

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)**

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May – <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	6.30pm	Linda Dwyer (R.I.P)
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May – <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	9.00am	Bill Paternoster (R.I.P)
	11.00am	John Stewart
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May– Feria	9.00am	Arun Jose (R.I.P)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May– Feria	9.00am	Onodu Family
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May– Feria	9.00am	Mgs Peter Wilson (R.I.P)
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May– Feria	9.00am	Edgar Azores (R.I.P)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May – <b>St John Houghton</b>	9.00am	Christine Johnson (R.I.P)
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> May– <b>St Erconwald</b>	9.00am	Ellen Stewart

**Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)**

Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> May – <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	6.30pm	Josie Nolan
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May – <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	9.00am	Anne Palmer (Ints)
	11.00am	Margaret O’Leary

**Reflection for the Week:**

The Resurrection has power to transform our lives. The more we accept it’s truth, its reality, the greater will be the change in our attitudes towards God and in our view of the world in which we live. Sin and death did not triumph over Jesus Christ; indeed, they could not, for the man Jesus Christ was also God. When one day we shall see God as he truly is, we shall understand the riches and fullness of life itself with all its wonder and all its beauty. We shall realise too that perfection and the origin of all love is in him. These things lie beyond us now; they are beyond our understanding. But we can see enough to know that life and love in Jesus Christ could not possibly be extinguished, could not be defeated. With him, they would, so to speak, rise again and become then his gift to us. – **Cardinal Basil Hume**



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**Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A)**  
**6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2023**

Dear Friends,

We congratulate our 22 children who will be receiving Our Lord for the first time at the 11.00am Mass this weekend. In the Eucharist, Christ gives us the most perfect and most intimate form of communion between God and man. The most basic need of each of us is food and love. Holy Communion is both of these. Today, 22 of our children and 20 more next week, will receive this food and love for the first time.

As we share their happiness, we thank their parents for bringing them to this joyful step along the journey of faith. We also thank the catechists, the teachers at St Alban’s and the people of the parish as you have all helped in various ways in leading them to this their special day and you too, still have a care for their future growth in the faith.

**PARENTS COMMUNION PRAYER FOR THEIR CHILDREN**

Dear Father in Heaven, here are our children. We give them to you.

Reach out and touch them, with the finger of your love, so they will stop where they are, sense your presence and turn to you.

Take them and make them what you want, not what we want.

Call them to adventures you have planned for them, not what we aspire.

Keep them from sin, but if they sin, draw them back to you.

Keep them from smallness of spirit.

Help them to know themselves and enjoy the person you created them to be.

Help them to use their gifts to serve you.

Help them to plunge deep into the mystery of their union with you and love you above all things.

*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, Rose Cahill, Marlene Camay, John Carty, Sarah Content, Maureen Daly, Katherine Day, Denis Doherty, Gerry Dique, Rose Dique, Charlotte Dudenney, Dylan Dunbar, Nancy Donovan, Ann Dunn, Margaret Dumbrell John Finan, James Francis, Anna Gawlik, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Jenny Jones, Julia Joseph, Kathleen Kavanagh, Rev Tom Keighley, Francesca Kelly, Baby Stephen Kelly, Vicky Loik, Mary Lynes, Amaogechi Mbanu, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Gladys McQuaid, Matthew Milnar, John Morrison, Ann Mount, Jim Nolan, Brian Nash, Ivan 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:**

29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> April

**Loose**

£766.89

**Envelopes**

£444.56

**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.

**First Holy Communion 2022-2023:**

Please note that there will be two First Holy Communion celebrations - one this weekend and another next week (14<sup>th</sup> May) at the 11am Masses.

**Confirmation 2022/2023:**

The next Confirmation session will take next Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 4.00pm.

**Baptism Course:**

The next Baptism course will take place next Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> of May in the Parish Hall at 9am. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

**Right to Life:**

For all those who have just learned they are expecting a baby and have troubled hearts, let us pray that the Lord Jesus would remove anxiety and fear from their lives.

**BCCS Child & Family Counselling Services:**

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society offers therapeutic support directly to children, young people, families and parents through their Child and Family Counselling Service (CFCS) located in their head office in Billericay. Their CFCS team consists of several experienced and highly qualified therapists working in specially adapted therapy rooms. Families can contact BCCS directly by emailing Catherine Munns [cmunns@bccs.org.uk](mailto:cmunns@bccs.org.uk) who will outline the type of support that will be provided for them or their child. There is a charge for this service but they urge any families needing support to contact them. More information is available on their website: [www.bccs.org.uk](http://www.bccs.org.uk)

**Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life:**

Bishop Alan will be celebrating the annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life in the Cathedral at 3pm on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> of July. As last year, the Mass will be followed by a reception in the hall.

**R.I.P.:**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Victor Correa (husband of Mabel Rita) who died suddenly on Monday. Also, please pray for Walter McNeela of Romford Parish (brother of Catherine Friel) who also died recently. His funeral will take place at St Edwards Church on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 at 11am. Please also pray Jean Mendes, a former parishioner, who died recently in Colchester. May they rest in peace.

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023:**

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023:** Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> of July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please phone Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: [Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangey Tours \(tangey-tours.com\)](http://Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangey Tours (tangey-tours.com))

**The Thresholds Of Hope Easter Talks:**

These will explore what it means to have an intimate friendship with Christ. They will take place on Wednesdays 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of May at St Francis of Assisi, Stratford, E15 1NS from 7.30 - 9.00 p.m. The first talk, "Calling on the name of Jesus," will be given by Fr Martin Boland, the Dean of Brentwood Cathedral. All very welcome.

**Gidea Park Study Day On Pope Benedict And The Liturgy:**

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May, from 11.00 to 13.00 BST, Fr Vincent Twomey SVD, student and friend of Pope Benedict XVI, will speak on 'The Liturgical Vision of Pope Benedict'. The event will not be in person but live streamed from Ireland on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org). Further details of the event are to be found on the attached flyer and on the website [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org). A recording of the study day will be made available subsequently on the website.

**Permanent Diaconate:**

**Come and See** Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> of May at 11:00am to 02:30pm at **St Anne Line Catholic Church 7 Grove Crescent, South Woodford, London, E18 2JR**. All are welcome to this event on the Permanent Diaconate with Bishop Alan, for all those wishing to learn more about the ministry of deacons in the Church and in our Diocese. For further information please contact Deacon Ken: 07971544921

**Job Vacancy – St Albans School**

Grade 1/2 £23,457 - £24,804 pro rata (Approx 5682.49 pa Kitchen Assistant post at St Albans School) this is a 10-hour post term time only plus 4 cleaning days each year during the Holidays. To apply, please visit [https://www.havering.gov.uk/info/20010/jobs/170/current\\_jobs\\_and\\_application\\_help/2](https://www.havering.gov.uk/info/20010/jobs/170/current_jobs_and_application_help/2)