

MASS INTENTIONS
Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year (C)

Saturday 15 th February – Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time	6:30pm	Nioka D'Souza (thanksgiving)
Sunday 16 th February – Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time	9:00am	Charles Stimpson & Robin Brown (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Martin Carty (R.I.P)
Monday 17 th February – Feria	9:00am	Francois Therese & Family
Tuesday 18 th February – Feria	9:00am	Ann Dunn (R.I.P)
Wednesday 19 th February – Feria	9:00am	Gediminas Trumpickas (R.I.P)
Thursday 20 th February – Feria	9:00am	Jenny Jose (R.I.P)
		Ullahannan John (R.I.P)
Friday 21 st February – Feria	9:00am	Ann Dunn (R.I.P)
Saturday 22 nd February – The Chair of St Peter the Apostle	9:00am	Bonnie George

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time Year (C)

Saturday 22 nd February – Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time	6:30pm	Ryan, Olivia & Family Blessing
Sunday 23 rd February – Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time	9:00am	Mark Finnegan (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Gillian Carleton (R.I.P)

Assisted suicide committee bias

Committee stage of Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide Bill has begun, raising serious concerns about its conduct.

- The Committee has been 'stacked' with a higher number of MPs who support the Bill
- Nearly twice as many witnesses supported assisted suicide than the number who opposed it
- Important voices have been excluded, including the Government's chief Suicide Prevention Strategy Advisor, the British Geriatrics Society and a number of disability rights groups, senior palliative care doctors and legal experts with relevant expertise.

MPs must be aware of the serious issues in the scrutiny of Kim Leadbeater's Bill. It's vital they know your concerns and vote against it at Third Reading.

Please take action now and visit [/www.righttolife.org.uk/ASBillAction](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASBillAction) to write to your MP - it takes just 30 seconds!



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Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)
15th & 16th February 2025

Dear friends,

The Gospel puts the challenge of the beatitudes before us in stark and simple terms. Someone once described them as 'Be-Attit-udes', attitudes that should undergird and be the foundation stone of a Christian way of being in the world.

Today, many people believe happiness is found in riches, wealth and status. Spiritual matters and being concerned about justice can be viewed as secondary while bills have to be paid, and money is needed to survive.

We cannot live without money and material goods, but we can stay in tune with the Gospel by remaining above the pursuit of selfishness and false gods which make us empty and stale inside. It is important for us to accept the Gospel as truth: by listening to and reflecting upon our lives in relation to what Jesus teaches. In doing this we are guaranteed to remain faithful to our calling as Christians.

The Gospel presents a wider horizon which helps us to see beyond this life. Committing ourselves to this Gospel we shall be considered blessed by God now and in the life to come. This is the best of guarantees.

SUGGESTIONS

Find one way to be more generous this week with the use of possessions and money. Pray for a departed relative/friend whose faith and example influenced your life.

God Bless
Canon Maurice

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Nell Addison, Christophe Amblard, Paul & Eva Au, Michael Balfour, William Bradbury, Rose Cahill, Marlene Camay, John Carty, Bernard Carantinos, Macmillan Chitoma Bras-Goncalves, 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, Iivan 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, 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:

8th & 9th February 2025

Loose

£433.61

Envelopes

£509.99

Right to Life:

On Tuesday, we commemorated the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Let us pray for all medical professionals who work in hospice care and for the terminally ill at risk from the assisted suicide Bill proposal

Holy Communion Programme:

The next session will take place on Thursday the 27th of February 2025 at 7pm. Children will meet in the Parish hall and Parents in the Church.

We also continue the sessions for the children and parents not attending Catholic Schools every Sunday at 10.10am to 10.45am just before 11am Mass.

Baptism Course:

The next session for the Baptism course will take place on Saturday the 1st of March at 9am in the Parish Hall. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

Confirmation Programme 24/2025:

The next session for confirmation programme will be on Saturday the 1st of March.

Journey in Faith Programme:

The rite of election takes place on Sunday the 9th of March at 3pm in the Cathedral. Bishop Alan will welcome all those preparing for reception in Easter this year in our Parish we have 4 people receiving instruction in the Faith. Please keep them all in your prayer in this important journey.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life:

The Mass will take place on 21st of June in Brentwood Cathedral. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, please let Canon Maurice know. Bishop Bosco MacDonald, the lead Bishop for Marriage and Family Life writes "The hope of marriage is that it becomes a source of stability and happiness showing us the endless love that God has for all of us".

Mother & Toddler Group:

If you would like to join us in 2025, please contact Maria at stalbanstoddler@yahoo.com or 07774 719 806 for more information.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025:

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will be from Friday 18th July – Friday 25th July 2025. The flights will be Southend to Lourdes. *For further information, please phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: [Brentwood Lourdes Pilgrimage - Tangney Tours](#).*

R.I.P:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Vincent Brady who died recently. His requiem Mass will take place this Thursday 20th of February at 12pm. Also pray for James Sangwine who also died recently. His funeral arrangements will be made later. May they rest in peace.

St Albans Primary School:

The school will reopen after the Mid-term break on Monday the 24th of February.

Dates for your Diary:

- Wednesday 5th of March – Ash Wednesday
- Friday 14th of March – Visit to Oscott Seminary Birmingham
- Wednesday 19th of March – Lenten Talks for 3 weeks at 7:30pm
- Sunday 25th of May – May Procession at 3pm
- Wednesday 4th of June – Bishop's visit

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS)

Is delighted to host a **Shrove Tuesday Afternoon Tea** at the Roslin Beach Hotel in Southend-on-Sea on Tuesday 4th March 2025. Guests are kindly invited to arrive for 1pm to be greeted and seated in good time for tea between 1.30 and 3.30pm. This event is open to all and promises to be a lovely afternoon celebration. Tickets are £35 per person and are available to purchase via the BCCS webpage <https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/> If you have any dietary requirements, please contact Julie once you have purchased your tickets, at jabbott@bccs.org.uk so that we can note these. Guests will be seated at tables of 12 so if you are coming in a group, do please email Julie to let us know your preferred seating arrangements.

Legacy: On a Bet and a Prayer

This documentary aligns with core Christian values of social justice, community empowerment, and equality. Churches have long been central to promoting inclusive leadership and supporting the underrepresented. Mary Stretch's story demonstrates how faith and resilience can empower individuals to overcome obstacles and inspire others to do the same. *The show will be in St Edwards Church, 5 Park End Rd, Romford, RM1 4AT on Friday the 28th of February from 6pm – 9pm.*

Inter Faith Dialogue:

This year marks sixty years since *Nostra Aetate*, the document on relations with other Faiths of the Second Vatican Council. Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald worked for decades in this area, particularly in the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue. Cardinal Michael will be speaking on 'Inter Faith Dialogue' at 11 am this Saturday 22nd February at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. You are invited to attend free of charge. Refreshments will be available from 10.30. Please bring a packed lunch. The event is also available live stream free of charge at www.whatgoodnews.org. A recording of the talk, and the q and a session, will be available subsequently on the same website.