

MASS INTENTIONS
Our Lord Jesus Christ the King (Year C)

Saturday 19 th November – Our Lord Jesus Christ the King	6.30pm	Maria Thomas (Int)
Sunday 20 th November – Our Lord Jesus Christ the King	9.00am	Eileen Monie (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Sayer, McMahin & Connolly Family Intentions
Monday 21 st November – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00am	No Mass
	10am	Requiem Mass for Teresa Carty
Tuesday 22 nd November – St Cecilia	9.00am	Helen Ging
Wednesday 23 rd November – Feria	9.00am	Grace Egboh (Thanksgiving)
Thursday 24 th November – St Andrew Dung-Lac	9.00am	Patrick Dennehy (R.I.P)
Friday 25 th November – Feria	9.00am	Rita Mill (R.I.P)
Saturday 26 th November – Feria	9.00am	Canon Maurice Gordon
First Sunday of Advent (Year A)		
Saturday 26 th November – First Sunday of Advent	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 27 th November – First Sunday of Advent	9.00am	James Driver (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Jean Smith (R.I.P)

Reflections for the week:

We are troubled by the growing gap between rich and poor in our societies. We see signs of idolatry of wealth, power and pleasure that come at a high cost to human lives. Closer to home, so many of our friends and contemporaries, even if surrounded by immense material prosperity, suffer from spiritual poverty, loneliness and quiet despair. It is as if God has been left out of the picture entirely. It is as if a spiritual desert were spreading through the world. It affects the young, robbing them of hope and, in all too many cases, of life itself. And yet this is the world into which you have been called to go forth and bear witness to the gospel of hope, the gospel of Jesus Christ and the promise of his Kingdom. – **Pope Francis**



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Our Lord Jesus Christ the King (Year C)
19th & 20th November 2022

Today we are celebrating a feast to honour our Lord Jesus Christ, King and centre of all hearts. He will come in glory to judge the living and the dead and of his Kingdom there will be no end.

Meantime we subject ourselves to his rule and help to build his kingdom here on earth, that is what we are doing now, we should do this collectively, as members of the Church and also individually. Christ wants us to be messengers of his love to others but especially to the poor and the needy. What kind of messenger am I?

Prayer:

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us your Son, the beloved one who was rejected, the Saviour who appeared defeated. Yet the mystery of his kingship illumines our lives. Show us in his death the victory that crowns the ages, and in his broken body the love that unites heaven and earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

This weekend, the Church across the whole world is celebrating young people, the theme chosen by Pope Francis is 'Rise Up!' linking with the theme for the World Youth Day next year. 'Mary arose and went with haste' (Lk 1:39) He is encouraging young people to 'arise' and encounter the **Risen Christ**. This Parish has set up a Lourdes Young Peoples group who hope to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes on the 24th-29th July 2023. This Sunday they will make the appeal on behalf of Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. Please support them.

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

12th & 13th November

Loose

£647.35

Envelopes

£335.26

Rest In Peace:

The funeral of Teresa Bridgett Carty will take place this Monday, 21st November at 10am. May she Rest in Peace.

World Youth Day

There will be a second collection this week on behalf of World Youth Day.

School Reception Forms for September 2023:

Father Maurice will be available to sign school forms next Sunday 27th November from 5pm-7pm and again on Monday 28th November from 6-7pm. These are the only dates Father will be available to sign these forms.

Confirmation 2022/2023:

Next Confirmation session will take place on Saturday 3rd of December at 4pm.

First Holy Communion 2022-2023:

The next session for the first Holy communion will be on this Thursday 1st December at 7pm. Parents will meet in the church and the children will meet in the Parish Hall.

Altar Servers Training:

The next training session for the altar servers will be held on Saturday the 10th of December 2022 from 4-6pm.

THE ADVENT LECTIONARY:

On Wednesday 23rd November from 7 pm there will be an in-person Faith Talk at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH). Fr Adrian Graffy will speak about the Advent lectionary, and present the website pages on www.whatgoodnews.org

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. This Monday there is no meeting, but we will resume the next Monday the 21st November at 7:30pm.

Nigerian Mass:

There is a Nigerian Mass every first Sunday of the Month in our parish. The next monthly Mass will take place on Sunday the 4th of December at 2pm. All are welcome.

Christmas Bazaar:

The annual school/parish bazaar will take place next weekend on Saturday 26th November from 12 -3pm in St Albans school hall. It will be a wonderful opportunity for the school and the parish to come together for a fun day with lots of stalls and activities. There will be a variety of stalls such as cakes, sweets, bottle tombola, repository, toys, books and DVDs. There will be lots of fun things to do such as arts and crafts, cake decorating, hair braiding and temporary tattoos. Food and drink will also be sold to sustain us throughout the day. Father Christmas will be joining us for the day. We hope that both parents and parishioners will be able to join us on that day. If you are able to help with any donations for the bazaar, we are in need of bottles of drink, canned goods, new/nearly new toys, toiletries and anything we could offer as raffle prizes. Boxes will be at the back of the church for any donations to be left in. Please note that there will not be a 'jumble' type stall so please do not leave unwanted items in the box.

Right to Life:

We pray for the families and friends of pregnant women. That they would recognise their responsibility to care for the mother and child, and that they would shower them with love and support through the journey of pregnancy and beyond.

Baptism Course: The next Baptism course will take place on Saturday the 10th of December in the Parish Hall at 9am. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

50th Anniversary Mass:

Bishop Alan will be coming to celebrate Mass at St Albans to mark the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the school. This Mass will take place at 11:30 on 30th November. We welcome past members of staff and past pupils to join us in celebrating Mass on that day.

We invite you to join our parish choir

Our Parish Choir that sings at 9.00 am Mass every Sunday needs new singers to join in and add strength to its singing. We invite and welcome parishioners of any age - female or male - who would be interested in becoming part of the Choir, to please contact the Choir Leader Nigel D'Souza after the 9.00 am Mass on Sunday, to express your interest and find out more about the commitment you need to make, and how you could contribute to making the Mass more meaningful through praising our Lord in song. Alternately, you could also give Nigel a call on 07904900815 and have a discussion with him.

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