

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**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 11.00am	People of the Parish Leo Connolly (R.I.P)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June – Feria	9.00am	Family Bruce (Int)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June – <b>St Irenaeus</b>	9.00am	Rebecca & Family (Thanksgiving)
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June – <b>SS Peter &amp; Paul</b>	9.00am	For protection of Onodu family.
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June – Feria	7.30pm 9.00am	Dylan Dunbar Rose & John Dique (60 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July – Feria	9.00am	Ann Marie Ackaa (R.I.P)
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July– Feria	9.00am	Holy Souls

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

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July – <b>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July – <b>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Susan Williams (R.I.P) Michael Byrnes (R.I.P)

**Thought for this week:** Last Saturday I attended the 50<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary of Father Joseph White, a priest of our diocese who's now retired in Co. Meath. In the booklet there was a reflection on **"The Priest"** it said: The priest is not an Angel sent from Heaven. He is a man chosen from among believers and followers of Christ, and a sinner. He speaks God's WORD at God's direction. Perhaps he has not entirely understood the word himself. But believes, and despite his fears, he knows he must continue. In a world full of chatter, must not someone say something about God, about eternal life, the mystery of grace, about sin, about judgement and mercy. So, my friends, pray for him. May he sustain others by bringing them the mystery of God's love, the gift and mercy of God revealed in His Son, Christ Jesus, our Good Shephard, and Eternal High-Priest. Must not someone offer the new and eternal covenant in the Mass, again and again, for the sanctification and spiritual well-being of men and women in our own day and for ages unending.

This weekend we pray for Fr. Damien Wade who was ordained this Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> of June at SS Peter and Paul Church, Ilford.



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**25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

St Paul in the second reading speaks about the right use of freedom. We have free will, the ability to make choices, but freedom does not mean the liberty to choose whatever pleases me; rather true freedom conforms to the good and is thus not self-indulgent. We are to love our neighbour as ourselves and to serve one another in acts of love; that is the basis of community cohesion.

Europe's history is Christian, and when these principles are put aside, there is a sense of loss. But this can be a time of renewal. We need to discover again the joy of following Christ, of giving up our own ambitions, desires, and attachments to follow him.

The first reading and the Gospel speak about this. In the first reading, Elijah chooses Elisha to be his successor. Initially Elisha is unwilling to follow, but then he responds generously, slaughtering his oxen and burning his plough as a sign of abandoning his old way of life as a farmer to follow the prophet. Similarly in the Gospel, Jesus meets a man who says he will follow Him wherever He goes, but Jesus warns him that it won't be a life of easy comfort; 'foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head'. The idea of making sacrifices is not very popular today; we live for comfort and convenience. But Jesus' call to renounce self, to 'take up one's cross' and follow Him.

All of us who follow Christ need to look to Him now more than ever, at this decisive moment in our history. We can take comfort and strength from the words of the psalm, 'I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; I will keep the Lord ever in my sight, since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. He will show us the path of life'.

As Pope Francis says, *'We are not living an era of change but a change of era'* We are invited to see this time as charged with God's saving presence

**PRAYER**

God our Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us to enlighten and guide us in this time of upheaval. 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**

18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> June

#### **Loose**

£379.17

#### **Envelopes**

£391.70

#### **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**

We pray for all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities, we pray for protection for them and their mothers from the pressures of society to have an abortion, and that they would instead experience overwhelming support by all who surround them.

#### **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)

#### **Farewell School Mass**

Our Head Teacher, Mrs Lisa Schaberg, is retiring from our school after many years of dedicated service. We are planning a farewell Mass for her Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of July at 6.00pm. This will be a Parish School event to give thanks to God, for her wonderful dedication to the children of our Parish. We will also be saying farewell to Mrs Jackie Carr and Mr Nigel Hooton. We congratulate Mrs Melanie Smith on being appointed Deputy Head of St Mary's Primary School, Tilbury. There will be no 9am Mass that morning.

#### **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/>

#### **SS Peter & Paul**

Wednesday this week 29<sup>th</sup> June, is a Holy day of Obligation. Masses will be held here at 9.00am and 7.30pm. Mass will also be held at St Albans School at 11am.

#### **Catholic biblical association of Great Britain**

The Association announces its next Scripture talk, to be given by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, on 'Jonah: Prophet for Today'. You can attend the talk in-person at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH, from 11.00 BST on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July. If you are attending in-person, please book your place by clicking on the Eventbrite link on the poster. Alternatively, please join the livestream by going to [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) at 11 a.m. on 9<sup>th</sup> July. There is no need to book if attending by livestream. The talk will be available subsequently on You Tube and on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org).

#### **BCYS Youth Mass,**

7<sup>th</sup> July from 6pm at Brentwood Cathedral – join us for Pizza in the Parish Hall at 6pm, followed by a Music Workshop in the Cathedral led by Art Wangcharoensab of the Cathedral Music Dept.

Singers, instrumentalists, and young people (roughly year 9+) are all very welcome, whether you wish to join in or simply watch and listen! Mass will begin in the Cathedral at 7:30pm, celebrated by Fr Damien Wade. All information can be found on our website [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events)

#### **Pastoral Letter**

Bishop Alan has written a pastoral letter marking the 10<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Families. The letter is available at the back of the Church. Please take a copy.