

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**

Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	6.30pm	Shekin & Nidhia Babu (Int)
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> October – <b>Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	People of the Parish
	11.00am	John Moody (R.I.P)
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October – Feria	9.00am	Holy Souls
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November – <b>All Saints</b>	9.00am	Des Brewty (R.I.P)
	7.30pm	Holy Souls
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November – <b>All Souls</b>	9.00am	Tim Murnane (R.I.P)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November – Feria	9.00am	Bruno D’Souza (R.I.P)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November – <b>St Charles Borromeo</b>	9.00am	Sr. Jacinta (R.I.P)
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> November – Feria	9.00am	Maud Butcher (R.I.P)

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Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	6.30pm	Chris Cullinan (R.I.P)
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> November – <b>Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Deceased family members of R & S Rodrigues

**Reflection for the week:**

Prayer is the strength of the Christian and of every person who believes. In the weakness and frailty of our lives, we can turn to God with the confidence of children and enter into communion with him. In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and harden our hearts, we are called to dive into the sea of prayer, which is the sea of God’s boundless love, to taste his tenderness. – **Pope Francis**

We celebrate the feast of All Saints on Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of November it’s a Holy day of obligations. November is the month of the Holy Souls. If you wish to offer prayers for the repose of the souls of your loved ones, please put their names on the paper at the back of the Church and put them into the November list box. The box will be placed at the foot of the Altar and all the faithful departed will be prayed for in all the Masses during the month. May they Rest in Peace.



**ST ALBAN’S PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
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**Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**  
**29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, we are invited to consider the attraction of salvation, and the need for repentance. The First Reading deals with God’s mercy and this spirit of forgiveness and considers correcting people little by little, while the gospel focuses on repentance and salvation in a dramatic scene.

Jesus befriends Zaccheus. Through Jesus, God is revealed as seeking out and saving the outcasts. No person, no situation, is beyond redemption, is beyond hope, is beyond life. What seems hopeless is not beyond God’s power. ‘For the son of man has come to seek out and save what was lost’.

Tuesday is the start of November, the month when we pray for all of our departed parishioners and loved ones. What’s the point of praying for the dead? We believe in the principal of the Mystical Body of Christ; that we are all united as parts of one body. And just as the hand can relieve the irritation of the eye so the prayers and sacrifices of one person can benefit all of the members of the body. Our prayers and sacrifices can be intended specifically for certain people. Praying for the dead is the extension of the principle of helping one another beyond the grave. November’s dying reminds us that each of us will surely die. But do we live each day with that knowledge?

*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**

22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> October

**Loose**

£495.12

**Envelopes**

£ 345.00

**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.

**BCYS Summer Lourdes 2023**

Applications are now open for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023! The week is spent travelling alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage to assist the elderly and infirm, and for those travelling with the BCYS, the week will also include a retreat, reconciliation service, the chance to visit the baths, a trip to a UNESCO World Heritage site, social nights and party as well as experiencing the Lourdes Torchlight Procession and Blessed Sacrament Procession. Open to anyone in school year 10 and above, all information and details on how to apply can be found at [www.bcys.net/events/sl23](http://www.bcys.net/events/sl23)

**Parish Young People's Lourdes Group**

There will be a meeting this Wednesday at 7pm at the Presbytery for the Parish Young People's Lourdes Group.

**Confirmation 2022/2023**

Next Confirmation session will take place next Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> of November at 4pm.

**First Holy Communion 2022-2023**

The next session for the first Holy communion will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Nigerian Mass:**

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

**School & Christmas Bazaar – 26<sup>th</sup> November 12-4.00pm**

We are planning another joint Christmas Bazaar with both the school and the Church on the 26<sup>th</sup> November from 12-4pm.

**Youth Mass & David Wells**

The BCYS are pleased to welcome David Wells to the November Youth Mass being held at 6pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.calaislight.com). Can't make the trip? Please donate at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/6n9sg-calais-light>

**Altar Servers Training:**

The first training session for the altar servers will be on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2022 from 4-6pm.

**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)

**Right to Life:**

As we celebrate all Saints, and their lived examples of loving and supporting the most vulnerable in society, we pray for the courage to follow in their footsteps, by supporting the poor, the helpless and the unborn.