

**MASS INTENTIONS  
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
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May– Feria	9.00am	Jim O’Leary
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May– Feria	9.00am	Mrs Jane Driscoll (R.I.P)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May– Feria	9.00am	Nora Fennessey (Ints)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May– <b>The Ascension of the Lord</b>	9.00am	Connie & Kevin McCambridge (Wedding Ann)
	7.30pm	John Power (Ints)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May – Feria	9.00am	Padraig Kelly (Ints)
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May– Feria	9.00am	Fergus Gordon (Ints)

**Seventh Sunday of Easter (A)**

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May – <b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	6.30pm	David Evans (R.I.P)
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> May – <b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	9.00am	Patrick McLouchlan (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Mary-Deirdre Brennan (R.I.P)

**Reflection on the Ascension:**

If the Ascension means that, through the power of the resurrection, we now share the same calling as Jesus, seeing in his light and with his eyes, then two things follow. First, we as Christian believers are “in heaven”, but not so as to remove us from earth. Quite the contrary: in the middle of the world’s life, we are given some share in God’s perspective on things so that God through us may make his loving faithfulness real and effective here and now. And second, the things and persons of this world are seen in a new way, seen as changed with hope, with a future of glory and healing. They are seen as if already part of the new heaven and new earth in which God’s purposes have been brought to completion. – **Rowan Williams**



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**Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A)  
13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2023**

Dear Friends,

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

As we share their happiness, we 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. You, the parents are the most important people in their lives. Your help and preparation of your child is very much appreciated and at Baptism, you made the promise that you would be the first teachers of your child in the ways of faith. We pray that you would be the best of teachers in what you are and what you do. Well done - this is another special step for your child, and we pray that you will continue to support them as best you can. The saying goes there are no perfect parents, but there are parents who are good enough! I would like to leave you with this quotation: Your children are not your children; they are sons and daughters of life longing for itself. They come through you, but not from you and though they are with you, yet they belong not to you. You are the springboard from which your children as living arrows are sent forth. The archer, God, sees the mark upon the path of the infant and He bends you with his might, that his arrows may go swift and far, let your bending in the archer’s hand be for gladness; for even as he loves the arrow that flies, so he also loves the bow that is stable.

**Ascension Thursday**

This Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Times of Masses are 9.00am and 7.30pm in Church. Mass will also be held at St Albans Primary School at 2.00pm – all are welcome. On Thursday we rejoice in the Ascension of Christ. We can share the joy of our Saviour as he returns to his Father. It is the sign that his work is completed and his Father is well pleased. Now Jesus invites us to carry on his mission and to be his presence where we are.

*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:**

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> May

**Loose**

£783.02

**Envelopes**

£435.30

**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.

**Confirmation 2022/2023:**

The next Confirmation session will take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> May beginning with the 6.30pm Mass followed by the vigil in preparation for the reception of the Holy Spirit to be received by the Confirmation candidates on the Pentecost Sunday, the 28<sup>th</sup> May, at 3.00pm.

**Baptism Course:**

The next Baptism course will take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> of June in the Parish Hall at 9am. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

**Right to Life:**

In this month dedicated to Our Lady, let us pray for the grace to always be close to the Lord as the Blessed Virgin is close to Him, especially in our prayers for our vulnerable neighbours, including the sick and infirm, the widow and orphan, and the unborn.

**A Procession in honour of Our Lady**

This Sunday you will receive your invitation to the Procession in Honour of our Lady, taking place next Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 3.00pm.

**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 Walter McNeela of Romford Parish (brother of Catherine Friel) who died recently. His funeral will take place at St Edwards Church on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 at 11am.. Please also pray for Josephine Keane who died recently, her Requiem Mass will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am. Please also pray for the soul of Victor Correa (husband of Mabel Rita) who died recently. His Requiem Mass will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> June at 11am. Please also pray for 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))

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

Next 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** next 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)