

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

Saturday 24 th September – Feria	6.30pm	Patrick Cooke (1 st Anniversary)
Sunday 25 th September – Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Anne O'Connor (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Mary Fielder (R.I.P)
Monday 26 th September– Feria	9.00am	Brigid Barulis (R.I.P)
Tuesday 27 th September – St Vincent de Paul	9.00am	Helen Foley (R.I.P)
Wednesday 28 th September – Feria	9.00am	Martina Collins (R.I.P)
Thursday 29 th September – SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	9.00am	Kerry Higgins (R.I.P)
Friday 30 th September – St Jerome	9.00am	Michael Moran (R.I.P)
Saturday 1 st October – St Therese of the Child Jesus	9.00am	Fred Onodu (R.I.P)

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Thought for the week

“A group of people sat around debating good and bad memories. As a result of the discussion, an impromptu contest began, to test their memories. One young man, with some artistic talent and training in voice production, recited Psalm 23, ‘The Lord is my Shepherd’. His rendition was very very effective, and it drew thunderous applause, so he had to recite the Psalm a second and third time. The second ‘contestant’ was an elderly man, over in the corner. He was rather stooped, and it was difficult to hear every word as he, too, recited ‘The Lord is my Shepherd’. When he finished, there was total silence in the room. Something strange had happened. Unconsciously, many people felt a sense of inner stirring, and a few began to whisper a quiet prayer. The young man who had recited the Psalm first time round, stood up and explained the different reception to the two recitals of the same Psalm. ‘I know the Psalm’, he said, ‘but it is obvious that old man knows the Shepherd’.” (Fr Jack McArdle)



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24th & 25th September 2022

Today's reading continues the instruction on the obligation to use wealth to help the needy. The emphasis in this story is on the retribution that is in store for the self-indulgent rich. This is the only parable of Jesus which gives a name to a character in the story. His special love for the poor moved him to name the poor man Lazarus, meaning God-has-helped.

The problems of world injustice are massive, complex and apparently intractable. As individuals, what can we do? Firstly, acknowledge that these are religious questions. To ignore them is to ignore God and to live a practical atheism. Secondly, we need not only to inform ourselves and our parishes about poverty in our own country and abroad, but befriend some of its victims.

PRAYER

God, create a clean and compassionate heart within us. Deliver us from all deviousness, so that we can face the plight of the poor at home and abroad and facing it, work together to put right the structures and attitudes which keep Dives feasting while Lazarus starves. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

This weekend we welcome Father Pat O'Beirne who will be making an appeal on behalf of the Missionary Society of St Columban

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

17th & 18th September

Loose
£500.21

Envelopes
£323.32

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

Today we celebrate International Daughters Day. We bring to mind all daughters currently developing in the womb. That they would be loved and protected at all costs, and that they would all be given the opportunity to experience life outside the womb.

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

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.

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.

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.

Secondary Schools Application forms

Father Maurice will be available to sign Secondary Schools Application forms on October 9th from 5pm until 7pm and Monday 10th from 6pm til 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 on Wednesday 5th October at 10:30am. May he rest in peace.