

MASS INTENTIONS

All Saints (Year C)

Saturday 1st November – All Saints	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 2nd November – All Saints	9:00am	Carty Family Deceased
	11:00am	Ann Larkin (R.I.P 1 st anniv.)
Monday 3rd November – Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed	9:00am	Teresa Carty (R.I.P 3 rd anniv)
Tuesday 4th November – St Charles Borromeo	9:00am	Peter, Gerard & James (R.I.P)
Wednesday 5th November – Feria	9:00am	Prosper Family & Friends (R.I.P)
Thursday 6th November – Feria	9:00am	James Dunne (R.I.P)
Friday 7th November – Feria	9:00am	Holy Souls
Saturday 8th November – Feria	9:00am	Fr Francis McLaughlin (R.I.P)

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Year C)

Saturday 8th November – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	6:30pm	John Keogh (R.I.P)
Sunday 9th November – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	9:00am	Alan Palmer
	11:00am	Frank Whelton

Reflection for the Week:

We can enter heaven only thanks to the blood of the Lamb, thanks to the Blood of Christ. Christ's own blood has justified us, which has opened for us the gates of heaven. And if today we remember our sisters and brothers who have gone before us in life and are in heaven, it is because they have been washed in the blood of Christ. This is our hope: the hope of Christ's blood! It is a hope that does not disappoint. If we walk with the Lord in life, he will never disappoint us!



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1st & 2nd November 2025

Dear friends,

The saints are men and women, young and old, from all kinds of backgrounds, who realised that God created them to be with Him forever. They cooperated with Him to make that happen and they are now in His presence, praising Him forever. That is the vision that St John describes in the First Reading, 'I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne...they shouted aloud, 'victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

The saints are God's masterpieces. They reflect His creativity. No one saint exhausts the beauty of God, but they all reflect aspects of it, through living the Beatitudes, which we hear in today's Gospel. The saints became saints by giving themselves to God. That thought might frighten us – we may think that surrendering to God will entail the loss of our freedom and identity. In actual fact, the reverse is true: only in God will we become what we were made to be. The saints have vivid and unique personalities, which are perfected by Christ living in them. Saints are not just role models or spiritual celebrities. Saints are our friends. We can emulate role models, but we cannot talk to them or ask them for help. The saints are alive in Christ and so we have access to them.

We should speak to them in prayer, for they stand in the presence of God and intercede for us. We are all called to become saints. It is through living this life well, here and now, in friendship with God, that we move in that direction. We should not be discouraged; Cardinal Hume once said that 'every saint has a past and every sinner a future.' Let us take comfort, because the saints want us to be with them, and will help us get there, if we ask for their help.

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:

25th & 26th October 2025

Loose

£593.35

Envelopes

£389.00

Baptism Course:

The next session for the Baptism course will take place this Saturday the 8th of November 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 this Thursday the 6th of November 2025 at 7pm.

Children will meet in the Parish Hall and Parents in the Church.

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

Confirmation Programme:

The next session for the Confirmation programme will be this 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. Father Maurice will be available to sign the school forms on Sunday the 23rd of November from 5 – 7pm and Monday the 24th 6 – 7pm.

Christmas Bazaar:

29th of November 12pm – 3pm. The success of any Bazaar is holily dependent on the generosity of the whole parish community. We would like to appeal to the parish for various gift items for the Bazaar this year. A Bazaar is not a Jumble Sale, so we do ask for new or nearly new items please. One of the most successful stalls is the 'Bottle Stall'. Toiletries are always popular. Children's toys & cuddly toys, which are in good conditions.

Right to Life:

As we commemorate the solemnity of All Saints today and All Souls tomorrow, we ask Almighty God to especially care for all those approaching the end of their lives. May they be granted a peaceful, natural death with dignity and the appropriate palliative care.

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.

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.

Catechists Meeting:

Next Saturday 8th of November 10:30am to 3pm there will be a meeting for all Catechists throughout the Diocese at Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School. Find out all information and book your place now here: www.bcys.net/events/catechists2025

Dates for the Dairy:

- **Youth Sunday** – Sunday 23rd of November
- **Confirmation Retreat** – Friday 28th of November to Sunday 30th of November
- **Christmas Parish Bazaar** – Saturday 29th of November 12pm – 3pm
- **Carol Concert** – Sunday 7th of December 5:45pm
- **Church Carol Service** – Sunday 14th of December 5:30pm

Stop assisted suicide - further action needed!

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will enter *Committee Stage in the House of Lords* on 14 November. Catholics are being encouraged to write to peers to oppose the Bill. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales has issued guidance on how to write to peers with reasons that can be emphasised in a letter.

www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/bishops-urge-catholics-to-write-to-peers-on-assisted-dying-bill/

R.I.P:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Thomas Anglim whose funeral will take place on Tuesday 11th of November at 10:30am at St Albans Church. Also pray for Marie Durcan whose funeral will take place at Our Lady and St Joseph's Church, Mill Rd, Stock, Ingatestone CM4 9LJ on Monday the 10th of November at 11am. May they Rest in Peace.

Catholic Biblical Association:

Celebrated biblical scholar and translator Fr Nicholas King SJ will be considering how the document on the Bible of the Second Vatican Council - entitled *Dei Verbum* - continues to help us to read, study and pray the Scriptures. The talks will take place at Christ the High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, Romford RM2 6DH, from 11 am on Saturday 22nd November 2025. Free entry. The talks will be livestreamed on www.whatgoodnews.org and a recording of the talks will be made available subsequently on the same website.

The Care Group:

The care group provide Christmas Lunch (in January) each year and one other social event during the year. We are looking for new volunteers to our group, who are willing to help cheer our senior citizens. Our group was started in 1994 and as many of us are senior citizens ourselves, we are looking for younger members. Please speak to Deacon Ken or phone 07840 760907