

MASS INTENTIONS
Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Saturday 12 th November – Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Neil Nagle (R.I.P)
Sunday 13 th November – Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Alan Palmer (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Cecilia Desmond (R.I.P)
Monday 14 th November – Feria	9.00am	Jim Lynch (R.I.P)
Tuesday 15 th November – Feria	9.00am	Henry Aylett (R.I.P)
Wednesday 16 th November – St Edmund of Abingdon	9.00am	Carmen & Bernard Fernandes (R.I.P)
Thursday 17 th November – Feria	9.00am	Zoe Rodwell (R.I.P) and Dean Low (R.I.P)
Friday 18 th November – Feria	9.00am	Frank Langan
Saturday 19 th November – Feria	9.00am	Emilia Anene (Int)

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King (Year C)

Saturday 19 th November	6.30pm	Maria Thomas (Int)
Sunday 20 th November – Our Lord Jesus Christ the King (Year C)	9.00am	Eileen Monie (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Sayer, McMahon & Connolly Families (Int)

Reflections for the week:

I have often asked myself why God has preferences, and doesn't give all souls an equal amount of grace... But Jesus graciously explained the mystery to me. He showed me the book of nature. Then I understood that every flower he has made is beautiful: how the rose's brilliance and the lily's whiteness don't reduce the little violet's perfume or the daisy's lovely simplicity. I saw that if all the lesser flowers wanted to be roses, nature would lose its springtime beauty, and the fields would no longer be patterned with the hues of little flowers. It is the same in the world of souls, which is Jesus' Garden. He wanted to make great saints who may be compared to lilies and roses, but he has also created lesser ones; and these lesser ones must be content to rank as daisies and violets, flower at his feet and gladden his eyes when he looks at them, for perfection means doing his will, being what he wants us to be. – **St Therese of Lisieux**



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12th & 13th November 2022

The kind of world Christ described sounds awfully familiar, exactly like the one we live in! Wars, revolutions, persecution of Christians.... It is surely comforting to know that Christ foresaw all this. We should not get dismayed then by it all. Let us never forget or be ashamed of what we are – his disciples. Of all the tragedies that could happen to us, betrayal of Christ would be the most serious. But perhaps the greatest threat is not that we might become victims of the real evil, as that we might simply vanish into the crowd and so lose our identity and sense of mission as Christians. Then the salt would have lost its saltiness. 'The greatest temptation of modern man is escape into the great formless sea of irresponsibility which is the crowd' (Thomas Merton).

We are not to think that we are better than others or superior to them. We are exposed to the same germs of evil as all others. But if we are genuine followers of Christ, we must in some way be different. We must be 'in the world but not of the world'. We are followers of Christ. We must try to be true to that. Then in the midst of a chaotic world we will be messengers of hope and bearers of light. Above all, we will be witnesses to his truth. 'All situations in the world are good places in which to make saints, so long as the persons in them show that they are not in agreement with sin' (Oscar Romero).

Prayer:

Lord God of all the ages, the One who is, who was, and who is to come, stir up within us a longing for your Kingdom, steady our hearts in time of trial, and grant us patient endurance until the sun of justice dawns. We make our prayer 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

5th & 6th November

Loose

£542.77

Envelopes

£425.50

Rest In Peace:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Teresa Bridgett Carty who died recently. Her funeral arrangements will be announced later. May she Rest in Peace.

World Youth Day

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

School Reception Forms for September 2023:

Father Maurice will be available to sign school forms on 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 17th November 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 next Saturday the 19th of November 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 this Sunday the 4th of December at 2pm. All are welcome.

Christmas Bazaar:

The annual school/parish bazaar will take place 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 any thing 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:

Today we mark World Day of the Poor. We pray especially for all pregnant women who, due to financial struggles, feel pressured into having an abortion. We pray that, as a society, we would seek to provide a better system of care and aid for these women, enabling them to continue with their pregnancies and raise their children

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.

St Albans School – Class Teacher Vacancy:

Reception class teacher required for Spring and Summer term 2023 for three days a week at St Albans Catholic Primary School Hornchurch. Visits are welcome. Please email the school at contact@st-albans.havering.sch.uk for more details and application form. Deadline for applications: **3:30 pm on Friday 18th November 2022.**

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.