

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

Saturday 12 th October - Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	6.30pm	Neil Nagle Anniversary Mass
Sunday 13 th October – Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Thanksgiving
Monday 14 th October – Feria	9.00am	Fr Christopher Hogan (R.I.P)
Tuesday 15 th October – St Teresa of Jesus	9.00am	Michelle, Olivia & Family (Int)
Wednesday 16 th October – Feria	9.00am	John & Anna Keaney Wedding Anniversary
Thursday 17 th October – St Ignatius of Antioch	9:00am	Mercy Thomas (R.I.P)
Friday 18 th October – St Luke	9.00am	Tonta, Prosper & Family & their ancestors
Saturday 19 th October – Feria	9.00am	Departed souls in Purgatory

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Saturday 19 th October – Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 20 th October – Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	9.00am 11.00am	Barney O'Neill (R.I.P) McMahon, Sayers & Connelly Families

Thought for the week: Pope John XXIII (1881 – 1963) Memorial 11th October

Already dying and in response to many who had asked him for the secret of his priesthood, Pope John XXIII said, 'I had the supreme grace of being born into a modest and poor but God-fearing Christian family, and of being called to the priesthood. Since I was a child, I have thought of nothing else, I have desired nothing else. My earthly day is at its end, but Christ lives on, the Church continues. And what other word is more suitable, then, than to exhort you to never take your eye off the Cross of Jesus...? Look at the cross, beloved children, in your sufferings. This bed is an altar, the altar needs a sacrifice: here I am. I am ready. I offer my life for the Church, the continuation of the Ecumenical Council, the peace of the world, the unity of Christians. The secret of my priesthood lies in the crucifix that I wanted to place in front of my bed, he looks at me and I speak to him... Those outstretched arms say that he died for everyone; no one is rejected by his love for him, by his forgiveness...'



ST ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER
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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
12th & 13th October 2024

Pastoral Letters on the Treat of Assisted Suicide: (Copies of both the letters are available at the back of the Church)
 This week an 'assisted suicide' Bill will be introduced into Parliament. The decision MPs are about to make is heralded as a historic vote because it threatens a momentous change to society in both its care and attitude to the sick and the aged.

Bishop Mark Davies goes on to say, "I must also warn where crossing the moral boundary set by the command "You shall not kill" will lead. Elsewhere in the world we have seen how similar laws permitting medical professionals to assist their patients in suicide have been extended wider and wider to encompass those with mental health problems and even young children. We have witnessed a similar trajectory since the Abortion Act of 1967: initially agreed by Parliament to address 'hard cases', this law has been tragically responsible for the destruction of many millions of human lives." – **Bishop Mark Davies**

Cardinal Vincent Nichols' Pastoral Letter:

We know, only too well, that suffering can bring people to a most dreadful state of mind, even driving them to take their own lives, in circumstances most often when they lack true freedom of mind and will, and so bear no culpability. But this proposed legislation is quite different. It seeks to give a person of sound will and mind the right to act in a way that is clearly contrary to a fundamental truth: our life is not our own possession, to dispose of as we feel fit. This is not a freedom of choice we can take for ourselves without undermining the foundations of trust and shared dignity on which a stable society rests. As this debate unfolds, then, I ask you to play your part in it. Write to your MP. Please remember: be careful what you wish for; the right to die can become a duty to die; being forgetful of God belittles our humanity. – **Cardinal Vincent Nichols (Leader of Catholic Church in England and Wales)**

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:

05th & 06th October 2024

Loose

£758.13

Envelopes

£290.80

Right to Life:

This week, we will celebrate the feast day of St Gerard Majella, the patron saint of expectant mothers. We pray for all who work in maternity units with pregnant women, that they may recognise that God is truly with us in each unborn child.

Holy Communion Programme 24/2025:

Next session for the Holy Communion programme will be this Thursday 17th 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 9th 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 for more information on how to reserve your **FREE** place.

R.I.P:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John George Humphreys who died recently, his funeral will take place next Friday 18th of October at 11:30. Please also pray for the soul of Luigina Mifsud her funeral will take place Tuesday 22nd October at 11:45am. May they 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 13th November at 2pm
- Thursday 14th November 9.30am, 2pm and 6pm
- Friday 15th November 9am

Canon Maurice will be available to sign the School forms on Sunday 24th of November 5pm – 7pm and on Monday 25th 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 on the 2nd of November at 4pm. We have 20 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://stalbanscic.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 on Sunday the 3rd of November at 11am.
- The Bazaar will be held on the 30th 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 8th December at 5.45pm.
- The Christmas Nativity Service will be on the 15th December at 5.30pm.

Secondary school forms:

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

Readers Day:

There is a meeting arranged for all readers at Sion Community Brentwood on Saturday the 2nd 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 Mobile: 07840 760907. It is important that all readers attend.

Justice and Peace Group:

The next meeting for the Justice and Peace Group will be this Wednesday 16th of October at 7pm in the Church meeting room. We will be discussing the ongoing debate on the treat of assisted suicide. Everybody is welcome to attend.

Job Vacancies:

General Assistant – Canning Town. A vacancy has arisen for a part-time General Assistant to work at Canning Town – St Margarets. The post will be part-time working 25 hours pre week from Monday to Friday from 09 am until 2 pm. This is a 10-month fixed term contract that may be extended. The start date for the role is November and the salary is to be discussed subject to skills and experience. Full job description please see General Assistant – East London at [Vacancies - Brentwood Diocese \(dioceseofbrentwood.net\)](http://dioceseofbrentwood.net) Closing date 21st October 2024