

MASS INTENTIONS
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (B)

Saturday 23 rd November - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (B)	6.30pm	Mark Finnegan
Sunday 24 th November – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (B)	9.00am	Deceased Members Mellon's Family
	11.00am	People of the Parish & Fernando Marques (R.I.P)
Monday 25 th November – Feria	9.00am	Stella & Clarence (R.I.P)
Tuesday 26 th November – Feria	9.00am	Marie Therese & Family (Blessing for health)
Wednesday 27 th November – Feria	9.00am	James Sydney (R.I.P)
Thursday 28 th November – Feria	9:00am	Patrick Waters (R.I.P)
Friday 29 th November – Feria	9.00am	Roger Prosper (R.I.P) & Family
Saturday 30 th November – St Andrew	9.00am	Gavin & Ann Turner (Int)

First Sunday of Advent (C)

Saturday 30 th November – First Sunday of Advent (C)	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 1 st December – First Sunday of Advent (C)	9.00am	Teresa Jarrold (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)

Thought for the week: Lighting a Candle

Often, we light candles as a sign of remembering and, like the remembrance of God, we do something too. As we light the candle, we say a prayer for that person that they may be enjoying the marvellous light of heaven. The candlelight reminds us that we too have the opportunity to share the light of hope that we carry with others. When you are in a dark place, the warmth of the smile or a kind word can mean a lot. It may feel that our own light is very small and insignificant in times of darkness but each time it is shared, it is not halved but doubled. Together we really can make a difference. Togetherness is important.

– Dr Lynn Bassett



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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (B)
23rd & 24th November 2024

Dear friends,
 When we say that Christ is King, we are saying that He must rule over every aspect of our lives.

The questions then that we could ask ourselves are:

In our work or professional life, does Christ rule us, or are we involved in immoral practices? Does he rule in our family life? How do we treat one another as husbands and wives? Do we create a good and nurturing atmosphere for our children? Are we even open to having children, or do we allow our own material plans to dominate our thinking? Does Christ rule in my personal life? Do I pray regularly? In my moments of free time, whatever I get up to, would I be happy for Christ to be there beside me? If not, there is something wrong. Does Christ rule in my mind? Am I careful about what I fill my mind with? If we give our mind over to the things of the world, then Christ does not truly rule us as King. Does Christ rule over our bodies? Do we take basic care of ourselves, or do we abuse alcohol, food or drugs? Our bodies are given to us to do God's work, so we have a responsibility to take good care of them. Also, how frequently do we partake in the Sacraments? These are the lifelines of grace for us, and they keep Christ at the centre of our lives. If we neglect the Sacraments, then we can become weak in our witness to the faith.

We see in today's Gospel the tension between the kingdom of this world, represented by Pontius Pilate, and the Kingdom of Christ. Often our faith will conflict with the prevailing culture. We are then called to choose between what is right and wrong. Today we pray that Christ may reign in every aspect of our lives, that we will listen to His voice, and take a stand for the truth.

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, 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:

16th & 17th November 2024

Loose

£587.90

Envelopes

£567.10

Right to Life:

As we contemplate the kingship of Christ, we ask that He rule each of our hearts. In particular, we pray that He guides the hearts of MPs to vote against the assisted suicide Bill this Friday.

St Albans Primary School:

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

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 5th December.**

Holy Communion programme:

The sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on Saturday the 7th of December at 11am in the Church for the parents and children. Also, for those children who do not go to St Albans we continue our sessions on Sundays. **The next session will be on the 1st of December at 10am.**

Parish Bazaar:

Takes place next Saturday the 30th of November at 12pm. This is a great event for our parish family, bringing together the whole community. Please remember to bring donations of drinks, toiletries, raffle prizes this week. We look forward to seeing you all next Saturday. Thank you

Baptism Course:

The next session for the Baptism course will take place on Saturday the 14th of December at 9am in the Parish Hall.

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. *Please also prayer for the assisted suicide bill that it will not be passed this Friday the 29th of November.*

Confirmation Programme 24/2025:

The next session for confirmation programme will be on Saturday 7th 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://stalbanscic.my.canva.site>

For any further information please contact Maria on 07751 236262

Dates for your Diary

- 1st of December – Parish-School Mass celebrated at 11am
- The Choir concert will be on 8th December at 5.45pm.
- The Christmas Nativity Service will be on the 15th December at 5.30pm.

Is the Assisted Suicide Bill about Compassion, Giving Choice and Dignity?

The Catholic Union, with Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London, is hosting a panel discussion on Kim Leadbeater's Assisted Dying Bill **on Sunday 24 November at 3.00pm.**

Baroness Hollins, President of the Catholic Union, says: *“There is insufficient scrutiny and consultation of Kim Leadbeater's Bill, which is concerning on several levels, but especially in this attempt to move doctors out of their primary duty to care for patients and towards participation in what will soon, if the bill is passed, become a new UK business sector of euthanasia provision. This panel discussion will help inform the debate and unpick how compassion, giving choice and dignity are concepts that are not synonymous with assisted suicide”.*

Panellists include Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson DBE DL, paralympic athlete and advocate for disability rights; Dr Matthew Doré, Consultant Palliative Care Physician; Professor Julian Hughes, Former Consultant Old Age Psychiatrist; Professor David Albert Jones, Professor of Bioethics. The event, which will be followed by a Q&A, is free to attend but [booking](#) is required. For those unable to attend in person livestreaming will be available www.farmstreet.org.uk/livestream. **Please continue to pray for this intension, that this law will not pass.**

R.I.P:

We pray for the repose of the soul of Simon Pierre who died recently. His funeral will take place on 10th of December at 12 noon. Please also pray for Hugh Galligan who also died recently. His funeral will take place on Friday 13th of December at 12:15pm. May they rest in peace.