

MASS INTENTIONS

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

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| Saturday 22 nd October | 6.30pm | Barbara Carter (R.I.P) |
| Sunday 23 rd October – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9.00am | People of the Parish |
| | 11.00am | David Evans (R.I.P) |
| Monday 24 th October – Feria | 9.00am | Bridie O'Donoghue (R.I.P) |
| Tuesday 25 th October – Feria | 9.00am | Christina Mary Barrett (R.I.P) |
| Wednesday 26 th October – St Cedd | 9.00am | Bill Shorey (R.I.P) |
| Thursday 27 th October – Feria | 9.00am | Holy Souls |
| Friday 28 th October – SS Simon & Jude | 9.00am | Barbara Carter (R.I.P) |
| Saturday 29 th October – Feria | 9.00am | Alfredo Canlas (R.I.P) |

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

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| Saturday 29 th October | 6.30pm | Shekin & Nidhia Babu (Int) |
| Sunday 30 th October – Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9.00am | People of the Parish |
| | 11.00am | John Moody (R.I.P) |

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

Reflection for the week:

The great danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures and a blunted conscience. Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt and the desire to do good fades. This is a very real danger for believers too. Many falls prey to it, and end up resentful, angry and listless. That is no way to live a dignified and fulfilled life; it is not God's will for us, nor is it the life of the Spirit which has its source in the heart of the Risen Christ. – **Pope Francis (Apostolic Exhortation, Evangelii Gaudium 2013)**



ST ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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22nd and 23rd October 2022

Last Sunday's readings were about our need to pray continually. Today's Readings are again about prayer – how to pray, how not to pray and the fruits of true prayer. The Gospel tells of the Pharisee and the tax collector going to the Temple to pray. One is proud, the other humble. The prayer of the first goes unheard, the prayer of the second wins salvation. There is something of the proud Pharisee in all of us. The tax collector's prayer is 'Lord, be merciful to me a sinner' In saying this he was simply being realistic and honest.

Having an honest acceptance of ourselves and others is not easy. It is so much easier to puff ourselves up in an effort to pretend that we are something different and wholly better than we are, or to go to the other extreme and suffer painful insecurity of thinking ourselves worthless, valueless and unlovable. Both are connected in some way with being unable to recognise our true value and worth. The solution is not easy. But we can be freed from both pride and a sense of worthlessness by fostering an attitude of true humility in which we can be honest and gentle with ourselves as with others and turn to God with open hearts and minds.

POINTS FOR REFLECTION

- Think of the times you have either thought too much or too little of yourself or of other people.
- Do something to try to build up someone's confidence in themselves.
- Try to offer to God in honesty and faith, any aspects of your life that are troubling you.

*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 Kiparissi, Mary Lynes, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Gladys McQuaid, Matthew Milnar, John Morriseon, 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 | Loose | Envelopes |
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| 15 th & 16 th October | £525.94 | £336.10 |

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.

St John's RC Special School, Woodford Bridge: is recruiting for a Head Cook.

Previous experience essential, hours 8am-2.30pm Monday to Friday term time only for a job description and application form please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk Successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk

Right to Life:

Yesterday, we celebrated the feast of Pope St John Paul II, patron saint of the pro-life movement. We ask for his intercession as we, the church, seek to support all pregnant mothers through their pregnancies, and that, like him, we would become models of support and charity to all in society.

Good Counsel Network: There have now been over ten million abortions in Great Britain since the Abortion Act was passed 55 years ago, on 27th October 1967. On this terrible anniversary please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. On Thursday 27th October please go to Mass, say an extra Rosary and give up some food for the day. Share this with your friends on Facebook, www.facebook.com/events/445182234149350/

Confirmation 2022/2023

Next Confirmation session will take place on the 5th of November at 4pm.

First Holy Communion 2022-2023

The next session for the first Holy communion will be on the 17th November 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 takes place on Mondays at 7:30pm in the Presbytery. Any Parishioner who wishes to support this group, is also invited to come along. Because of half-term we will not meet for this week. From Monday the 31st of October we will meet as normal.

Nigerian Mass:

There is a Nigerian Mass every first Sunday of the Month in our parish. The next monthly Mass will take place on the 6th of November at 2pm. All are welcome.

London Marathon 2023

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has a number of Gold Bond Charity places for runners in the LONDON MARATHON taking place on SUNDAY 23rd April 2023. If you are an experienced runner or someone who would value the opportunity to participate in this renowned event please contact Damian Dillon for further details on 07912 308000 / ddillon@bccs.org.uk.

Youth Mass & David Wells

The BCYS are pleased to welcome David Wells to the November Youth Mass being held at 6pm on Thursday 3rd November at Brentwood Cathedral. David is a celebrated Catholic motivational speaker and writer. He is engaging and funny, often drawing on his experiences to help guide and inspire others. He offers words of encouragement and affirmation for young people and those working with them. The evening will begin at 6pm with refreshments in parish hall, before David leads the input focused around discernment at 6.30pm. Mass will then be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7.30pm. Youth Mass is suitable for those in Yr9 and above.

Calais Light Calais Light is calling YOU to join them on their refugee convoys to Calais. Age 18+. Nov 18-20 and Dec 9-11 Experienced Continental drivers are extra welcome. A promised weekend of fun and fulfilment is guaranteed. Volunteer & really help refugees. Full details and bookings at www.calaislight.com. Can't make the trip? Please donate at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/6n9sg-calais-light>

Half Term Holidays

We wish the pupils, their families and all of the staff at our school St Albans Primary school a restful and blessed half term break. School returns on Monday 31st October.

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