

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

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> October – <b>St Therese of the Child Jesus</b>	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	9.00am	Temi And Raphael Akinwumi (Birthday thanksgiving)
	11.00am	Seamus Herbert (INT)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October – Feria	9.00am	Angela Walsh (Get well)
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October – <b>St Francis of Assisi</b>	9.00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October - Feria	9.00am	Christy Tomy Family (thanksgiving)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October - Feria	9.00am	Holy Souls
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October – <b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b>	9.00am	Celia Desmond (R.I.P)
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> October – <b>St Osyth</b>	9.00am	Special Intentions (Thanksgiving to Mary)

**Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**

Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	6.30pm	Ann O'Connor (R.I.P)
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am	Ann O'Connor (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Mary Fielder (R.I.P) Tony Eastman (R.I.P)

**October is the month dedicated to Mary; we will be having rosary in the Peace Garden every evening at 5pm.**

**Reflection this week:** At first and obvious objection is that the Rosary, with its recitation of the Hail Mary ten times in each mystery, is repetitive. No one can deny this fact. But it then becomes a matter of the intention with which the prayers are said. Do not people in love repeat the same words to one another over and over again? "I love you", "I love you too". They do not get tired of saying the same thing nor do they tire of hearing it. It's a matter of love. For those in love with Jesus or Mary, to repeat words like "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee", or "blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus" over and over again simply expresses a desire of the heart. Pope John Paul I once mentioned in an article: I once saw a lady on a train who put her baby to sleep in a baggage holder (a net above the seat). When the little one woke up, he saw, from above, his mother sitting facing him, so that she could watch over him. "Mamma" he would say to her. "Darling" she replied, and for a long time the dialogue between the two did not change. "Mamma" from above, "Darling", from below. There was no need for other words.



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**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022**

Our Faith is like a tiny mustard seed, and it needs time to grow. The following story might help us to understand the Gospel story: Two people were returning to their home in a far-off island. One noticed a little grain of corn at his feet. If this was a sackful said one, it might be of some use, and threw it away. But the other person picked it up and put it in his pocket. When they reached their island home this person sowed the seed. Growing into a plant the seed yielded a tiny crop. They re-sowed the seed and the next time the crop filled a cup. The continual re-sowing of the seed was the means of introducing corn to the island.

So, we must nurture and cultivate the seed of faith in our individual lives. We must not allow the seed to be choked by materialism. It is not easy and so we require Christ's help because we must never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord. We have his Spirit with us and so we can rely on his power. Small faith produces big results. Such results often show itself in very ordinary ways. In his parable about the master and servant Jesus draws on images of ordinary working life: the toil, tenacity and vigilance involved in a day's ploughing or minding animals, the humility of recognising that we are servants not masters.

**Prayer:**

God our Saviour, in Christ you have blessed us with the Spirit of power, love and self-control. Hear our prayers and increase our faith in the goodness of your gifts and your providence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*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**

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> September

**Loose**

£550.54

**Envelopes**

£293.00

**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**

On 23 September 2022, at 11:41am, thousands of people across the UK stopped for a minute of silence to commemorate the ten million lives that have been lost to abortion across Great Britain since the Abortion Act was introduced in 1967. Right To Life UK have released a short two-minute video called The Ten Million, which attempts to illustrate what the UK has lost through the death of these millions of people. They are encouraging people to share the video with friends and family who may find it of interest:

[www.righttolife.org.uk/thetenmillion](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/thetenmillion). "We pray for all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities, we pray for protection for them and their mothers from the pressures of society to have an abortion, and that they would instead experience overwhelming support by all who surround them. Lord hears us."

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

**Confirmation 2022/2023**

The Confirmation course for 2022/2023 will begin soon, it is open to young people from Year 10 upwards. Application forms are available at the back of the Church. The first session will take place next Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm in the Parish Hall. Please be on time.

**First Holy Communion 2022-2023**

The next session for the first Holy communion will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. Parents will meet in the church and the children will meet 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 this 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.

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

There will be an open evening for September 2023 admissions next Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022. 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 next Sunday evening 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 this Tuesday 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. 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.

***Our parish has organised a coach to go to Brentwood on the Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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. There will be no 9am Mass at St Albans Church on the Monday 17<sup>th</sup> of October.***

**Secondary Schools Application forms**

Father Maurice will be available to sign Secondary Schools Application forms next Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup> from 5pm until 7pm and on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> from 6pm till 7pm. These are the only times that he will be available to sign these forms.

**R.I.P**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gerald Kennedy who died recently. His Requiem Mass will be held next Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 10:30am. May he rest in peace.

**Website:**

Recently we have been updating our website. Last May we had the procession in Honour of Our Lady, one of our parishioners did a little video of it and we would like to put it on the website through YouTube if anybody has any objections, please let Father Maurice know. Thank you.