

MASS INTENTIONS
Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

Saturday 18 th March – Fourth Sunday of Lent	6.30pm	Jack Fadden (R.I.P)
Sunday 19 th March – Fourth Sunday of Lent	9.00am	Alma O’Sullivan (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Robin Brown (R.I.P)
Monday 20 th March – St Joseph	9.00am	Brigid McDonagh
Tuesday 21 st March – Feria	9.00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 22 nd March – Feria	9.00am	Claudia Onodu
Thursday 23 rd March – Feria	9.00am	Elizabeth Smith (INT)
Friday 24 th March – Feria	9.00am	Pam Zammit
Saturday 25 th March – The Annunciation of the Lord	9.00am	Thomas Megoran (R.I.P)

Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)

Saturday 25 th March – Fifth Sunday of Lent	6.30pm	Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)
Sunday 26 th March- Fifth Sunday of Lent	9.00am	Frances Seamen (R.I.P)
	11.00am	James Driver (R.I.P)

Reflection for the Week:

Over 285 million people around the world are visually impaired; 39 million of them are blind. Globally, around 1.4 million children under the age of 15 are blind. Everyday 100 people in the UK start to lose their sight. In the UK 86 per cent of people value their sight above any other sense. We support and pray for our blind or visually impaired brothers and sisters. However, we all suffer from a spiritual blindness and live in the shadows and darkness. Lord, remove the scales from my eyes that I may walk more clearly in the light of Christ.

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will take place at St Albans next Friday the 24th of March. All are welcome.



ST ALBAN’S PARISH NEWSLETTER
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Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A)
18th & 19th March 2023

Dear Friends,

As we approach the half-way mark in our Lenten season it is a time to review Lenten resolutions and to ask if our lives are joyful responses to God’s love. Is his love finding expression in the way we live? What are we doing to bring the love of God into the lives of our friends? Lent is a call to step out of the ways of darkness into the light of Christ’s love.

Today is Mother’s Day. Our prayers and best wishes go out to all Mums, past and present. Thank you all for being you. May Mary, our Heavenly mother, be with you all.

PRAYER FOR ALL MOTHERS:

Lord, through our mothers we have received from you the wonderful gift of life. May all mothers be blessed for their special place in your plan of salvation. We thank you for the gift of our mothers. Be good to them, Lord, and grant them the grace of your eternal love. **Amen**

***Take care, God bless,
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, Rose Cahill, John Carty, Sarah Content, Maureen Daly, Katherine Day, 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 Hedde, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Jenny Jones, Julia Joseph, Kathleen Kavanagh, Francesca Kelly, Baby Stephen Kelly, Vicky Loik, Mary Lynes, Amaogechi Mbanu, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Gladys McQuaid, Matthew Milnar, John Morrison, Jim Nolan, Brian Nash, Iivan Opoku-Agyemang, Baby Teegan Oakley, Cecilia O'Connor, Vincent Okolo, Dean Partleton, Teresa Pitman, Michelle Pointer, Baby Teddy Rands, Jennie Reddy, Rosetta Reehill, Dorothy Ryan, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Elizabeth Smith, Alan Stokes, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, Charles Stimpson, Crystal Stimpson, Julia Thomas, Theresa Wiseman, Elizabeth Wyles, Theresa Carty, Jay Spencer, 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:

11th & 12th March

Loose

£614.04

Envelopes

£405.08

First Holy Communion 2022-2023:

The next session for the first Holy Communion will be this Thursday 23rd March 2023 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 take place on Mondays at 7:30pm in the Presbytery. Any Parishioner who wishes to support this group, is also invited to come along.

Confirmation 2022/2023:

The next Confirmation session will take place on Saturday 1st April at 4pm.

Baptism Course: The next Baptism course will take place on Saturday the 15th of April 2023 in the Parish Hall at 9am. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023

The annual diocesan pilgrimage led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Monday 24th Saturday 29th July. All are welcome, including those who need assistance. Details regarding booking will follow soon.

Right to Life

As we reach the midpoint of Lent, today, and as we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, tomorrow, let us pray for all fathers, that, through their example, they may demonstrate the loving provision and compassion of Almighty God to their children.

Pastoral Care

If anybody is going into hospital and would like pastoral care, please contact Helen Miranda on 01708 477890

60 years of Campion – Musical Celebration

A musical celebration is being held on Wednesday 22nd March at 7.30pm. Music performed by past and current students including, Nessun Dorma sung by the renowned tenor, Rob Murray who is currently performing at the Vienna Opera House. Tickets are £10 per ticket, £5 for children. Contact 01708 452332 for tickets.

Gidea Park Talk On The Holy Eucharist

On Wednesday 22nd March at 7 pm in the church hall at Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and Member of the Pope's Biblical Commission, will speak about the Eucharist. The talk, entitled "*Do this in memory of me*", will examine the New Testament material, and trace the understanding of the Eucharist through the centuries, including the latest teaching of Pope Francis. This talk is in person, and can also be followed live stream by going to www.whatgoodnews.org

Diocese of Brentwood - Foundation Governor Vacancies

Vacancies for Foundation Governors have arisen at a number of Catholic schools across the Diocese and expressions of interests are being sought from practising committed Catholics for the ministry. The term of office is for four years from the date of appointment. Foundation Governors are personally appointed by the Bishop to Diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole. Our schools would benefit from people with a range of skills and experiences including Finance, Education, Special Needs, Legal and Administration. Anyone interested in the role and mission of Foundation Governor should not be put off by a lack of experience. Appropriate training is available during the period of service. If you are interested in becoming Foundation Governor please email your expression of interest to victoriabarnes@dioceseofbrentwood.org or call Victoria on Telephone: (01277) 265284

Job Vacancies

St Alban's Primary School are looking to appoint an experienced or qualified teacher to join our school from 1st of September 2023. The deadline for the application is 12pm (noon) on Friday 31st April 2023. Further information can be found on the school's website: www.stalbansschool.net

The Ursuline Academy Ilford are advertising for an Assistant Headteacher – SENDCo and Inclusion. Start: September 2023, Closing Date: noon, Friday 24 March 2023. For further information please visit: uai.org.uk/about/vacancies

The Divine Mercy Apostolate:

There is a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat on Saturday 25th of March from 1:30pm – 4:30pm at St Mary Mother of God, 213 Hornchurch Road, Hornchurch, RM12 4TF. All are welcome.