithfully. May the Holy Spirit continue to inspire her in all that she is and does.

March for Life – 3rd September

This year marks the sad milestone of 10 million abortions in the UK since the 1967 Abortion Act. It is more important than ever that all people of goodwill, and especially Catholics, give public witness to the infinite dignity of human life. We can do so at the annual March for Life held on Saturday 3rd September. Bishop Sherrington will celebrate Mass at 11.00am at St Georges Cathedral, Southwark. The March itself starts at the Emmanuel Centre at 2.00pm proceeding to Parliament Square, where there will be testimony and speeches, with the day concluding at 4.30pm. More information can be found at <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/>

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