

MASS INTENTIONS
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Saturday 9 th September – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Romeo & Della Rodrigues (R.I.P)
Sunday 10 th September – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Temi & Raphael Akinwumi (Birthday Thanksgiving)
	11.00am	Liam O'Connor
Monday 11 th September – Feria	9.00am	Anthony & Josephine Barulis & Jean Barulis (R.I.P)
Tuesday 12 th September – Feria	9.00am	Helen & James Balaam (R.I.P)
Wednesday 13 th September – St John Chrysostom	9.00am	Matthew Onodu (Int)
Thursday 14 th September – Exaltation of the Holy Cross	9:00am	Ellen Altingham
Friday 15 th September – Our Lady of Sorrows	9.00am	Andrew Turner (Birthday Intentions)
Saturday 16 th September – SS Cornelius & Cyprian	9.00am	Twinto Christian (R.I.P)

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Saturday 16 th September – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Brigid Barulis (R.I.P)
Sunday 17 th September – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am	Redmond & Mary Keogh (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Roy Rodrigues (R.I.P)

Thoughts for the week:

Correcting Others when they err is never easy, and in these relativistic and individualistic times we tend to see it as obsolete and perhaps counterproductive. Even when the gospels were written it was seen as a complex operation that needs to be done with care and love to achieve its aims. Yet we do need to be reminded that we are responsible for each other. Today I ask myself before God whether there is anything I can do to 'regain my brother/sister'. I can certainly pray for those who I see to be erring. Jesus is present in many ways, including in the community that gathers in his name, even in the smallest one. I thank God for the community I belong to – my Parish, my religious community, my Church movement – and pray that it may be an ever-better place to meet Jesus. – www.sacredspace.ie



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9th & 10th September 2023

Dear Friends,
 The readings today emphasise the importance of the Christian Community and how we are all responsible for one another. The children went back to school last week for another academic year. Education is not only a matter of sending your children back to school, it is also a family matter. Much success of any child or young person depends on the interest, support, encouragement and sharing on the part of the parents. This is at all stages – even when your child or children 'outgrow' your knowledge. Learn to listen to them and learn from them. All this is true of the education of children in the way of Faith. They receive the Spirit of the Lord many times in their lives, but do they allow it to affect their lives? 'Spirit of the living Lord fall afresh on me.' These words of a hymn, which is often sung at Mass or in prayer groups, asks for the continued gift of the Holy Spirit. Christ promised that he would send his Spirit and this coming was made real at Pentecost. But we receive the Spirit when we were born again at our Baptism. We have been temples of the Holy Spirit ever since. We pray for all our children who returned to school last week. Send your Holy Spirit upon them as their guide and protector. Keep them free from danger and unnecessary harm. May they learn and grow strong in wisdom and knowledge. May the presence of the Holy Spirit fill their hearts and minds, so that they may face the future in confidence and hope. Through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

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, John Detheridge, 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 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:

3rd & 4th September

Loose

£470.40

Envelopes

£394.60

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.

Mother and Toddlers Group:

The Mothers and Toddlers group are expanding their meetings from September. From the 18th September there will be classes on Tuesday and Friday mornings and our playgroup starts back again on Wednesday 13th September, when the Mayor will be coming along to formally open our toddler group - all parents are welcome. Please call Maria on 07751 236262 to find out more details.

Baptism Course:

The next Baptism course will take place on Saturday 14th October in the Parish Hall at 9am. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

Job Vacancy

Midday Supervisor vacancy at St Alban's Primary School. 5 hours per week x 38 weeks per year. **Salary:** £2,795. Closing date: 18th September 2023. Please contact the school office on 01708 555644

First Holy Communion Programme 23-2024

Application forms are now available at the back of the church. This is for children in year 4 and above. Applications must be returned by 17th September, in an envelope addressed to Tracey Knight or handed in to Canon Maurice or Deacon Ken. The first meeting for parents, to provide general information regarding the programme, will be held at the Parish Centre on Sunday 24th September at 4.30pm.

Help Your Marriage

Retrouvaille is a program to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully save their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a virtual weekend on 6-9 July or a Face-to-Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 13-15 October 2023., call 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Rest in Peace:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mark Finnegan, his Requiem Mass will take place on the 20th September at 11am, may he rest in peace.

Annual Mission Appeal

The Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP) visits our parish this weekend for a mission appeal. The MSP is a religious congregation working in different parts of the world, committed to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and the salvific work of God the Father in the Holy Spirit. You are all invited to support the mission appeal of the MSP. We will have a second collection at all Masses to support the work of the MSP.

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 commences on Monday 2nd October at 7:30pm in the Presbytery. Any Parishioner who wishes to support this group, is also invited to come along.

Drivers:

We have a number of Parishioners who would like to attend Mass but are unable to. If you are able to offer a lift to one of our Parishioners, please speak to Canon Maurice or Deacon Ken.

Right to Life:

This coming Thursday, we commemorate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Let us pray that generations yet to be born, will experience the saving power of Christ.

Confirmation

There is a Catechist Confirmation meeting this Thursday the 14th of September at 7.00pm in the Presbytery. Anyone who would like to help with the course, please come along. It is hoped that we begin the Confirmation program in early October. Application forms will soon be available at the back of the Church for those in Year 10 and upwards.

Christmas Bazaar 2023:

The Christmas Bazaar will take place this year on 25th of November 2023 in the Parish Hall at 12-3pm. More information will follow later.