

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August –Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	6.30pm	Joan Higgins (R.I.P)
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August – Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9:00am	Manuel Jesus Rosales (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September – <b>St Sebbi</b>	9:00am	Deceased Members of the Harries Family
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September – Feria	9:00am	Lauren Bramman (R.I.P)
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September – <b>St Gregory the Great</b>	9:00am	Marie and Family Birthday Blessings
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September – Feria	9:00am	Noel Murtagh
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September – Feria	9:00am	Brian Wynne
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> September – Feria	9:00am	Holy Souls

### Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September –Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	6:30pm	Margaret Crumlish (R.I.P)
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	9:00am	Raphael & Temi Akinwumi Birthday Int
	11:00am	Patricia Kathleen North (R.I.P)

### Thought for the week

In a world marked by growing tensions, even within families and ecclesial communities, priests are called to promote reconciliation and foster communion. Building unity and peace demands that we be pastors capable of wise discernment, skilled in the art of piecing together the fragments of the lives entrusted to our care, so that we can enable people to see the light of the gospel in the midst of life's trials. – **Pope Leo XIV**



## ST ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

Dear friends,

This Monday, we begin a new month, and a new school year opens up before us. With every new beginning comes an opportunity to reflect on the person that you and I are now, and on the person that God is calling us to become.

The readings today speak about humility. Humility is so important in living out the Christian life. It is the virtue which keeps us grounded, preventing both an overinflated ego on one hand, and living out of poor self-esteem on the other. Mother Teresa said that humility is the mother of all virtues. She said, 'it is in being humble that our love becomes real. If you are humble nothing will touch you, neither praise nor disgrace, because you know who you are. If you are blamed, you will not be discouraged. If they call you a saint, you will not put yourself on a pedestal.'

Real humility gives us the freedom to think not of ourselves, and our own interests, but of others. It leads us to service. In the service of God, we cannot be looking for personal gain. That is why Jesus mentions the poor, crippled, blind and lame – none of whom is able to pay us back. We should serve others simply for their sake, and for the sake of the Kingdom. Today we pray for the grace of true humility. This week our schools reopen after the summer break. We wish all our pupils and teachers a grace-filled and productive year.

*God Bless*

*Canon Maurice*

### **Please pray for all who are sick, including:**

Nell Addison, Domingos De Albuquerque, Christophe Amblard, Paul & Eva Au, Michael Balfour, William Bradbury, Rose Cahill, Marlene Camay, John Carty, Bernard Carantinos, Macmillan Chitoma Bras-Goncalves, 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, Baby Stephen Kelly, Vicky Loik, David Lynch, Mary Lynes, Amaogechi Mbanu, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Gladys McQuaid, John Morrison, Ann Mount, Jim Nolan, Brian Nash, Livan 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, Julia Stokes, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, The Salter Family (Bert, Charlie and Bert's Daughter-in-law), Charles Stimpson, Julia Thomas, Melon Vigo, Heather Wood, 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:**

23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025

### **Loose**

£482.10

### **Envelopes**

£422.32

### **Stop assisted suicide - action needed!**

The Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill is expected to have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on Friday 12 September. Right To Life UK has launched an *EasyAction* tool to help you write to a few Peers with a tailored message to highlight key concerns with the Bill.

***Please take action now and visit [//www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers) to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide - it takes just 30 seconds!***

### **Baptism Course:**

The next session for the Baptism course will take place on Saturday the 13th of September at 9am in the Parish Hall. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

### **Holy Communion Programme 2025/26:**

Applications for this year's First Holy Communion programme will be available from the back of the church from Saturday 25th July until 14th September 2025. The parents meeting will be held on Sunday 21st September at 4:30pm in the parish hall.

### **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 4<sup>th</sup> September.**

### **Parking in the Church and surrounding area**

Please make sure that you park responsibly we have had a number of complaints from our neighbours saying their driveways have been obstructed. Please make sure that you park considerately and always make sure there is enough room in the church car park to get an ambulance in and out. Thank you

### **Statue of Mary**

If you wish to take the Statue of Mary home for the week, **PLEASE** make sure you book it in the diary provided in the office.

### **Holy Hour:**

You are invited to spend time in prayer, face to face with Jesus in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: each Sunday evening 6pm – 7pm. You can pray with scriptures, rosary or simply in your own words as you enjoy his presence.

### **R.I.P**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anthony Murphy who died recently. His funeral Mass will be on this Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am followed by a burial at London Road Cemetery in Brentwood. May he rest in peace.

### **Volunteers Needed to Serve the Parish Community from September onwards**

- **Safeguarding is an important part of our parish community we are looking for people who would be willing to help in the capacity of a safeguarding officer. Knowledge and experience would be helpful, but not necessary as training is available. Please contact the Office, Emma Rix, Deacon Ken or Canon Maurice.**
- **We need six volunteers to count the weekly offertory; this will allow a rota system to be established which would minimise the commitment. Please contact the Office, Deacon Ken or Canon Maurice.**
- **Anyone interested in welcoming people to St Albans Church. It makes a great difference for anyone coming to Mass to have that initial contact with someone at the door, it makes people feel included and there is always someone to ask if they are unsure. We are looking for any age group, we only ask you to be friendly, welcoming, respectful and be at Church early to greet people. If you are willing, please let the office know by email your name and the Mass you attend.**

### **Health and Safety**

We have been extremely lucky for a number of years and have had the constant care of the parish looked after by Frank Nice which we are considerably grateful, but Frank has decided he needs to step back from the role and hand over to someone else. This is a vital role in the parish and needs someone with some degree of knowledge, although there is training provided, and Frank has said he would still be around for guidance. If there is anyone in the parish able to cover this role, please let us know.

### **CELEBRATING VATICAN II**

As the sixtieth anniversary of the conclusion of Vatican II approaches Fr Adrian Graffy will lead a study day entitled 'Vatican II and its Popes'. The event will take place at the Catholic parish of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September from 10.30. Entrance is free, and a recording of the talk will be available subsequently on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

### **200 Club Winners**

The July winner of the monthly draw is A Evans please call in to the office to collect your cheque.

### **Mother & Toddler Group:**

If you would like to join us, please contact Maria at [stalbanstoddler@yahoo.com](mailto:stalbanstoddler@yahoo.com) or 07774 719 806 for more information.