

MASS INTENTIONS
The Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)

Saturday 4 th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter	6.30pm	Jim & Nora Gertrude McDarby (R.I.P)
Sunday 5 th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter	9.00am	John Barry (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)
Monday 6 th May – St John Payne	9.00am	Saoirse Ruane (R.I.P)
Tuesday 7 th May – Tuesday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter	9.00am	John Barry (R.I.P)
Wednesday 8 th May – Wednesday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter	9.00am	For the faithful departed
Thursday 9 th May – The Ascension of the Lord	9:00am	John Dique (Birthday Ints)
	7:30pm	Rose Dique (Int)
Friday 10 th May – Friday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter	9.00am	Kian Brady (R.I.P)
Saturday 11 th May – Saturday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter	9.00am	John Barry (R.I.P)

The Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)

Saturday 11 th May – Seventh Sunday of Easter	6.30pm	Brendan McNiffe
Sunday 12 th May – Seventh Sunday of Easter	9.00am	Ewa & Funsho Akinwumi
	11.00am	People of the Parish

Thought for the Week:

Thursday is the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. We are invited to pray about our dignity and eternal destiny. The truth is that life can be so busy that seldom do we give much thought to such things. Indeed, we may think this just too 'heavenly minded.' St John Henry Newman said, 'Love of heaven is the only way to heaven.' Today's feast encourages us to be heavenly minded. Our dignity, as children of God, is very much to do with us being raised up, body and soul. Indeed, our faith teaches that on the Last Day we will be raised up, body and soul, to live with God forever. Our bodies are integral and essential to who we are as human beings, and God's plan involves the resurrection of our whole being – body and soul.

Lord, help me to set my mind and heart on heaven, our heavenly home, and always have in mind the goal of our pilgrimage here on earth. – Walk with Me



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4th & 5th May 2024

Dear Friends,

Today 22 children and next Sunday 17 children will be receiving Our Lord for the first time in Holy Communion. Since last September they have been preparing in a special way for this great moment in their lives through the teaching and example of their parents, family and parishioners. As we share their happiness, we thank the parents for bringing their children to this joyful step along their journey of faith. We also thank the Catechists, the Teachers and people of the parish as you have all helped in various ways in leading them to their Special Day and you too have a care for their future growth in faith. We ask for the prayers of you all, for the children and their families.

The First Communion is also a great event in the life of the Church here at St Albans. It reminds us of the great privilege we have in being able to receive Our Lord in the Eucharist.

On each of these two Sundays, it will be a time of a special blessing upon our parish.

PRAYER

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb. Lord Jesus Christ, in the Blessed Eucharist you come to me as the bread to sustain me this day, as the friend who stays beside me, as the light to guide me. You are my strength against temptation, my energy to work in your name, and my challenge to bring your love to all I meet this day' "We have everything in the Eucharist.....Jesus Christ.....our bread of life".

**God Bless you,
Canon Maurice**

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Nell Addison, Paul & Eva Au, Michael Balfour, Doreen Banister, 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 Dumbrill John Finan, Fiona Forder, James Francis, Mary Gallet, Anna Gawlik, Ian Gilling, 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, Iivan Opoku-Agyemang, Baby Teegan Oakley, Dean Partleton, Michelle Pointer, Baby Teddy Rands, Dr Nikhil Rao, Jennie Reddy, Rosetta Reehill, Dorothy Ryan, Fr Francis Coveney, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Elizabeth Smith, Alan Stokes, Julia Stokes, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, Charles Stimpson, Julia Thomas, Bernie Whoriskey, 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:

27th & 28th April 2024

Loose

£503.99

Envelopes

£257.81

Mother and Toddlers Group:

Mothers and Toddlers group has now reopened. For more information, please visit <https://stalbanosci.my.canva.site/> We thank Maria, Sarah and all of the staff who support our Mother and Toddlers group.

Baptism Course:

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

Confirmation Programme:

The next session for the Confirmation programme will be the rehearsal next Monday 13th May from 7-8pm.

First Holy Communion Programme 23-2024:

The first group of 22 children on the First Holy Communion programme will make their First Holy Communion today. The second group of 18 will make theirs next Sunday.

Dates for your Diary:

- **19th May 2024:** Confirmation at 3pm
- **26th May 2024:** May Procession at 3pm
- **09th – 14th June 2024:** Parish Mission Week (*Invitation given out today*)

Catholic Women's League – Upminster:

Welcome you to their weekly lunch every Wednesday at 12 noon. £6 simple meal and fellowship. Details available from Father Joseph.

Vigil of St Rita:

On Tuesday 21st May, the Vigil of St Rita, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Through God's grace we have seen thousands of Mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

Apprenticeships at Walsingham House:

Walsingham House are offering a two-year apprenticeship course in Youth Ministry & Chaplaincy, ideal for those finishing Year 13 in July or for anyone up to age 21. Participants will live and work at Walsingham House, running retreats for young people across the diocese whilst studying with St Marys University, Twickenham. For more info, email clairebailey@brcdt.org or visit the website www.bcys.net/apprenticeship-opportunity-at-walsingham-house/

R.I.P:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Mary Cogan. Her funeral will take place in St Albans Church this Tuesday the 7th of May at 11am. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of James 'Jim' Muldoon who died recently. His Requiem Mass will take place this Wednesday 8th May at 11:00am. May they rest in peace.

Youth 2000 London Retreat Day: Come and See.

Youth 2000 are running a retreat day for young adults (16-35) on 11th May at Sacred Heart Parish in Wimbledon. It is jam-packed one day event, where people come together as a community of young adults in prayer and friendship. The retreat is an invitation to come as you are, and to come and see who Jesus is and what He can do in your life. The cost £25 and more information can be found at: <https://www.youth2000.org/events/london2024>

Diocesan Pilgrimage 2024:

Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July). To book, please go online: [Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours \(tangney-tours.com\)](http://Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (tangney-tours.com)) If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young: kathrynyoung@mail.com

Right to Life

As we approach the Ascension of the Lord this coming Thursday, we ask the Lord to protect in body and spirit all those who are near to death. May they be united with our Lord in heaven and may those who love them be comforted.

Prayers for the Parish Mission this Sunday

Father Royston will be here next week to speak about the Parish Mission. Your invitation will be given out this weekend. This evening, we have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6pm -7pm to pray for the intentions of our Parish Mission. All are invited.

Deputy Headteacher Vacancy at St Joseph's, Upminster.

St Joseph's is looking to appoint a Deputy Headteacher, starting from 1st September 2024. The Governors and Headteacher invite applications from experienced, enthusiastic and suitably- qualified practising Catholic leaders. Full details can be found on the school website: <https://st-josephs-upminster.net/vacancies/> Applications must be submitted by 9am on Wednesday 8th May 2024.

Health and Safety Co-ordinator A vacancy has arisen for a Health and Safety Co-ordinator to work full time from Monday to Friday. They will be based at Cathedral House and will be required to travel around the Diocese. Candidates must have H&S experience and H&S qualifications including NEBOSH. Please send your CV and cover letter by email to hr@brcdt.org. Full job description is available on the Diocese website. Closing date for applications: 14th May 2024.

Church Cleaners:

Would you like to help Our Lady keep her Son's house - The Church clean. If you are interested, please come along on Monday mornings after Mass.