

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> October - <b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>	6.30pm	Seamys Nolan (R.I.P)
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> October – <b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>	9.00am	Lucy Baguma (Int)
	11.00am	John Moody (R.I.P)
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – <b>SS Simon and Jude</b>	9.00am	Patrick Jordon
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October – Feria	9.00am	Birthday & Good Health (Int)
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October – Feria	9.00am	Ann Larkin (Int)
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October – Feria	9:00am	Michael Lyons
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November – <b>All Saints (Holy day Of Obligation)</b>	9.00am	Onodu (Int)
	7:30pm	Rose Cahill (Int)
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November – <b>All Souls' Day</b>	9.00am	Gracykuty Joseph (R.I.P)

**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November – <b>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November – <b>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>	9.00am	Teresa Carty 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)

**Thought for the week:**

The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families... that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary. – **Sister Lucia dos Santos of Fatima**



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**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**  
**26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

Dear Friends,

The fact that we have eyes does not mean that we always see what is most important in life. There is more to sight than merely seeing the light of day. Eyes are of little use if we fail to see the hand of God at work in our lives. At times, we all experience such darkness and are sorely in need of the light of God. In caring for the blind Bartimaeus, Christ is telling us that there is an even worse state of blindness than physical blindness. We all suffer from spiritual blindness and Jesus is letting us know that he can cure this illness and prevent us from groping around in the darkness.

**REFLECTION**

A blind man heard that Jesus was passing by, He cried out 'Jesus! Son of David! Have mercy on me!' Jesus stopped and asked him: 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Sir' he answered, 'I want to see again.' Luke 18:38

A lecturer read the above passage. The she said to her students; 'Imagine you are alone praying. Jesus appears and asks you, 'what do you want me to do for you?' What would you say?' Here are some of the students' responses:

'Give me courage to stop taking drugs', 'Give me back my childhood faith', 'Take away my depression', 'Give me confidence in myself'. These responses invite me to ask: What would I ask for if Jesus appeared to me and asked, 'What do you want me to do for you?'

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, you shine your light into the dark shadows of our lives. We invite you to illuminate the darkness in our lives so that we may walk as children of the light.

*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:**

19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024

**Loose**

£643.00

**Envelopes**

£286.52

**Right to Life:**

We pray for all those with disabilities, including the unborn. We pray for protection for them and their mothers from the pressures of assisted suicide and abortion, and that they would instead experience overwhelming support from all who surround them.

**Holy Communion Programme 24/2025:**

Next session for the Holy Communion programme will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of November 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.

**R.I.P.:**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Susan Creely who died recently. Her Funeral will take place this Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> of October at South Essex Crematorium Upminster at 11:40am. May she rest in peace.

**St Albans Primary School:**

After a successful Ofsted Inspection report Our School continues to open its doors to prospective parents for the intake of school year 2025. The opening times to visit the school and meet the headteacher are as follows:

- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am, 2pm and 6pm
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 9am

Canon Maurice will be available to sign the School forms on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> of November 5pm – 7pm and on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of November from 6pm – 7pm.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

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, please feel free to pop in for a quiet prayer for family's intentions etc. as we begin a new week.

**Confirmation Programme 24/2025:**

The next session for confirmation programme will be this Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> of November at 4pm. We have 22 young people preparing for the sacrament. Do keep them in your prayers as we begin the programme.

**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 is at 7:30pm in the Presbytery every Monday.

**Baby & Toddler Group:**

The Mothers and Toddlers group meets every day (Mon – Fri) and this includes Zumba exercise class every Monday at 9:30am, which you can also bring your child to! The cost is £6 per person. To book please contact Diana on 07886 159 647.

This group offers 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

**Dates for your Diary**

- St Albans Parish and School Family Mass is next 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.

**Readers Day:**

There is a meeting arranged for all readers at Sion Community Brentwood this Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November. The meeting is focused on the new lectionary and start at 10:00am and is scheduled to finish 2 to 2:30pm. Lunch is provided. Please let Tom McManus know if you will be going. Email: [tom.mcmanus7@gmail.com](mailto:tom.mcmanus7@gmail.com) Mobile: 07840 760907. It is important that all readers attend.

**Assisted Suicide Bill before Parliament:**

Kim Leadbeater MP is introducing a bill to introduce assisted suicide, which will be voted on by MPs on the **29<sup>th</sup> November**. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs. Please contact your MP by visiting [www.livesworthliving.org.uk](http://www.livesworthliving.org.uk).

***Our Parish has written a letter to all MPs from this area for all Parishioners to sign and these letters will be given to you this Sunday to read. Then next week you will be able to sign our petition before the vote is taken. This is very Urgent, and time is of the essence to complete this before it is too late.***

**The Champion School:** are seeking generous donors to contribute to the cost (£695) of their new lectionaries – which every Catholic Church and Chapel need to purchase as the scripture translation used in Mass changes. These donors may have a connection to the school and/or may wish to give in memory of a loved one. Please help us to proclaim the Word of God to future generations of Catholic students! If you are able to help, please contact the school directly ([contact@thecampionschool.org.uk](mailto:contact@thecampionschool.org.uk)) or via your parish priest.