

MASS INTENTIONS
Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Saturday 17 th September – Feria	6.30pm	Ann O'Connor (R.I.P)
Sunday 18 th September – Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Rose & John Dique (60 th Wedding Anniv)
	11.00am	Luis Graca (R.I.P)
Monday 19 th September – Feria	9.00am	Ann O'Connor (R.I.P)
Tuesday 20 th September – St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon	9.00am	Helen Ging
Wednesday 21 st September – St Matthew	9.00am	Andrew Turner (Int)
Thursday 22 nd September – Feria	9.00am	Holy Souls
Friday 23 rd September – St Pius of Pietreicina (Padre Pio)	9.00am	Ann O'Connor (R.I.P)
Saturday 24 th September – Our Lady of Walshingham	9.00am	Holy Souls

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Saturday 24 th September – Our Lady of Walshingham	6.30pm	Patrick Cooke (1 st Anniversary)
Sunday 25 th September – Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Anne O'Connor (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Mary Fielder (R.I.P)

Thought for the week (The Kingfisher):

I consider what writers say about the kingfishers, the little birds who build their nests on the beach near the sea. They build it in a circular form and so tightly compressed that the sea water cannot penetrate it... Here these graceful little birds place their young ones, so that when the sea comes upon them by surprise, they can swim with confidence and float on the waves... I want your heart to be like this: well compact and closed on all sides, so that if the worries and storms of the world, the evil spirit, and the flesh come upon it, it will not be penetrated. Leave but one opening to your heart, that is toward heaven... How I love and am enraptured by those little birds. – **St Padre Pio (feast day 23rd of September)**



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17th & 18th September 2022

Materialism, consumerism, and greed are inseparable. They are hallmarks of the decadence which has overwhelmed this civilisation, shifting values away from the attainment of human fulfilment towards the creation of inner impoverishment. They have everything to do with accumulating riches and nothing with finding a meaning and purpose in life.

Money is a great servant, with enormous potential for good but it makes a tyrannical master if allowed to take over a life. Jesus warns us in today's Gospel that money can make a slave out of the possessor. The poor must never be exploited by the rich for the sake of material gain. Money and power need to be put into proper perspective in our lives.

The early Christians understood that those who shared in the breaking of the bread were obliged to share with the needy members of the community.

POINTS FOR REFLECTION THIS WEEK

Possessions can trap and enslave people.
 They are most joyous when they are shared and used to build up communities.
 We are called to remind the world that possessions are to be used in the service of the Gospel.

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, 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, 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, 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

10th & 11th September

Loose
£450.44

Envelopes
£306.40

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.

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.

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

Columban Fathers

On the 24th & 25th September, there will be an appeal on behalf of the Columban Fathers.

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 are available at the back of the Church. These forms will need to be returned to the presbytery by 25th September.

First Holy Communion 2022-2023

Applications are now available at the back of the Church. If your child is in Year 4 or above and you want them to receive Holy Communion, please take an application form and return it by 25th September 2022. There will be a meeting for all of the parents on the 25th of September at 4.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Journey in Faith Programme (RCIA)- Anyone who wishes to know more about the basics of the Faith or is interested in joining the Church is invited to the weekly sessions which commences on Monday 3rd October at 7:30pm in the Presbytery. Any Parishioner who wishes to support this group, is also invited to come along.

Baptism Course: The next Baptism course will take place on 8th October in the Parish Hall at 9am. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School Open Evening

There will be an open evening for September 2023 admissions on Thursday 6th October 200. Tours begin at 6pm and there will be an address by the Head Teacher at 7.30pm. There will only be disabled parking on site – please advise the school in advance if you will need access to this.

Churches Together in Elm Park

There will be an ecumenical dialogue between Rev'd Tom Keighley (St Nicholas Church) and Mgr Roderick Strange (Mater Ecclesiae College, St Mary's University) here at the Parish Centre on Sunday 9th October 2022 at 6.00pm. **John Henry Newman: A Saint for all Christians.** Light refreshments served from 5.30pm – all are welcome.

Vocations Group

The next meeting of the vocations group will be held on the 4th October at 7pm for those who would like to learn more about a possible vocation to the Priesthood. Sessions take place at St Edmund of Canterbury Church, 9 Traps Hill, Loughton, IG10 1AZ. Transport is available from our church it leaves at 6:20pm. Please let Father Maurice know if you are coming thank you.

The Relics of St Bernadette

The relics of St Bernadette will come to our diocese in October. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray with the woman to whom Our Lady chose to appear in Lourdes. Here are the details:

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL, Sunday 16 October, 11 am: Relics of St Bernadette arrive. **11:30 am:** Holy Mass, celebrated by Bp Alan. **6:30 pm:** Holy Mass, led by the Youth Service. **9 pm:** Cathedral closes. **Monday 17 October, 6 am:** Cathedral opens. **9.15 am:** Holy Mass. 12 noon Relics of St Bernadette leave.

It is hoped that our parish will organise a coach to go to Brentwood on the Monday 17th of October for the 9:15am mass. The coach will leave at 8am and return after the mass, this will give people a chance from our parish to be in the presence of the relics of St Bernadette. More information will be provided next week. There will be no 9am mass at St Albans Church on the Monday 17th of October.