

MASS INTENTIONS

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

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)
Monday 6 th October – Feria	9:00am	Orla Mullins (Int)
Tuesday 7 th October – Our Lady of Rosary	9:00am	All the souls in Purgatory
Wednesday 8 th October – St Osyth	9:00am	Aine Larkin (Int)
Thursday 9 th October – St John Henry Newman	9:00am	Fr Maurice & Fr Joseph (Int)
Friday 10 th October – Feria	9:00am	Gladys McQuaid (100yrs Birthday Int)
Saturday 11 th October – Feria	9:00am	Marykuty Chacko (R.I.P anniversary)

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Saturday 11th October – Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6:30pm	Neil Nagle Anniversary Mass
Sunday 12th October – Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Margaret, Bernard & Henry Hughes
	11:00am	Tony Madden (R.I.P)

Thought for the week:

Take heed, then, often to come together to give thanks to God, and show forth his praise. For when you assemble frequently in the same place, the powers of Satan are destroyed, and the destruction at which he aims is prevented by the unity of our faith. Nothing is more precious than peace, by which all war, both in heaven and earth, is brought to an end. – **St Ignatius of Antioch**



ST ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

4th & 5th October 2025

Dear friends,

Our Faith is like a tiny mustard seed, and it needs time to grow. The following story might help us to understand the Gospel story: Two people were returning to their home in a far-off island. One noticed a little grain of corn at his feet. If this was a sackful said one, it might be of some use and threw it away. But the other person picked it up and put it in his pocket. When they reached their island home this person sowed the seed. Growing into a plant the seed yielded a tiny crop of corn. They re-sowed the seed and the next time the crop filled a cup. The continual re-sowing of the seed was the means of introducing corn to the island.

So, we must nurture and cultivate the seed of faith in our individual lives. We must not allow the seed to be choked by materialism. It is not easy and so we require Christ's help because we must never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord. We have his Spirit with us and so we can rely on his power. Small faith produces big results. Such results often show itself in very ordinary ways. In his parable about the master and servant Jesus draws on images of ordinary working life: the toil, tenacity and vigilance involved in a day's ploughing or minding animals, the humility of recognising that we are servants not masters.

Prayer:

God our Saviour, in Christ you have blessed us with the Spirit of power, love and self-control. Hear our prayers and increase our faith in the goodness of your gifts and your providence. We ask this through 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:

27th & 28th September 2025

Loose

£652.27

Envelopes

£363.20

Baptism Course:

The next session for the Baptism course will take place next 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 next 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 6th November.**

Confirmation Programme:

The next session for the Confirmation programme will be on Saturday the 8th of November 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.

Celebrating Sixty Years Of The Second Vatican Council:

An edited recording of the study day entitled 'Vatican II and its Popes', marking sixty years since the closure of the Council, is now available from the home page of www.whatgoodnews.org. The day was given by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park on September 20th. Unfortunately, the second study day, planned for Saturday 11th October, 'From Vatican II to a Synodal Church', has had to be cancelled due to the sickness of the speaker, Dr Peter de Mey, Vice-Dean for International Relations at Leuven.

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 every Monday 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 next Sunday the 12th of October from 5-7pm and next 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 Ann Keys. Her remains will be brought into the church this Monday the 6th of October at 4:30pm and her Requiem Mass will take place this Tuesday the 7th of October at 11:30am. Also pray for John Keogh whose funeral will take place at Upminster Crematorium this 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.

Mothers & Toddlers Group:

On 9-15 October the Toddler Group will be taking part in Baby Loss Awareness Week. Baby Loss Awareness Week is an opportunity to bring us together as a community and give anyone touched by pregnancy and baby loss a safe and supportive space to share their experiences and feel that they are not alone. The Toddler Group will be creating a ribbon display on the Church gates (if you would like to place a personalised heart on the gate, please feel free to come to the Toddler Group Monday-Friday mornings during these dates). Families can also light a candle in the Church in remembrance.