

MASS INTENTIONS
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
Monday 21 st October – Feria	9.00am	Special Intentions
Tuesday 22 nd October – Feria	9.00am	Gerald Peter & James (R.I.P)
Wednesday 23 rd October – Feria	9.00am	Mark Finnegan (R.I.P)
Thursday 24 th October – Feria	9:00am	Stella & Clarence Miranda (R.I.P)
Friday 25 th October – Feria	9.00am	Domphe, Look, Vincent Family & Ancestors (R.I.P)
Saturday 26 th October – St Cedd	9.00am	David (Int)

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Saturday 26 th October – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	6.30pm	Seamys Nolan (R.I.P)
Sunday 27 th October – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)	9.00am 11.00am	Lucy Baguma (Int) John Moody (R.I.P)

Thought for the week:

John Paul II said that as a young man, praying the Living Rosary helped him realise that not only does Our Mother Mary direct us towards Christ, but Christ also directs us towards His mother. Christ is saying 'look what marvels I have worked for my mother.' Devotion to the saints and especially to Our Lady, is so important because it marks out why our faith is so special. God's grace is not something superficial but penetrates the core of our being. God has promised to make us like Himself. Our Lady is the first in whom this promise has been fulfilled, and so she is worthy of the highest of praise. – **Fr Robert Verrill OP**



ST ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER
 Langdale Gardens RM12 5LA
 PARISH PRIEST: Canon Maurice Gordon



Presbytery:
 1 Ullswater Way, Elm Park, RM12 5JX
 Tel: 01708451449
parishoffice@stalbansrcchurch.uk
 Parish Deacon: Rev. Ken Carleton
kencarleton@brcdt.org
 Mob: 07971 544921
 Parish Website: <https://www.stalbansrcchurch.uk>
 Fr. Joseph Farrell (Retired) – 2B, Langdale Gardens, RM12 5LA
 Tel: 01708459709

St Alban's Primary School
 Heron Flight Avenue, RM12 5LN
 Tel: 01708 555644
 Head Teacher: Ms Gail McBride
 Angela – Gift Aid Organiser
 Mobile: 07510 243188
 Safeguarding Representatives
 Mobile: 07957 131646/07896 639525

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
19th & 20th October 2024

Dear Friends,

We look upon Jesus who lived our human life and knows our human ways; he was tempted as we are but knew no sin; he was crushed by suffering according to the will of God the Father. Jesus did not come to be served but to serve and so his follower is one who thinks in terms of service, not about lording it over others. This was a hard lesson for even the apostles to learn – seats by his side in glory was their ambition. The warning of Jesus, 'this is not to happen among you', needs to be heeded in every generation.

POINTS FOR REFLECTION

Be aware this week that you can offer suffering for others in union with Christ. In what way can you exercise authority so that it serves others?

PRAYER

Lord, we come to you, each of us bringing our own weaknesses and strengths. Help us to use them in your service. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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:

12th & 13th October 2024

Loose

£712.65

Envelopes

£352.13

Right to Life:

This Tuesday, we will celebrate the feast day of Pope St John Paul II, patron saint of the Pro-Life movement. We ask for his intercession as we the church seek to support all the vulnerable, especially those at the end of their lives, and that, like him, we would become models of support and charity to all in society.

Holy Communion Programme 24/2025:

Next session for the Holy Communion programme will be on Thursday 7th 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 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 soul of Luigina Mifsud her funeral will take place this Tuesday 22nd October at 11:45am. 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 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 this 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.

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 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.

World Mission Sunday 20th of October:

World Mission Sunday is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas who share our faith. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.