

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

Saturday 7 th September – Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	6.30pm	Rose Dique (R.I.P)
Sunday 8 th September – Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	9.00am	Temi & Raphael Akinwumi Birthday Thanksgiving
	11.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 9 th September – Feria	9.00am	Fr. Brian McGilloway (R.I.P)
Tuesday 10 th September – Feria	9.00am	Mary Bluett (R.I.P)
Wednesday 11 th September - Feria	9.00am	Maureen Daly Int
Thursday 12 th September - Feria	9:00am	Rachael Miranda Int
Friday 13 th September – St John Chrysostom	9.00am	Matthew Onodu Birthday Int
Saturday 14 th September – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	9.00am	Rose Dique (R.I.P)

Twenty- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Saturday 14 th September – Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	6.30pm	Tommy Kiarnan (R.I.P)
Sunday 15 th September – Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	9.00am	Amjad Hamid (R.I.P)
	11.00am	People of the Parish
Evangelii Gadium Sunday		

Thought for the week

Whatever fears we have in life can be forgotten with the name of Jesus. If anxiety or worries cloud your mind, remember that Jesus is more than any of our fears. The promise of His love, His mercy is more than anything. (St Padre Pio – Feast Day 23rd September)



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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
7th & 8th September 2024

Dear Friends,

The man in today's Gospel, suffers from a speech impediment as well as from deafness and the opening of his ears is the first step in his recovery of clear speech. The evangelist, like the modern speech therapist, knew that clear speaking depended on being able to hear clearly. Communication problems often arise because what we think we are saying is not quite the same thing that our conversation partners are hearing. It might be that the cure of deafness we must need is to hear ourselves with the ears of the other. That means not simply attending to the words use, but to the tone, to the body language, whether we seem to be stonewalling or whether our whole bearing says that we are people who want to communicate. The recent history of Northern Ireland for instance, provides an extraordinary example of how divided people began to get the courage to listen and to speak to one another. They stopped shouting past each other and unimaginable change began to take place. The Good Friday Agreement resulted.

REFLECTION: Silence can sometimes be the best preparation for listening. It helps us to become aware of all of the things which block our communion with one another. As we savour the presence of the Lord with us, we remember that he opened the ears of the deaf and made the dumb speak. May this moment of holy communion with him and with each other prepare us for the times in the week ahead when we will need to listen to one another with the mind and heart of Christ.

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:

31st August & 1st September 2024

Loose

£411.29

Envelopes

£511.02

Mother and Toddlers Group:

Summer Holidays opening Hours for the Mother and Toddlers Group:

W/C 2nd September - back to normal.

Please contact Maria on 07751 236262 for more information.

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 / 01277 373959.

Date for your Diary

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

“Adoremus in My Parish”

The Catholic Church in England and Wales – bishops, priests and people from all dioceses will gather at St Mary’s College, Oscott next Saturday 14th September for a day to renew and deepen our devotion to the Eucharist. St Mary’s College was the first venue for the first Eucharistic Procession since the Reformation. Unlike Adoremus in Liverpool in 2018 this is not a public event, although each diocese will send pilgrims. On Sunday 15th September, the Bishops of England and Wales invite all parishes to have a period of Exposition to unite the faithful in focusing on the Eucharist in anticipation of the Jubilee Year (24th December 2024 to 14th December 2025) with renewed and deepened devotion.

Please remember we have adoration every Sunday evening in our Church from 6pm to 7pm everyone is welcome

Holy Communion Programme 24/2025:

Application forms for the next Holy Communion Programme starting this month will be at the back of the Church until Sunday the 15th of September. The First session will take place on Sunday 24th of September at 4:30pm.

Confirmation Programme 24/2025:

Application forms are now available at the back of the church. If you wish to join the program please complete the form fully and they must be brought to the interview on 29th and 30th September.

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

R.I.P:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Virginia Grande her Requiem Mass will take place this Monday on 9th September at 12.00pm. Also please pray for the repose of the soul of Winnie Bonsor who died recently, she will be brought into the Church at 4.30pm on 19th September and her Requiem Mass will be at 11.30 on the 20th September. 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 or call 07774 719 806.

Baptism Course:

The next session for the Baptism Course will be held on the 14th September at 9am in the Parish Hall. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.