

MASS INTENTIONS
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Saturday 23 rd July – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 24 th July – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am 11.00am	Teresa Brewty Darren Hampton
Monday 25 th July– St James	9.00am	Nola & Jules Brett (50 th Wedding Anniversary)
Tuesday 26 th July – SS Joachim & Anne	9.00am	Rosina Sima
Wednesday 27 th July – Feria	9.00am	Departed Souls who have been forgotten and those who have no one to pray for them,
Thursday 28 th July – Feria	9.00am	Lesley Debois (R.I.P)
Friday 29 th July – SS Martha, Mary & Lazarus	9.00am	John & Mary Carroll-Browne (50 th Wedding Anniversary)
Saturday 30 th July– Feria	9.00am	Teresa Brewty (R.I.P)

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Saturday 30 th July – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Margaret & William McElligott (R.I.P)
Sunday 31 st July – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Teresa Brewty (R.I.P)

Reflection for this week: The craving for godliness is subtle and worms its way into every corner of life. (Jesus himself was tempted to misuse his Sonship of God.) No wonder, then, that the Number One Commandment is, “I am the Lord your God; you shall not have false gods before me.” When we abide by this principle, all else fits into place. But the urge to do differently, pulses within us: For the parent, it is to own the child as a carbon copy; for the priest, to seek privilege; for the politician, to feed on power; for the farmer, to esteem land above humans; for the one in business, to venerate profits; for the scientist or technician, to be in control. Self-worship is seen in the person who wants everyone else to suit them while they themselves do whatever they please. When little gods collide, rows and wars erupt. Ask; Search; Knock. And sometimes Kneel. – **Bernie Moloney (Diocese of Cahel and Emly)**



ST ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER
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23rd & 24th July 2022

The master of any art can make it appear very simple. So, it was with Jesus as a master of prayer. He spoke in very simple human terms. He gave God a human face. And he described the depths of a disciple's relationship with the Father in familiar stories of hospitality and parental care. We can understand the loyalty in human friendships, or the effectiveness of persistence, or the care and protection that are part of a parent's love. That's how God is towards us, multiplied to the power of 'how much more.' Obviously, we do not always get exactly what we ask for. Ten people praying for the one job cannot all get the post? Nobody would ever die if it were only a matter of saying a prayer for a cure! Yet, God as a loving parent, hears every prayer.

The point of petition is not as if God were unwilling to give to us unless we cajoled him or twisted his hand by prayer. Often times the mountains that have to be moved by the prayer of faith are the obstacles in ourselves. The humiliation of having to ask for something breaks in our unhealthy self-sufficiency. Repeated asking may force us into facing whether our motivation is unduly selfish. Somewhere along the line God will test the selfishness of our faith; are we using religion to serve ourselves.... or God? When I say, 'Thy will be done', may it not sometimes be a camouflaged form of 'My will be done'? It can be good for us when we have to persist in our asking. What comes to us too easily is often not appreciated. What we have to work for is treasured more. The answer to sustained prayer is more likely to be appreciated. It's we who change....and grow into God's will....by perseverance in asking, searching, and knocking.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank you for listening to our petitions. Help us to trust always in your loving ways and to accept your will in our lives.

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, Margaret Dumbrill John Finan, 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, Iivan 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, Baby Sophie Geary, Irene (Evelyn's sister) and Clara Yankey. For those we know and the many we do not know, we pray to the Lord

PARISH FINANCES

16th & 17th July

Loose

£443.29

Envelopes

£269.61

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

For all going through difficult pregnancies, we pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends, and local communities

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

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

St Alban's School Summer holidays

School finished this week. We wish all the staff and pupils every blessing and a restful break. St Alban's school returns on Monday the 5th of September.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Christopher Cullinan who died recently. His Requiem Mass will take place on Friday the 12th of August at 10am here at the Church. May he 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.

If you would like to be part of the pilgrimage from home, please do follow the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter by searching @brentwoodcys. You can also see us on "Lourdes TV" at www.lourdes-france.org/en for our Grotto Mass on Tuesday 26th July at 09:30, The Torchlight (Marian) Procession on Wednesday 27th July at 22:00 and the Blessed Sacrament Procession on Thursday 28th July at 18:00.

Job Vacancies – Sacred Heart of Mary, Upminster

There are currently three positions being advertised for Sacred Heart of Mary in Upminster – General Kitchen Assistant, Cleaner and Mid Day Assistant – further details can be found at <https://sacredheartofmary.net/job-vacancies/>

Welcome

We welcome Father Henry Mobela to our Parish this weekend who will be covering for Father Maurice who will be going to Lourdes this Monday and will then be away for a few weeks in August.

Newsletter

This week will be our last parish newsletter until the 3-4th September 2022. Please note that there will a list of Mass intentions at the back of the Church.