

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> October – <b>Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	6.30pm	Neil Nagle (R.I.P)
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October – <b>Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	Reshma D'Souza Thanksgiving
	11.00am	Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October – Feria	9.00am	Teresa Lynch (Int)
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October – Feria	9.00am	Brandon Antony (Int)
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October – Feria	9.00am	Mary Adams (Int)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October – <b>St Cedd</b>	9:00am	Bernie Costello (Int)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October – Feria	9.00am	Patrick Murphy (Int)
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – <b>SS Simon &amp; Jude</b>	9.00am	Patricia Church

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

Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – <b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	6.30pm	Tony Eastman (R.I.P)
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> October – <b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	Toba Akinwumi & Family (Thanksgiving)
	11.00am	John Moody (R.I.P)

**Thought for this week:**

If you ask me what you are to do in order to be perfect, I say, first – Do not lie in bed beyond the due time of rising; give your first thoughts to God; make a good visit to the Blessed Sacrament; say the Angelus devoutly; eat and drink to God's glory; say the Rosary well; be recollected; keep out bad thoughts; make your evening meditation well; examine yourself daily; go to bed in good time, and you are already perfect. – **St John Henry Newman (Feast Day 9<sup>th</sup> of October)**



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**21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**

Dear Friends,

Today is Mission Sunday. St John Paul II reminded us that when faith is weak our commitment to mission crumbles. A healthy Church is a Church fully committed to sharing faith at home and abroad by good living, by prayer and by generosity. Faith shared is faith strengthened. This Sunday's Gospel is a clear call to Mission: the message behind it is this: all men and women are made in the likeness of God. In other words, all men and women, irrespective of race or colour or creed belong to God, and the Church's Mission is unfulfilled until they all are 'given to Him' The key to today's feast is this: "that all may know from farthest east to farthest west, that, apart from me, all is nothing". We live as vulnerable people in the face of a crisis and uncertainty and war in many parts of the world is evident. We need God's presence, power, name and word to accompany us through our lives. We are beginning to discover the need for prayer to keep us steady in these troubled times. Today we remember to pray for all missionaries who 'proclaim to all the nations: "God is King"'. Pope Francis encourages us to hope and trust in the Lord. God sent his Son Jesus Christ and today he sends every baptized person to proclaim the good news by love and example.

*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, Ivan Opoku-Agyemang, Baby Teegan Oakley, 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:**

14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> October

**Loose**

£556.31

**Envelopes**

£401.47

**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 now open on Tuesdays-Fridays. On Tuesdays and Fridays there are different classes and on Wednesdays and Thursdays there are two playgroup sessions per day. For more information, please visit <https://stalbaniscic.my.canva.site/>

**Baptism Course:**

The next Baptism course will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November in the Parish Hall at 9am. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

**St Albans Primary School Open Day:**

For those who are interested to join Reception 2024, the open day will be on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of November at 09:15am, 2pm & 6pm.

**Catechist training and Resource Day:**

Takes place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> of November at Sacred Heart of Mary Girls School in Upminster from 10am to 3:30pm.

**First Holy Communion Programme 23-2024:**

The next meeting for parents and Children will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7pm. Parents meet at the Church as usual and children at the Parish Hall.

**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 take place each Monday at 7:30pm in the Presbytery. Any Parishioner who wishes to support this group, is also invited to come along.

**Confirmation Programme:**

The next session for the Confirmation candidates will be held on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> November from 4.00-6.30pm after which they will attend Mass of Inscription.

**October Month of the Holy Rosary:**

October is the month of the Holy Rosary, please join us to pray the Rosary each day after 9am Mass.

**Right to Life:**

Let us pray for fathers and mothers of growing families, that their relations and friends, and the wider community, would rally around them with encouragement, support, friendliness and love.

**Christmas Bazaar:**

As you will have heard, the Christmas Bazaar, which is a combined St Alban's Catholic Primary School and parish event, will be held at the parish centre this year on 25<sup>th</sup> November, running from 12pm until 3pm. If at all possible, we would very much welcome donations of toiletries, bottles and toys. Also, if you feel that you could lend assistance, either on the day, or to help set up the event, the night before, please write your name and contact details on the form at the back of the church or send them to [fosaastalbans@gmail.com](mailto:fosaastalbans@gmail.com). We very much look forward to seeing you, your family and friends, on the day, for some seasonal festivities and fun.

**School Holidays:**

St Albans has now broken up for the half term break. We wish all of the students, staff and their families a restful break.

**Walsingham House volunteer team:**

Applications for the Walsingham House at Abbotswick volunteer retreat team are now open. If you are aged between 18-23 and are considering a gap year then please consider the Walsingham House Team. The volunteer team work with around 5000 young people from across the diocese running retreats for Yr5-Yr13 students. For more information please see our website: <https://bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/> or email [clairebailey@brcdt.org](mailto:clairebailey@brcdt.org)

**St John's RC Special School, Woodford Bridge is recruiting:**

**full time Learning Support Assistants** to work with students aged 5-25 with a wide range of special needs. Hours 9.00am to 3.30pm, term time only, experience preferred. Salary range from £17,372.62 (FTE £23,067). We are also seeking experienced **Speech & Language Therapists**. For an application pack please email [office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk](mailto:office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk) or call 020 8504 1818, successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check [www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk](http://www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk)