

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> August – <b>Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> September – <b>Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>	9.00am	In Appreciation of your support for Rose Dique
	11.00am	Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September – Feria	9.00am	GracieKutty Joseph (R.I.P)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September - <b>St Gregory the Great</b>	9.00am	Eliya Matew (R.I.P)
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September - Feris	9.00am	The Watson Family Int
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September - Feria	9:00am	Michelle and Family Int
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September – Feria	9.00am	Maria Simonetta Int
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> September - Feria	9.00am	Patricia Kathleen North (R.I.P)

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

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Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> September – <b>Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>	9.00am	Temi & Raphael Akinwumi Birthday Thanksgiving
	11.00am	People of the Parish

**Parent’s prayer for their children returning to school:**

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our children. Please watch over them as they begin a new school year. Bless their teachers, school administrators, school support staff, friends and classmates. Keep them safe every day. I pray they may feel your presence and know that You are always with them. Give them wisdom to make good choices, and an openness to learn new things. Fill them with knowledge and positive thinking. Help them overcome obstacles and shield them from negativity. Surround our children with good friends who also know and love You. Help them treat each other with kindness, fairness and respect. May they treat each person they encounter as another child of God. Grant them the Grace to place their trust in You so they may know your peace. **Amen.**



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**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**  
**31<sup>st</sup> August and 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024**

Dear Friends,

As the summer holidays draw to a close, our usual parish activities will be resuming in the weeks to come. In June we had an extremely successful Parish Mission. During that time, we identified several areas of particular focus for the prayer life of our community. It was decided that we should start having a **Holy Hour** every **Sunday evening from 6pm to 7pm**, to pray especially for the following intentions:

1. For the Young People of our Parish.
2. For those caught up with addictions of one kind or another.
3. For the spiritual and temporal wellbeing of married couples and the Families of our Parish.
4. For those struggling with emotional and psychological wounds.
5. For vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Through these weekly periods of prayer, we will be asking the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us, and to show us what practical things we can do as a parish in the months ahead.

I warmly invite you to join us for these times of prayer on Sunday evenings. The first Holy Hour will take place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 6pm-7pm.

**God bless,**  
**Canon Maurice**

**Please pray for all who are sick, including:**

Nell Addison, Christophe Amblard, Paul & Eva Au, Michael Balfour, Doreen Banister, William Bradbury, Vincent Brady, Rose Cahill, Marlene Camay, John Carty, Macmillan Chitoma Bras-Goncalves, Anne Dunn, Sarah Content, Maureen Daly, John Detheridge, Katherine Day, Gerry Margaret Dumbrill, Eddie and Martha Dwyer, 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, Baby Stephen Kelly, Vicky Loik, Mary Lynes, Amaogechi Mbanu, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Gladys McQuaid, 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, Louis Russo, Dorothy Ryan, Fr Francis Coveney, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Elizabeth Smith, Julia Stokes, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, The Salter Family (Bert, Charlie and Bert's Daughter-in-law), Joanne Gardener, Charles Stimpson, Julia Thomas, Melon Vigo, 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:**

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024

**Loose**

£499.45

**Envelopes**

£363.79

**Mother and Toddlers Group:**

Summer Holidays opening Hours for the Mother and Toddlers Group:

W/C 2<sup>nd</sup> September - back to normal.

Please contact Maria on 07751 236262 for more information.

**Thank you:**

We thank Fr Spencer Nyendwa for his time and support for the Parish while Canon Maurice was away. He has looked after our parishioners well and always with a kind smile for everyone. Our prayers and thoughts go with him as he leaves us this Monday.

**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.

**Foodbank:**

There is now a permanent container in the porch of the church for the Foodbank, and for baby milk for the baby bank. Items will be picked up fortnightly, or when full. Contact info: [caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.org) / 01277 373959.

**Gift Aid Donation:**

Firstly, we would like to thank you for your kind donations to keep the Church going, it is very much appreciated. Secondly, I would like to ask anyone that pays income tax, no matter how small, to think about filling in our Gift Aid form so that we can claim off the money you have already given to the taxman to help the Church out further. From your weekly donation no matter what the size we can claim from the taxman an extra 25p from what you have already paid to the taxman. So, it will not cost you any more money.

**200 Club:**

The Church is still running the 200 club, unfortunately since the pandemic many of our parishioners are no longer with us or moved. This is a vital part of our fund raising which is a way of boosting the Church Funds but also once a month we draw a name, and that person gets half the money collected from the club that month. A nice way to raise funds but also have the chance of a little win for yourself. Please see Anne in the office or email if you wish to join.

**PARISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP:**

Come along to find comfort, support and understanding at our welcoming and informal bereavement support group. Sheila Delander and Liz Hill will lead the group. We invite you to join us as we navigate through grief together. Our next meeting will be held **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm** in St. Anthony's Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. There will be subsequent meetings scheduled for the 1st Wednesday of every month. All are welcome. Tea/Coffee and Cake will be provided.

**Holy Communion Programme 24/2025:**

Application forms for the next Holy Communion Programme starting in September 2024 will be at the back of the Church from this Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> of July until Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> of September. The First session will take place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of September at 4:30pm.

**Confirmation Programme 24/2025:**

Application forms will be available at the beginning of September.

**R.I.P:**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Winnie Bonsor who died recently, details of the funeral will be given at a later date. Also please pray for the repose of the soul of Marcella Matthews who died recently, her Requiem Mass will take place on the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 12.00pm, and Virginia Grande her Requiem Mass will be on 9<sup>th</sup> September at 12.00pm. May they rest in peace.

**Baby & Toddler Group:**

We are looking for more volunteers to support our playgroup here at St Alban's in the Parish Hall on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. This would involve setting up and tidying away equipment and toys and assisting children and parents.

If you are interested or would like more information, please send an e-mail to Maria - [stalbanstoddler@yahoo.com](mailto:stalbanstoddler@yahoo.com) or call 07774 719 806.

**BBQ and Mass for the young adults, Our Lady Immaculate, Chelmsford, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> of September:**

If you are 18+, having left school, from 1<sup>st</sup> of September then you are very welcome to join a group of young adults for a BBQ from 3pm with Mass at 7pm, at Our Lady Immaculate Church in Chelmsford. No need to book, simply come along to meet other young adults Catholics and find out more about upcoming events just for you!