

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

Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> September – <b>Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>	6.30pm	Phillip Rodgers (R.I.P)
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> September – <b>Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>	9.00am	Kathy & James Driver (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Jennifer McBrearty (R.I.P)
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September – <b>St Jerome</b>	9.00am	Winnie Bonsor (R.I.P)
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October – <b>St Therese of the Child Jesus</b>	9.00am	Fred Onodu (R.I.P)
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October – <b>The Holy Guardian Angels</b>	9.00am	Gracekuty Joseph (R.I.P)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October - Feria	9:00am	Aran Jose (R.I.P)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October – <b>St Francis of Assisi</b>	9.00am	Mary Rose Scott (R.I.P)
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> October – Feria	9.00am	John Carty Int

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

Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> October – <b>Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> October – <b>Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>	9.00am	Bernard Kienan (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)

**Thought for the week: Fragrance wherever I Go – St John Henry Newman (National Feast day 9<sup>th</sup> of October)**

Dear Lord, help me to spread your fragrance wherever I go. Flood my soul with your spirit and life. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of yours. Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel your presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me, but only you, O Lord! Stay with me and then I begin to shine as you do; so, to shine as to be a light to others. The light, O Lord, will be all from you; none of it will be mine. It will be you shining on others through me.



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**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**  
**28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Dear Friends,

It's strange how we struggle to acquire and hold on to things, even with God. We can be so jealous of our patch, our area of responsibility, no matter how small, and we guard it so carefully. We all too easily pit ourselves against others also: we versus them, ours versus theirs, labelling others as strangers.

At the root of such behaviour is envy and jealousy. At their heart is a sadness, when you resent another's joys and God-given abilities. It's not just a modern reality. The First Reading, Moses shows himself to be great in mind as well as in action. A lesser person could have felt threatened if they weren't the sole agent of God's word. But unlike others, Moses is secure in the knowledge that all gifts come from above and God's arm is not shortened. In the Gospel, an unperturbed Jesus faces the young disciple John who is disturbed because people other than disciples were casting out demons. Jesus' advice is to take a wider view: 'He that is not against us is for us'. God isn't choosy – we are.

Heavenly Father, free us from pettiness and small mindedness and give us the generosity to acknowledge and praise the gifts of our brothers and sisters, for in so doing we are acknowledging and praising you who live and reign with your Son in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

*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:**

21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

**Loose**

£613.33

**Envelopes**

£573.52

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

**Right to Life:**

This week we will be celebrating the feast days of both St Thérèse of Lisieux and St Francis of Assisi. Let us pray with their powerful intercession for our Government, that their ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves on the desire to protect all human life.

**Holy Communion Programme 24/2025:**

Next session for the Holy Communion programme will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October at 7pm. Parents meet at the Church and Children will meet in the Parish hall.

**Catechist Training and Resources Day, Brentwood Ursuline Convent School, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.bcys.net/events) for more information on how to reserve your **FREE** place.

**Family Fast Day:**

Family fast day is this Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of October. The CAFOD envelopes will be given out this Sunday, please return them next weekend.

**Volunteers Needed:**

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.

**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 today Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> and tomorrow 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 this 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 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://stalbaniscic.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/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/unite-in-compassionate-action-to-oppose-assisted-suicide-says-bishop/)

**Dates for your Diary**

- St Albans Parish and School Family Mass is on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November at 11am.
- The Bazaar will be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> December at 5.45pm.
- The Christmas Nativity Service will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm.

**Secondary school forms:**

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

**Baptism Course:**

The next session for the Baptism Course will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October at 9am in the Parish Hall. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.