

MASS INTENTIONS
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 11.00am	Ewa & Funsho Akinwumi (Int) Goretti Anglim (R.I.P)
Monday 11 th July– St Benedict	9.00am	Angela Manoo (R.I.P)
Tuesday 12 th July – Feria	9.00am	Ann Larking (Int)
Wednesday 13 th July – Feria	9.00am	Andy Stone (Int)
Thursday 14 th July – Feria	9.00am	Gregory Adams (R.I.P)
Friday 15 th July – St Bonaventure (School Parish mass)	6:00pm (No morning Mass)	John Keighron (R.I.P)
Saturday 16 th July– Feria	9.00am	Onodu Family (Int)

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Saturday 16 th July – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Saiz K Wetemy (R.I.P)
Sunday 17 th July – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am 11.00am	Evie Bryant (Int) Arthur Bryant (Int)

Reflection for this week: We really live outside of ourselves. There are very few humans who truly live inside themselves, and this is why there are so many problems. In each person's heart, there is something like a small, intimate space, where God comes down to speak alone with that person. And this is where a person determines his or her own destiny, his or her own role in the world. If each of the people with so many problems were to enter at this moment this small space, and once there, were to listen to the voice of the Lord which speaks in our own conscience, how much could each one of us do to improve the environment, society, the family with whom we live? – **St Oscar Romero.**

First reading today: The word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.



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9th & 10th July 2022

Our God is a God of surprises. His guidance is to be found all around us. He asks us to live so that all people will care for each other in a world where things can be very difficult at times.

TO SEE, TO FEEL AND TO GIVE

No word has been cheapened so much today as love. The teaching of Jesus brings out its practical nature in the actions of the Good Samaritan. He saw; he felt pity; and he did something to remedy the situation. The first step in love is in paying attention to other people. We open the shutters of our aloofness and see other people and hear them. By paying attention to people, we are letting them come to knock on our doors, seeking entry into our lives. Sometimes we erect barriers to prevent people from knocking on our doors. Certain people are barred because of prejudice or discrimination. Or we shrink from the demands of love, so we are too busy to hear their knock.

The next step is to answer the knock and let the person in. The Samaritan was 'moved with compassion'. Compassion means accepting the pain of the other and responding to it. When others knock on our door compassion lets them in and is willing to reach out to them whether they are asking us to share tears in their sorrow or laughter in their joy, to pity them in their pain or celebrate with their thankfulness, to give to their emptiness or receive from their fullness.

The third step of the good neighbour is to take practical action. Feeling is empty if it does not lead to concrete action, practical generosity which forgets about personal convenience and gives. Love begins at home; with the people we meet every day. The law that I enjoin of you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach..... The Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance'. (First Reading) Now is the favourable time. Today is the day to see, to feel and to give.

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

2nd & 3rd July

Loose

£604.92

Envelopes

£382.00

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.

Right to Life

We pray for all considering abortion. We pray that the love and support of those around them would encourage the mother to continue with her pregnancy and find peace in what the future holds.

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 having a farewell Mass for her this Friday 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. All are welcome.

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 recently. We extend our sympathy to her family at this sad time. Her Requiem Mass will take place on the 20th July at 11.45am. May she rest in peace.

Confirmation 2022/2023

The Confirmation course for 2022/2023 will begin in early October, it is open to young people from Year 10 upwards. Application forms will be available at the back of the Church from 1st September. They will need to be returned to the presbytery by 25th September.

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/>

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.

Adventure in Faith – journey towards World Youth Day, Porto and Lisbon, July 26th – August 9th 2023. Find out more at <https://bcys.net/events/wyd23/>. Express your interest with an email to WYD@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Only 40 places available.

The Flame Congress, OVO Arena Wembley, Saturday 4th March 2023. This whole day event has an expected attendance of 8,000+ from all over the country – it is the largest Catholic youth event in the UK, full of faith, inspiration, energy and joy. National and international speakers, musicians and senior church leaders will give superb input. You will find more information about Flame – including a trailer, which will be especially helpful if you have not been before – on the website <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame/>