

MASS INTENTIONS
Our Lord Jesus Christ the King (A)

Saturday 25 th November – Our Lord Jesus Christ the King	6.30pm	Gods' protection and guidance
Sunday 26 th November – Our Lord Jesus Christ the King	9.00am	Kathy Driver
	11.00am	Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)
Monday 27 th November – Feria	9.00am	Emilia Anene
Tuesday 28 th November – Feria	9.00am	Rita Mill
Wednesday 29 th November – Feria	9.00am	Phillip Oates (R.I.P)
Thursday 30 th November – St Andrew	9:00am	Gavin & Ann Turner (Int)
Friday 1 st December – Feria	9.00am	Holy Souls
Saturday 2 nd December – Feria	9.00am	Cathridna Bennet & Family

First Sunday of Advent (B)

Saturday 2 nd December – First Sunday of Advent	6.30pm	Mick Webber (R.I.P)
Sunday 3 rd December – First Sunday of Advent	9.00am	Teresa Jarrold
	11.00am	Eileen & Raymond Monie (R.I.P)

Thought for this week: A prayer for the Feast of Christ the King

As the great wheel of the liturgy spins, it lands here, once a year, to remind us that Christ is King, in winter's chill or late autumn drear, we need reminding that new life will come, springing from frozen roots and brittle branches. As we prepare to approach the manger once more, we need this renewal in understanding that the glory of God turns up in the most unexpected places. O Christ the King, turn our hearts this day not only to the world around us but to the world within us where your Kingdom comes anew with each act of love we offer, each prayer we whisper, each breath we draw. **Amen.**

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25th & 26th November 2023

Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the Kingship of Christ, remembering that his Kingdom is not governed by the standards of this world. He was to be revealed as the sovereign of the most cherished of all kingdoms: the domain of the human heart and of the human spirit.

Unlike God, our powers are limited, and our energies and resources are finite. Yet the Gospel calls us to aim high, to love one another as God has loved us. 'In so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' In this regard the old saying 'Charity begins at home' is as true as ever. And from home it reaches out to our neighbourhood/Parish and to faraway lands.

Jesus stresses that it is a very practical, positive love. It refrains not just from offending against anyone but ministers unconditionally to their basic needs. These 'works of mercy' demand our TIME. The quality of the other persons life will be enhanced by the quantity of time we give. It is better to see a person as made in God's image rather than to see them in our image.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you have called us to be part of your kingdom. Help us to build on earth a home which bears the imprint of heaven. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ. **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, 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, Vincent Okolo, Dean Partleton, Teresa Pitman, Michelle Pointer, Baby Teddy Rands, Jennie Reddy, Rosetta Reehill, Dorothy Ryan, Fr Francis Coveney, 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), Clara Yankey and Nikhil Rao. For those we know and the many we do not know, we pray to the Lord.

PARISH FINANCES:

18th & 19th November

Loose

£637.45

Envelopes

£455.70

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://stalbanscic.my.canva.site/>

Baptism Course:

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

BCYS YOUTH MASS: – Thursday 7th December 2023, 6pm at Brentwood Cathedral. Beginning with pizza & refreshments in the Parish Hall from 6pm, and an Advent Reconciliation service in the Cathedral before Mass. Youth Mass will then be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. Absolutely everyone is welcome, please bring instruments, and sing, serve or read if you wish! No need to book, but do let us know if you have a group coming – just email info@bcys.net

Confirmation Programme

The next session for the Confirmation programme will take place on Saturday 9th December at 4pm.

First Holy Communion Programme 23-2024:

The next meeting for parents and Children will take place this Thursday 30th of November 2023 at 7pm. The Reconciliation Service will take place this Saturday the 2nd of December at 11am. We all meet in the Church.

Brentwood Diocesan Directory 2024

These are now available for sale at the back of the Church. Prices are £2.95 each or £4.15 for the ring bound version.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection at all Masses next weekend of the 2nd & 3rd December on behalf of the Saint Vincent De Paul Society.

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.

World Youth Sunday

Today we celebrate World Youth Sunday. On this weekend, the whole church is celebrating young people, the theme chose by Pope Francis is 'Come and See!' He is reminding young people that Jesus never closes the door and that all are welcome. The BCYS offers young people an opportunity to 'come and see' through our events, pilgrimages and retreats. There will be a talk given at the end of Mass this weekend by Shannon and Shirley. There will be a meeting for the Lourdes group this Tuesday 28th November at 7pm in the Presbytery to discuss the Pilgrimage in July 2024. Bookings are now open online for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes in July. The pilgrimage is open to all those in school year 10-13 with all those of school leaver age (18+) invited to join us as young leaders (subject to attending a training weekend) All details and applications can be found on the website www.bcys.net/events/sl24

R.I.P

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Garbaldi who died recently, her funeral will take place this Monday 27th of November at South Essex Crematorium at 11:30am. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Denis Doherty who died recently. His funeral will take place on Tuesday 5th December at 12:30pm. His remains will be brought into the Church on Tuesday 4th of December at 4.30pm. May they rest in peace.

St. Albans Intake for Reception – September 2024:

Father Maurice will be available to sign a Certificate of Catholic Practice this Sunday the 26th of November from 5pm-7pm and again on Monday 27th November from 6pm-7pm.

St Alban's Advent/Christmas Concert 2023:

Our annual Advent/Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday 10 December at 5.45 pm in our Church. It will feature our Parish Choir, St Alban's School Choir, the Children's Choir, Instrumentalists and the South Indian Community Singers, who will entertain you with beautiful and popular Advent and Christmas music. This annual event has become very popular over the years, so please make sure you bring your family and friends along to enjoy the evening. There will also be an Advent Service on the first Sunday of Advent, 3rd December at 6.30pm at St Nicholas Church in Elm Park – all are invited.

Right to Life:

Let ask for the grace to minister to and pray for the least of our brothers and sisters, including the prisoner, the stranger, the sick and suffering, and the unborn.

Parish Centre Co-ordinator at St Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, Romford.

A wonderfully refurbished parish centre is due to open in early 2024; could you be the person to co-ordinate bookings, keep the centre clean and tidy, and welcome those interested in hiring the place? 7 hours/week, £11.95/hour, with the potential for additional hours as usage grows. For more information email frdominic@brocdt.org, call 01708740308, or look at <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/>. Start: January 2024. Closing date for applications: 8th December 2023.

Advent Talk on the Prophet Isaiah - Father Adrian Graffy of Gidea Park will give a talk next Wednesday 29th November at the Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park at 7pm. The talk is free and is in person and will be live streamed on www.whatgoodnews.org