

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

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November - <b>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November – <b>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	Teresa Carty 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November – <b>St Charles Borromeo</b>	9.00am	Mary Rose Scott (R.I.P)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November – Feria	9.00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November – Feria	9.00am	Kevin O'Brien (R.I.P)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November – Feria	9:00am	Barry O'Sullivan (R.I.P)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November – Feria	9.00am	Barney O'Neill (R.I.P)
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> November – <b>The dedication Of the Lateran Basilica</b>	9.00am	Greta Shanahan (Int)

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

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> November – <b>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	6.30pm	Gladys McQuaid
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> November – <b>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	Alan Palmer (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Denis Doherty (R.I.P)

**Thought for the week:**

Every time we celebrate Mass all the suffering and agony of mankind is present. Through that offering, love, forgiveness and hope are in some way being given. Not just to this community round this altar but, like the pebble cast into the pond, the ripples go on and on outwards. So, the Mass makes present that one complete Sacrifice of Christ, re-enacted through the consecrated bread and wine – the Body and Blood of Christ – transcending time and space, enabling us to be present at the foot of the cross, and close to the empty tomb. It is our earthly way of being involved in the great heavenly liturgy which is going on all the time. It is the Church's most precious treasure. It must be ours. The Mass meant so much to the English martyrs, they risked so much just to be present. I feel just a little ashamed when I think how devoted they were. But these great people inspire us to find out more about the Mass, and to love it as they did. – **Cardinal Basil Hume**



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**Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024**

Dear Friends,

The end of the year is in sight as the leaves are falling off the trees. Traditionally, November is a time when we remember the dead in a special way. Gravestones, Memorial Cards, Cemeteries, anniversary Masses are really about the same thing – keeping our dead alive. Years on, it keeps us in touch with our deceased. We speak about respecting the dead. There is much more to it than that. These are simple ways in which we continue the respect that we held for our family members in life. It is also our way of saying thanks to a people who helped the Word to become not only flesh but helped the Word to become fresh.

Our memory of them is a kind one, much like our God who is more anxious to search out what is good, than to condemn. Not that all our dead were saints, but somehow, in November we view them at their best. The parents who taught us our first prayers and guided us in so many ways, the infant, the child, the teenager, the grandparents – each of them no matter how long they lived, for seconds or years, give us cause for being grateful for their companionship in life. We look forward and hope that our legacy to a new generation will be no less generous.

Lord, remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again. Bring them into the light of your presence.

If you would like the deceased members of your family remembered, please fill in the form at the back of the church and place it in the box, which will go on the Altar during November.

*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:**

26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024

**Loose**

£684.45

**Envelopes**

£365.55

**Right to Life:**

As the Church has commemorated the Feast Days of All Saints and All Souls these last two days, we ask Almighty God to especially care for all those approaching the end of their lives. May they be granted a peaceful, natural death with dignity and the appropriate palliative care.

**Holy Communion Programme 24/2025:**

Next session for the Holy Communion programme will be this 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.

**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.

*Next Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> of November we will be having a healing prayers from 7:30pm to 8pm.*

**Confirmation Programme 24/2025:**

The next session for confirmation programme will be on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> of December at 4pm.

**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.

**Mother & 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://stalbanescic.my.canva.site>  
For any further information please contact Maria on 07751 236262

**Dates for your Diary**

- 10<sup>th</sup> of November – Healing Service from 7:30pm to 8pm
- 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.

**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 were given to you last Sunday to read. This weekend we are asking you to sign the 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 Campion 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.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> November.**