

MASS INTENTIONS

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Saturday 27th September – Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.30pm	John Keogh (R.I.P)
Sunday 28th September – Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Kathy & James Driver (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)
Monday 29th September – Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels	9:00am	Keith Hall Private Intention
Tuesday 30th September – St Jerome	9:00am	Lloyd Fernandes Birthday Int
Wednesday 1st October – St Therese of the child Jesus	9:00am	Lauren Bramman (R.I.P)
Thursday 2nd October – The Holy Guardian Angels	9:00am	Frederick Onodu (R.I.P)
Friday 3rd October – Feria	9:00am	Denis & Melanie Bramwell (R.I.P)
Saturday 4th October – St Francis of Assisi	9:00am	Kian – Health Int

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Saturday 4th October – Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	6:30pm	Joe Brady (R.I.P)
Sunday 5th October – Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Maria Balicao (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Julia Stokes Birthday Int

Thought for the week:

At first and obvious objection is that the Rosary, with its recitation of the Hail Mary ten times in each mystery, is repetitive. No one can deny this fact. But it then becomes a matter of the intention with which the prayers are said. Do not people in love repeat the same words to one another over and over again? "I love you", "I love you too". They do not get tired of saying the same thing nor do they tire of hearing it. It's a matter of love. For those in love with Jesus or Mary, to repeat words like "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee", or "blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus" over and over again simply expresses a desire of the heart. Pope John Paul I once mentioned in an article: I once saw a lady on a train who put her baby to sleep in a baggage holder (a net above the seat). When the little one woke up, he saw, from above, his mother sitting facing him, so that she could watch over him. "Mamma" he would say to her. "Darling" she replied, and for a long time the dialogue between the two did not change. "Mamma" from above, "Darling", from below. There was no need for other words.



ST ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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26th & 27th September 2025

Dear friends,

Today's reading continues the instruction on the obligation to use wealth to help the needy. The emphasis in this story is on the retribution that is in store for the self-indulgent rich. This is the only parable of Jesus which gives a name to a character in the story. His special love for the poor moved him to name the poor man Lazarus, meaning God-has-helped.

The problems of world injustice are massive, complex and apparently intractable. As individuals, what can we do? Firstly, acknowledge that these are religious questions. To ignore them is to ignore God and to live a practical atheism. Secondly, we need not only to inform ourselves and our parishes about poverty in our own country and abroad but befriend some of its victims.

PRAYER

God, create a clean and compassionate heart within us. Deliver us from all deviousness, so that we can face the plight of the poor at home and abroad and facing it, work together to put right the structures and attitudes which keep Dives feasting while Lazarus starves. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

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:

20th & 21st September 2025

Loose

£501.00

Envelopes

£333.91

Baptism Course:

The next session for the Baptism course will take place on Saturday the 11th of October at 9am in the Parish Hall. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

Holy Communion Programme 2025/26:

The next session will take place on Thursday the 16th of October 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.

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 2nd October.**

Confirmation Programme:

The next session for the Confirmation programme will be next Saturday the 4th of October at 4pm.

St Albans School Intake:

Reception 2026 parents are invited to visit the school on 19th November at 9:30am and 20th November from 2pm and 6pm and the 21st of November at 9:30am.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest:

Family Fast Day will take place on Friday the 3rd of October. Envelops will be given out this Sunday the 28th of September. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water.

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.

Volunteers Needed to Serve the Parish Community from September onwards

- **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.**

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 recommences this year on the Monday 29th September 2025 at 7:30pm in the Presbytery. Any Parishioner who wishes to support this group is also invited to come along.

Secondary school forms:

Canon Maurice will be available to sign the secondary school forms on Sunday the 12th of October from 5-7pm and on Monday the 13th of October from 6-7pm. These dates will be the only times that Father will be available to sign them.

Cleaner sought for Parish Hall

The parish would like to employ an experienced cleaner for the parish hall for six hours per week. Salary and hours to be agreed. Would suit a committed and flexible person. If you are interested, please speak to the office, or to Deacon Ken, from whom more information will be available.

R.I.P:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Frances Smith who died recently, her funeral will take place at South Essex Cemetery, Upminster this Wednesday the 1st of October at 11:40am. Also pray for the repose of the soul of Ann Keys. Her remains will be brought into the church next Monday the 6th of October at 4:30pm and her Requiem Mass will take place next Tuesday the 7th of October at 11:30am. Also pray for John Keogh whose funeral will take place at Upminster Crematorium next Friday the 10th of October at 2:30pm. May they rest in peace.

Request from St Albans School:

St Albans school is hoping to open new nursery in 2026, they have the funds to complete the interior of the building but are asking for anyone who may have connections or skills to help them with the roof and windows which needs some work. Please contact the Headteacher or Canon Maurice. Any support would be appreciated.

Job Vacancies:

Headteacher - St Mary's Primary School, Hornchurch

Deadline for applications: 17:00, Monday 6th October 2025