

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

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> September – <b>Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>	6.30pm	Tommy Kiarnan (R.I.P)
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> September – <b>Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b> <b>(Evangelii Gadium Sunday)</b>	9.00am	Amjad Hamid (R.I.P)
	11.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September – <b>Ss Cornelius, P and Cyprian</b>	9.00am	Sheila Fialho (R.I.P)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September – Feria	9.00am	Redmond & Mary Keogh (R.I.P)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September - Feria	9.00am	Thanksgiving
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September - Feria	9:00am	Departed Souls in Purgatory
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September – <b>St Andrew Kim Tae-gon</b>	9.00am	Andrew Turner Birthday Int
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> September – <b>St Matthew</b>	9.00am	Tom Kiernan (R.I.P)

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

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> September – <b>Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>	6.30pm	Brigid Barulis (R.I.P)
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September – <b>Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>	9.00am	People of the Parish
	11.00am	David Evans (R.I.P)

**Thought for the week: Hang it on the Cross by Lisa O. Engelhardt**

If you have a secret sorrow, a burden or a loss, an aching need for healing... Hang It On The Cross.  
 If worry steals your sleep and makes you turn and toss, if your heart is feeling heavy... Hang It On The Cross.  
 Every obstacle to faith or doubt you come across; every prayer unanswered... Hang It On The Cross.  
 For Christ has borne our brokenness and dearly paid the cost to turn our trials to triumph... Hang It On The Cross.



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**14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Dear Friends,

We are all very much influenced by what others think and say about us. We all like to be well thought of by others. There is a danger here. We might make popularity the goal of our lives. And we might forget the only thing that matters – the reality of who and what I am. We are all children of the heavenly Father. Therefore, we have a tremendous dignity. We have no need then, to pretend. Let us pray that we may live up to our dignity as a child of God.

**SUNDAY REFLECTION:**

“Faith without good works is dead” (James 2:14 -18) So says the apostle St James in one of the most important sayings of the New Testament. A watch that has a gold chain, but which does not tell the time is worthless. A fruit tree which in spring is full of blossoms and leaves, but when autumn comes has no fruit, is false and is only taking up space. It is the same with faith. A faith that does not lead to works of love – such as kindness, compassion, forgiveness – is false and useless and dead. Saint Theresa of Calcutta puts it like this “If we believe, we will love. If we love, we will serve” It is as simple as that.

*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:**

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Loose**

£787.59

**Envelopes**

£321.87

**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.

**Date for your Diary**

The Bazaar will be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 starting at 12.00pm. Please remember to bring donations of drink, toiletries, raffle prizes for the day.

**Holy Communion Programme 24/2025:**

The First session for this year's Holy Communion programme will take place for the parents and the children next Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of September at 4:30pm. 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 Winnie Bonsor who died recently, her remains will be brought into the Church at 4.30pm on 19<sup>th</sup> September and her Requiem Mass will be at 11.30 on the 20<sup>th</sup> September. May she rest in peace.

**Volunteers Needed:**

- 1) Last week we started the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday evenings. On this Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September the Bishops of England invite all parishes to have a period of exposition to unite the faithful focusing on the Eucharist in anticipation of the Jubilee year 24<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025. This Sunday we continue with it in our Parish from 6pm to 7pm. 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 on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> and Monday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 on the Monday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

**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:

"Parliament returned this week, and with it the prospect of renewed debates on the ethics of assisted suicide. The second reading of Lord Falconer's 'Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults Bill', which seeks to legalise assisted suicide, will take place in the House of Lords. There will be an attempt to introduce a similar Bill to the House of Commons." For more information, please visit [www.cbcew.org.uk/unite-in-compassionate-action-to-oppose-assisted-suicide-says-bishop/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/unite-in-compassionate-action-to-oppose-assisted-suicide-says-bishop/)

**Right to Life:**

Yesterday, we commemorated the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Let us pray that generations yet to be born will experience the saving power of Christ.