

MASS INTENTIONS
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Saturday 2 nd July – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 3 rd July – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Susan Williams (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Michael Byrnes (R.I.P)
Monday 4 th July– Feria	9.00am	Family Bruce (Int)
Tuesday 5 th July – Feria	9.00am	Mrs Jane Driscoll
Wednesday 6 th July - Feria	9.00am	Finbar Buckley
Thursday 7 th July – Feria	9.00am	Helen Fowley (R.I.P)
Friday 8 th July – Feria	9.00am	John Keighron (R.I.P)
Saturday 9 th July– Feria	9.00am	Leo Connolly (R.I.P)

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Saturday 9 th July – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Tony Hurley
Sunday 10 th July – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Ewa & Funsho Akinwumi (Int)
	11.00am	Goretti Anglim (R.I.P)

Thought for this week:

Why bother praying?

Because Christian prayer is not about appeasing an angry God. It is centred on a person; Jesus, and through him we are invited into a loving and saving relationship with the Father, Son and Spirit that has consequences for how we live in this world and the next. In this relationship, nothing is wasted in our often-complex lives. We are invited where we are, as we are, to grow and become even more. And when we feel distant from Jesus, guess who has moved away from whom? There is nothing that can ever, or will ever, stop God from loving us. It is never late to make a return.

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2nd & 3rd July 2022

Heroes of legend often begin their journeys into the unknown alone, with just their wits and an inborn courage to sustain them. So, Jesus sends his disciples off without the usual provisions for a journey. But there the similarity ends. He sends them out not alone, but in pairs. They are to bring no earthly talisman with them, but his own peace. Few of us live out following Jesus in that radical way, nor with the same single mindedness. We cushion our lives with as much comfort and security as we can. But every now and then come those moments of recognition when we realise that our material possessions and achievements are in the end – immaterial. As one saying goes 'There are no pockets in a shroud'.

It is only our God-given spiritual gifts which protect us in life's journey. The minimum is also a great teacher, opening us to appreciate what we have received from others, and give of what we have. The hero travels alone, but the Christian journey is made in community and has at its heart, the desire to spread the peace of God's kingdom. Every Christian is sent by Christ into the world as a messenger of hope and love. The 'world' here means the area in which I live, my places of work, the people I meet every day and so on. An active concern for the world and for other people is an essential mark of a good Christian.

We are all responsible for some small corner of the Lord's vineyard where it is up to us to take part with joy in this wonderful task, and to work for the coming of his Kingdom.

PRAYER

Lord, the harvest of your love is abundant, but those who work to make this love visible in the world are few. Help us to take part with joy in this wonderful task, and to work for the coming of your Kingdom.

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

25th & 26th June

Loose
£465.00

Envelopes
£288.00

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.

Sea Sunday

Please note that Sea Sunday will be held next weekend, the 9th and 10th of July 2022. A second collection will be taken up for the support and work of The Apostleship of Sea.

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.

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 or contact Joseph Beattie – phone 01277 373959 or email 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 15th 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

Rest in Peace

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden death of Teresa Brewty. She was one of our committed parishioners and was attending Mass up to last Sunday. We extend our sympathy to her family at this sad time. Funeral arrangements later. May she rest in peace.

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/>

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 9th 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 at 11 a.m. on 9th July. There is no need to book if attending by livestream. The talk will be available subsequently on YouTube and on www.whatgoodnews.org.

BCYS Youth Mass,

7th 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

Pilgrimage to Lourdes this Summer

Bishop Alan will lead the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 25-30th July, Canon Maurice will be going on the pilgrimage and if any parishioners would like to give him prayer petitions, he will bring them to the Grotto of our Lady on your behalf. There is a box at the back of the Church so if you would kindly put them in and he will bring them with him.