

MASS INTENTIONS
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	Mlecho Veronika (R.I.P)
	11.00am	Pat Kelleher (R.I.P)
Monday 18 th November – Feria	9.00am	Anthony Saville (R.I.P)
Tuesday 19 th November – Feria	9.00am	Departed souls in purgatory
Wednesday 20 th November – Feria	9.00am	Brian Popkin (R.I.P)
Thursday 21 st November – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:00am	Noah, Michelle & Family (Int)
Friday 22 nd November – St Cecilia	9.00am	Nigel & Reshma D'souza
Saturday 23 rd November – Feria	9.00am	Thanksgiving

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

Saturday 23 rd November – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	6.30pm	Mark Finnegan
Sunday 24 th November – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	9.00am	Deceased Members Mellon's Family
	11.00am	People of the Parish

Thought for the week: Looking Forward

The greatest grace which God can give is the knowledge that he loves each one of us more than any lover ever loved his, or her, beloved. To realise that, and to allow it to sink deep into our minds and hearts, can change our lives completely. Who can separate us from that love? As we approach the last bit of the journey, there are days when we fear that we face an unknown, unpredictable, uncertain future. That is a common experience. But do not worry, because the time comes when we no longer carry heavy bags and all those possessions. We shall travel through the cold, grey light of a bleak English morning into God's spring and summer, into his eternal light and warmth.

– Cardinal Basil Hume



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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
16th & 17th November 2024

Dear Friends,

Today our readings speak of the end of time and of Jesus as the ultimate destiny of humankind. But we are also reminded that on that journey, we are being made holy through our enduring faithfulness to Christ in everyday things.

There is an old saying, 'Look at the End'. In a world that seems determined not to look to the end but to want everything immediately and never to look beyond this world and its instant needs, it is incumbent upon us as Christians to remember that we and this world are destined to pass away. And then what? It is the traditional teaching of the Church that when we die there will be a private judgement.

But this too needs understanding. We shall meet God and in the presence of his holiness and love, we shall recognise our sinfulness but if we have repented and persevered in the way of the Lord then we shall hear the words, 'Come blessed of my Father and possess the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world'.

PRAYER:

Father, hear the prayers of your servants gathered together to worship you. Increase our trust in your goodness and deepen our love for you and our neighbour, through Jesus 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:

9th & 10th November 2024

Loose

£680.28

Envelopes

£404.00

Right to Life:

Yesterday, we celebrated the feast of St Margaret of Scotland, who was a great lover of the poor. We ask St Margaret to teach us this same love. May we be like her, loving and supporting the most vulnerable in society, the poor, the helpless, the sick, the dying and the unborn.

St Albans Primary School:

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.**

Youth Sunday:

Next Sunday is the Youth Sunday and there will be a second collection taken up to support the BCYS. The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service and Walsingham House at Abbotswick offer retreats, events and opportunities for thousands of young people across Essex and East London every year, as well as working with catechists, youth leaders and school chaplains. Your donation will help to provide training, equipment and financial aid for young people to attend pilgrimages such as Lourdes. Please continue to pray for the ministry of young people. Thank you

Holy Communion programme:

The next session will take place this Thursday 21st of November at 7pm. The children will meet in the parish hall and the parents in the Church. 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.

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 on 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

- 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. **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. May he rest in peace.