

MASS INTENTIONS
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Saturday 9 th November - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Gladys McQuaid
Sunday 10 th November – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am 11.00am	Alan Palmer (R.I.P) Denis Doherty (R.I.P)
Monday 11 th November – St Martin of Tours	9.00am	Stephen, Anne & Marian Joseph (R.I.P)
Tuesday 12 th November – St Josphat	9.00am	Varghese Achal & Paulina Varghese (R.I.P)
Wednesday 13 th November – Feria	9.00am	Shararia, Rapheal, Sebeen & Christopher Gomez (R.I.P)
Thursday 14 th November – Feria	9:00am	Philomena, Vincent & Gertrude Joseph (R.I.P)
Friday 15 th November – Feria	9.00am	Stella Fernandez
Saturday 16 th November – St Edmund of Abindgon	9.00am	May Hetherton (R.I.P)

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Saturday 16 th November – Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	Danny Walsh (R.I.P)
Sunday 17 th November – Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am 11.00am	Mlecho Veronika (R.I.P) Pat Kelleher (R.I.P)

Thought for the week:

We need, in the church today, to recapture devotion to the real and abiding presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Outside Mass that presence continues and is celebrated through devotion and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. Belief in the reality of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament does not come from reading; it does not come from thinking. It does not come from any person's skill. It comes from faith, from the humility of mind to accept and to say 'yes' to what many seem to be unbelievable, namely that the Body and Blood of Christ are present under the appearance of bread and wine. How important is the precious moment when we receive Our Lord in Holy Communion. It is the moment when we give ourselves to him, as he gives himself to us; a moment when he will speak to us in his own way and encourage us. It is a very personal time and should not be rushed or invaded by distraction. Moments of silence and stillness after Communion are important, moments before the final prayer and blessing, and after, when we stay behind in church – alone with him. – **Cardinal Basil Hume**



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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
9th & 10th November 2024

Dear Friends,

Today we hear of the two widows who gave all they had to help others. During our celebration let us ask God to help us be as generous towards our brothers and sisters. God will not be out done in generosity. That lesson was expressed in his own imagery by a certain builder when he was being complimented by his parish priest for his generous support to any charitable cause. 'The way it is' he said 'whenever I give God a shovelful of anything, he shovels more back in my direction.

You see Father, God has the bigger shovel.' St Paul said that God loves the cheerful giver. In his eyes, the spirit in which we give is of more account than the amount given. TALKING POINTS FOR THE COMING WEEK – Look out for opportunities of being generous, even in the simplest way. Pray that God will give you a generous heart without pride. Consider ways in which you can give your 'widows mite'

Prayer:

O generous Father, fill us with a sense of your love for all people. Help us to realise that what we have is not really our own but ultimately belongs to you. Help us to see that it has been given to us, so that we might share it with all of your other children on earth.

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:

2nd & 3rd November 2024

Loose

£626.02

Envelopes

£325.50

Right to Life:

We pray for fathers and mothers of growing families, that their relations and friends, and the wider community, would rally around them with encouragement, support, friendliness and love

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:

- This Wednesday 13th November at 2pm
- This Thursday 14th November 9.30am, 2pm and 6pm
- This 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.

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.**

Bishop Conference England and Wales:

Cardinal Vincent Nichols has called for Catholics in England and Wales to join him, and the Bishops of our lands, to pause for an hour at 5:30pm on Wednesday, 13 November to pray for the dignity of human life. On that day, the Bishops will pause for an hour in the middle of their autumn plenary meeting to kneel in front of the Blessed Sacrament for a holy hour in light of the bill passing through the UK parliament that seeks to legalise assisted suicide. Please pray in solidarity with the bishops and take compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide. ***Our Church will be open during the same time for a Holy Hour, as we pray in solidarity with the Bishops.***

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.

Today, Sunday the 10th 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 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://stalbanpscic.my.canva.site>
For any further information please contact Maria on 07751 236262

Dates for your Diary

- 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.
- 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.

R.I.P:

We pray for the repose of the soul of Ann Larkin who died recently. Her remains will be brought into the Church this Tuesday 12th November at 7pm. Her Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday the 13th of November at 1pm. May she rest in peace.