

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**

Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> September – Feria	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> September – <b>Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	Alan Palmer (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Helen Byrne & Family
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September– Feria	9.00am	Rachel Miranda (Birthday Thanksgiving)
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September – <b>St John Chrysostom</b>	9.00am	Josie & John Byrne & Family
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September – <b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>	9.00am	Mary Picton (R.I.P)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September – <b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b>	9.00am	Ann O'Connor (R.I.P)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September – <b>Ss Cornelius &amp; Cyprian</b>	9.00am	Brigid Barulis (R.I.P)
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> September – Feria	9.00am	Redmond & Mary Keogh (R.I.P)

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Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> September – Feria	6.30pm	Ann O'Connor (R.I.P)
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> September – <b>Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	Rose & John Dique (60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv)
	11.00am	Luis Graca (R.I.P)

**Bishop Alan's statement on the death of Queen Elizabeth:** I am greatly saddened to hear the news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. I pray for the repose of her soul and for all the members of the Royal Family at this time of sorrow. On 21<sup>st</sup> April 1947, her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, in a speech broadcast on the radio from Cape Town, the Then Princess Elizabeth dedicated her life to service of the commonwealth saying, "I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong". We give thanks for that lifetime of service to our country and for her leadership of the Church of England during her 70 years reign. The celebrations we witnessed earlier this year for her Platinum Jubilee show how much love and respect people had for her. She will be remembered for her dedication, strength, warmth, and her pride on our country. She was a woman of faith and a wonderful example of Christian discipleship. May this good and faithful servant Rest in the Peace of the Risen Lord.



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**Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**  
**10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Today we have heard again what is perhaps the most well-known parable in the Gospel – the Parable of the Prodigal Son. The behaviour of the wayward son and his jealous brother, and the compassionate response of the father can help us identify areas in our lives where change is needed. At times all of us resemble one or other of the sons. The prodigal son, after squandering his inheritance in a life of sin, finds himself in a distant country, completely empty. He comes to his senses and returns home. He expected punishment and was willing to work as a slave, but the father takes pity on him and celebrates his return. For us too, no matter where we have been, and how we have sinned, once we return to God, we come face to face with His overwhelming mercy. The second son, though obedient to his father, and dutiful in carrying out his work, had become hard-hearted, and couldn't accept his father's joy when his brother returned. We too can become envious when we feel forgotten and unappreciated, and when we witness someone else getting the limelight and being appreciated. But the father reassures him, 'my son, you are with me always and all I have is yours.' At different times in our lives, we have all played the part of these two brothers. But the goal of our lives is actually to become more and more like the father. The father loves both of his sons equally and demonstrates his generosity by going out to meet each of his sons in their need and welcoming them back with heartfelt joy. Every Christian must imitate that example. In all the relationships of our lives, especially the difficult ones, the challenge of Christianity is to love like the Father.

*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 Morriseon, 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**  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> September

Loose  
£401.95

Envelopes  
£340.10

**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](mailto:stalbanstoddler@yahoo.com)

**Columban Fathers**

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

**Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the soul of Raymond Monie whose Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 1pm. 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 are available at the back of the Church. These forms will need to be returned to the presbytery by 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022. There will be a meeting for all of the parents on the 25<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> October in the Parish Hall at 9am. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

**Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages**

**Help Your Marriage –** Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 13 - 16 October 2022 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School Open Evening**

There will be an open evening for September 2023 admissions on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.