

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

Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> June – <b>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	6.30pm	Deacon Matúš Meleg (Int)
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> June - <b>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am 11.00am	Ethel Maud Kirk (R.I.P) Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June – Feria	9.00am	Victor Correa (R.I.P)
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June – Feria	9.00am	Tony Sellors (R.I.P)
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June – <b>St Irenaeus</b>	9.00am	Gerard Antony (Birthday Int)
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June – <b>SS Peter and Paul</b>	9.00am 7:30pm	Margaret Kelly Teresa Brewty (R.I.P)
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June – Feria	9.00am	Holy Souls
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July – Feria	9.00am	Father Philip Denton (Int)

**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)

**Thought for the week on the Feast Day of SS Peter and Paul (29<sup>th</sup> of June):**

St Peter and Paul are the pillars that support the Church by their teaching, their prayers, their example and patience. Our Lord strengthened these pillars. In the beginning they were very weak and could not support either themselves or others. This had been wonderfully arranged by Our Lord, for if they had always been strong, one might have thought their strength was their own. Our Lord wished to show first what they were of themselves and only afterwards to strengthen them, so that all would know that their strength was entirely from God. **St Aelred**



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**24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2023**

Dear Friends,  
Fear... Fear is so much a part of our lives and our experience. Fear can be defined as attitude of anxiety or distress, caused by concern over a threat to one's future. Therefore, in every fear, there is some perceived threat that causes us distress. On the material side of things, we might feel fear because we do not know how we will make ends meet this month, or we fear for the safety of our children and their future especially at this time.

What then should be our response to fear? Jesus spells it out for us in the Gospel when he twice says, 'do not be afraid'. He tells us how much we are worth, and that every hair on our head is counted. The key point is that we trust Him, with confidence that he is in charge. Often, we want to be in control of events, to seek our own advantage, and we become fearful and want to hold on to security at all costs. But the Lord requires that we abandon ourselves and trust in Him.

The only thing we have to fear is the evil one, who seeks to keep us chained up in fear and to destroy us. But like Jeremiah, if we have confidence in the Lord, and declare ourselves for him – as Jesus says in the Gospel, he will declare Himself for us in the Kingdom of Heaven. St Augustine said that 'fear is the enemy of love', and St Paul said that 'perfect love casts out fear'. Knowing then how much our Lord loves us, let us place our fears and anxieties at his feet, entrusting ourselves totally to him.

*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, Iwan 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:**

17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> June

**Loose**

£597.98

**Envelopes**

£248.70

**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.

**The Feast of SS Peter and Paul:**

It is a holy day of obligation, and the Masses at the Church are at 9:00am and 7:30pm and there will also be a school Mass at 2:00pm at St Albans Primary School. All are welcome.

**Baptism Course:**

The next Baptism course will take place on 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:**

God knows every one of us, even the number of hairs on our head. Let us pray for those in our society who usually go unnoticed, but who are known by God, like the homeless, those in hospital, those in prison, and the unborn.

**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.

**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.

**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))

**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 next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. All are welcome.

**Campion School Open Evening**

For the admission of boys (in current Year 5) in September 2024 will be held at the school this Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023 from 4.30pm to 7pm. Talks from the headteacher will be at 5.15pm and 6.30pm. Admission forms, including the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) will be available online.

**RIP:**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Finan who died recently. His Requiem Mass will take place next Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of July 11:00am. His remains will be brought to Church next Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July at 4:30pm. We also pray for Tony Sellors who also died in May. May they 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.

**St John's Special Needs school:**

St John's RC Special School, Woodford Bridge is recruiting for a Secretary/Administrator who will be responsible for our student's annual review meetings. Previous experience required. Please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818.

**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.

**Lourdes Group**

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