

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July – <b>Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July – <b>Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Susie Williams (R.I.P) Michael Byrnes (R.I.P)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July – <b>St Thomas</b>	9.00am	Victor Correa (R.I.P)
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July – Feria	9.00am	Lazarus & Carmen D’Souza (R.I.P)
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July – Feria	9.00am	Cathridna Bennet & Family
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July – Feria	9.00am	Bruno D’Souza (R.I.P)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July – Feria	9.00am	Joseph Farnades
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> July – Feria	9.00am	Holy Souls

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> July – <b>Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	6.30pm	Christine Johnson (R.I.P)
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> July – <b>Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Tony Sellors (R.I.P) Teresa Carty (R.I.P)

**Pope’s Intentions for the Month of July:**

For a Eucharistic life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



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**1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023**

Dear Friends,

In today’s Gospel, Jesus says, ‘anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.’ The prevailing worldview is that we will ‘find ourselves’ by chasing after success, longing for prestige, grasping for possessions. But a life lived in pursuit of these, to the exclusion of God, can never bring us lasting happiness.

We are created for more; we are created for authenticity and truth, and the truth about ourselves is that we are created for God. Before his conversion, St Augustine pursued material things, and his heart became only more restless, but later, in renouncing himself he found deep serenity. The Lord then says, ‘anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.’ The parents who forget themselves in concern for their children truly find themselves; single people who give generously of their time and talents for the sake of others truly find themselves; consecrated people who dedicate their lives to God and neighbour truly find themselves. If you want to find yourself, you must give yourself away in love for others. That is the challenge: to resist the desire for personal fulfilment and seeking our own advantage.

Lord, make me mindful of the things that really matter, and give me a disciple’s heart.

*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, Macmillan Chitoma Bras-Goncalves, 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, 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:**

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> June

**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.

**Baptism Course:**

The next Baptism course will take place next Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> of July in the Parish Hall at 9am. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

**Right to Life:**

We just reaffirmed that the Lord is the Giver of Life. Let us pray that we would always see God's creation in every new baby and in every expectant mother.

**Toddlers Group:**

Mothers and Toddlers Group A toddler group takes place every Thursday and Friday in the Hall between 10- 11:30am - all parents are welcome. Please call Maria on 07751 236262.

**Lourdes Group**

Next Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> July, there will be a meeting for the Lourdes group in the Presbytery at 7pm.

**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. 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.

**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://www.brentwoodlourdes.com)

**Christus Vivit (Christ Lives):**

A new group for adults aged 18-35 will meet once a month in Clergy House, Brentwood 07:30pm. The next session is this Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July. All are welcome.

**RIP:**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Finan who died recently. His Requiem Mass will take place this Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of July 10:45am. His remains will be brought to Church this Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July at 4:30pm. May he rest in peace.

**Welcome:**

We welcome Andrei Ilies a student from the Beda College in Rome who is studying for the priesthood for our diocese. He will be staying in our Parish for the month of July on a Parish placement.

**Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS)**

BCCS are looking for a part time Finance Assistant to join the team working from their head office in Billericay High Street. Initially the role is for 10 hours per week, with potential to increase hours as training continues. A job specification and application form are available on their website at <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/work-us/>. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact Fiona Reading [freading@bccs.org.uk](mailto:freading@bccs.org.uk)

**TALK ON THE OUR FATHER:**

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7 pm in the parish hall at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH), Fr Adrian Graffy will give a short talk entitled 'The Prayer of Prayers: An exploration of the Our Father'. The talk is free of charge, and tea and coffee will be available from 6.30 pm. Ample free parking, and easy access on the Elizabeth Line. The talk is available also by live stream on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) No booking necessary.

**Bazaar Meeting**

There will be a meeting to discuss the Parish School Bazaar on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 6.15pm. All are welcome to attend.

**200 Club Winners**

The winners for April and May are M Downs and L McIlveny. Please see Father Maurice to collect your cheque.