

MASS INTENTIONS
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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| Saturday 21 st September – Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) | 6.30pm | Brigid Barulis (R.I.P) |
| Sunday 22 nd September – Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) | 9.00am | People of the Parish |
| | 11.00am | David Evans (R.I.P) |
| Monday 23 rd September – St Pius of Pietreicina | 9.00am | Mark Finnegan (R.I.P) |
| Tuesday 24 th September – Our Lady of Walsingham | 9.00am | Winnie Bonsor (R.I.P) |
| Wednesday 25 th September - Feria | 9.00am | Annamma Francis (R.I.P) |
| Thursday 26 th September - Feria | 9:00am | Brigid Barulis (R.I.P) and Paul Barulis Int |
| Friday 27 th September – St Vincent de Paul | 9.00am | Bernard Kiernan (R.I.P) |
| Saturday 28 th September – Feria | 9.00am | Nell Addison Int |

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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| Saturday 28 th September – Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) | 6.30pm | Phillip Rodgers (R.I.P) |
| Sunday 29 th September – Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) | 9.00am | Kathy ans James Driver (R.I.P) |
| | 11.00am | Jennifer McBrearty (R.I.P) |

Thought for the week:

As much as conflicts are inevitable in life, we must not allow them to tear us apart. This is what we often see in any society, church, family and indeed anywhere that personal ambition is considered more important than anything else. There, we see in-fighting, gossips, indifference, aggression, threats to lives and properties, hatred, and all sorts of vices. All these, come at the expense of that common good and peaceful coexistence. Wherever these exist, there can be no progress, prosperity and peace. Therefore, by using a child as an example for us today, Jesus is simply teaching us that we have to become like children in order to be great. **Of course, this does not mean being childish. Rather, it means being child-like.** It means that, we have to live our lives in humble service to God and to one another.



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21st & 22nd September 2024

St Alban's Primary School

Ms McBride the Headteacher of St Alban's has shared the recent Ofsted Inspection report with the Parish Community:

St Alban's Primary School has just had its recent Ofsted report published, and we are delighted to share this with you. **"The school continues to be a good school, sitting at the heart of the community. It has an inclusive culture where everyone feels welcome. The children 'are happy and safe' and 'enjoy coming to school 'and who 'achieve well because they are excited by their learning and want to do their best'. Expectations are high for both achievement and behaviour, with an ambitious and engaging curriculum. Leadership is clear about what it needs to do next to secure the highest quality of provision in all areas of pupils' education. The future is very positive, and they hope to be building this partnership with the families of the Parish for many years to come."**

We congratulate the School on the result of this inspection showing all their hard work and dedication. Our school has the capacity to grow from strength to strength so that all pupils are given a good opportunity to develop all their skills to the best of their abilities. This bodes well for the Parish and for the future generations of our children and families.

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 Dumbrell, 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, 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, Ivan 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:

14th & 15th September 2024

Loose

£551.10

Envelopes

£441.30

Youth Mass, First Thursday of the Month, Brentwood Cathedral, from 6pm

Join the BCYS to celebrate Youth Mass each month with other young Catholics from all around the Diocese.

There will be pizza in the Parish Hall from 6pm, with a different input each month - speakers, workshops, prayer and worship, Reconciliation or more!

Youth Mass is then celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. Next date: Thursday 3rd October.

Right to Life:

In union with Our Lady of Walsingham, whose feast day we celebrate on Tuesday, we pray for pregnant women who feel they are facing a difficult decision. We ask that they may be given hope, filled with the love of God, and guided away from a course of despair and onto one of love and acceptance of the gift of life.

Holy Communion Programme 24/2025:

The First session for this year's Holy Communion programme will take place for the parents and the children this Sunday 22nd of September at 4:30pm in the Parish Hall. It is expected that all parents and children will attend. Full details of all the sessions will be given out at this meeting.

R.I.P:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jenny Jones who died recently, her funeral will take place next Friday 27th September 3.40pm at South Essex Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

Catechist Training and Resources Day, Brentwood Ursuline Convent School, Saturday 9th November, 10am-3pm

*With guest speakers, new workshops, exciting resources and fresh ideas. Open to anyone working with young people in the Diocese of Brentwood, including First Holy Communion / Confirmation Catechists, Parish Partnership Youth Coordinators and Youth Leaders as well as those who look after the children's liturgy, especially any young people (16+) who already are or may be interested in working as young leaders and catechists in the parish, and wish to develop their faith further post-confirmation. Please visit www.bcys.net/events for more information on how to reserve your **FREE** place.*

Volunteers Needed:

- 1) This Sunday we continue with our Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6 to 7pm, everybody's welcome for as long as you want to come. We are hoping to set up a group of adorers who would be interested in continuing this form of prayer for the benefit of the whole community. If anyone wanted to volunteer, we could meet for a few minutes after 7pm this Sunday evening to discuss the future possibility.
- 2) We have a lovely peace garden, and many people do visit it so we are looking for a small group of gardeners who would like to tend and care for it. Please let Father know if you are interested.

Confirmation Programme 24/2025:

Application forms are now available at the back of the church. If you wish to join the programme (Year 10 upwards), please complete the form fully and they must be brought to the interview next Sunday 29th and Monday 30th September at 5-7pm and 6-7pm respectively.

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 session which recommences this year next Monday 30th September 2024 at 7:30pm in the Presbytery. Any Parishioner who wishes to support this group is also invited to come along.

Baby & Toddler Group:

We are excited to announce that from Monday at 9.30am we will have a Zumba exercise class which you can also bring your child to! The cost is £6 per person. To book please contact Diana on 07886 159 647.

We are now open Monday to Friday and offer a variety of fun and engaging classes and playgroup sessions for under 5's. Check out our website for more information - <https://stalbanscic.my.canva.site> For any further information please contact Maria on 07751 236262

Unite in 'compassionate action' to oppose assisted suicide, says Bishop:

Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Bishops' Conference, is encouraging Catholics to unite in prayer and compassionate action as Parliament prepares to renew the debate around assisted suicide:

For more information, please visit www.cbcew.org.uk/unite-in-compassionate-action-to-oppose-assisted-suicide-says-bishop/

Dates for your Diary

- The Bazaar will be held on the 30th November 2024 starting at 12.00pm. Please remember to bring donations of drinks, toiletries, raffle prizes for the day.
- The Choir concert will be on 8th December at 5.45pm.
- The Christmas Nativity Service will be on the 15th December at 5.30pm.

Secondary school forms:

Canon Maurice will be available to sign the secondary school forms on Sunday the 20th of October from 5-7pm and on Monday the 21st of October from 6-7pm. These dates will be the only times that Father will be available to sign them.