

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**The Body and Blood of Christ**

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> June – Feria	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> June – <b>The Body and Blood of Christ</b>	9.00am	Matthew & Sylvia Onodu Intentions
	11.00am	Mary Kearse
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June – <b>St Alban - Parish School Feast Day</b>	9.00am	Mam (Mary) Kinsella (R.I.P)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June – <b>St Aloysius Gonzaga</b>	9.00am	John Clancy (Int)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June – <b>SS John Fisher &amp; Thomas More</b>	9.00am	Rita Omalley
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June – <b>Nativity of St John the Baptist</b>	9.00am	Father Joseph White 50 years ordination as a priest
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June – <b>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>	9.00am	Thanksgiving for Onodu family
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> June – <b>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</b>	9.00am	Trevor Elkinson (Int)

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**

Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> June – <b>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	6.30pm	Michael Kennedy (R.I.P)
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> June – <b>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	People of the Parish
	11.00am	Leo Connolly (R.I.P)

**Thought for this week:** What is it to become of me? Must I die of sorrow because of my helplessness? Oh no! I will not even grieve. With daring confidence, and reckless of self, I will remain there till death, my gaze fixed upon the divine Sun. Nothing will make me afraid, neither wind nor rain. Should impenetrable clouds conceal from my eyes the Sun of love, should it seem to me that beyond this life there is only darkness, this would be the hour of perfect joy, the hour in which to urge my confidence to its uttermost bounds. Knowing that beyond the dark clouds my Sun is shining, I should never dare to change my place. This far, my God, I understand your love for me. But you know how often I lose sight of what is my only care, and, straying from your side, allow my wings to become dragged in the muddy pools of the world. Then "I cry like a swallow" (Isaiah 38:14) and my cry tells you everything. Then you remember in your infinite mercy that "you came not to call the just, but sinners" (Matthew 9:13). – **St Therese of Lisieux**



**ST ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
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**The Body and Blood of Christ (Year C)**  
**18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

In looking to the future, Christ wanted to remain with those he loved. The only thing he had to give was himself. He took bread and wine – he broke it – shared it. One would easily be tempted to say, "to remind us of Christ who once was". But we are Christians. We believe in the Resurrection. We believe not in a Christ who once was, but who **still is**.

The Gospel today is Luke's account of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. The disciples tell Jesus to send the crowd away who have been listening to him; it's one thing to give people some teaching, but they feel they can't be responsible for the people. At the end of the day, each person must look after themselves. Jesus challenges them, insisting that they feed them. They say, "but we can't, we don't have enough" We look around us, there are so many needs, even just looking at the Church, we can feel empty handed, we haven't got enough to respond to the needs we see. Jesus is inviting us to bring the little we have to the Eucharist, our little patience, our little hope, our little compassion and offer it with him. By giving us the really nourishing food of his presence and his love, he promises to transform these things to something that can make a difference for others. The reading ends 'They all ate as much as they wanted'.

**PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Heavenly Father, grant that the unity we share with you in the Eucharist may transform our lives so that we may become what we receive. We ask this 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**

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> June

#### **Loose**

£605.55

#### **Envelopes**

£662.40

#### **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.

#### **Right to Life**

As we celebrate Father's Day, we pray for all fathers who are expecting a child. That they would find peace in their changing circumstance and would be a source of support for the child's mother as they prepare for their child to enter the world.

#### **Sponsored Walk**

A big thank you to all who sponsored the walk on behalf of The Alzheimer's Society. The total amount raised was £1242.00. To me it was a great sign of your tremendous generosity. Thank you once again.

#### **Newly Confirmed**

Thanks to everybody that made Bishop Alans visit last week a very special day for our community. The confirmation Mass itself was a beautiful experience for all involved. We thank the Catechists, the sponsors, the parents, and the confirmation candidates themselves for making it a very special memorable event. We will be having a Mass of thanksgiving on the 17<sup>th</sup> of July 2022 at 11am. Confirmation certificates will be presented to the newly confirmed at this Mass.

#### **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)

#### **March for Life – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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/>

#### **The Universe Catholic Weekly**

The Universe Catholic Weekly is thrilled to announce that we have launched our new online newspaper with the full support of our first subscriber none other than His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Order your Digital 4 weeks FREE trial supply by calling Michelle on 0743 661 7650 or email: [michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk](mailto:michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk)

#### **Walsingham House Volunteers Needed**

Just finished A-levels or Uni? Aged 18-22? Interested in working with young people? Join the Walsingham House Team 2022/23 for an amazing Gap Year opportunity starting September 2022. Details on [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) or contact Joseph Beattie – phone 01277 373959 or email [josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

#### **Vacancies**

St Peters R.C. Primary School, Goresbrook Road, Dagenham, Essex. RM9 6UU are looking to appoint a Deputy Headteacher starting September 2022 or January 2023 Leadership Scale L13 – L17 Inner London Pay-scale. Closing date Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 at 12pm. Please contact the school office on 0208 270 6524 for more information.

St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Romford, are seeking to appoint teachers in KS1 & KS2. Visit our school [website](http://www.st-peters-havering.sch.uk) to see a Virtual Tour to find out more about our school. Deadline for applications: **12:00 noon on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022**. Please contact the school office on [office@st-peters.havering.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-peters.havering.sch.uk) to arrange a visit. Please send applications to: <https://ats-haveringschools.jpg.co.uk/vacancies/197571>

**YEAR OF THE FAMILY:** The 10th World Meeting of Families is taking place in Rome this coming week, with a programme of talks and liturgies which will be live-streamed via Vatican media channels. Our Diocese is marking the close of the Year of the Family at the annual Mass for Marriage and Family Life in July, which Bishop Alan will offer for the intentions of all families in the Diocese. If you would like a particular intention to be placed before the altar at this Mass, please complete the prayer request form which can be found on the new Marriage and Family Life pages of the Diocesan website, where you will also find more information about the World Meeting of

Families: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/marriage-family-life>