

MASS INTENTIONS
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
Monday 10 th November – St Leo the Great	9:00am	Mark Durston (R.I.P)
Tuesday 11 th November – St Martin of Tours	9:00am	Thanksgiving
Wednesday 12 th November – St Josphat	9:00am	Onodu Family
Thursday 13 th November – Feria	9:00am	Brian Popkin (R.I.P anniv.)
Friday 14 th November – Feria	9:00am	Francisco Garcês (R.I.P 1 st anniv.)
Saturday 15 th November – Feria	9:00am	Catherine Friel (Int)

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Saturday 15th November – Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	6:30pm	Teresa Caden (Int)
Sunday 16th November – Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Peter Taylor (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Denis Doherty (R.I.P)

Reflection for the Week: November the Month of the Holy Souls

Those of your deceased loved ones that you would like to pray for, please put their names in the box before the Altar as we remember and pray for them at every mass during this month.

Into your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them enter eternal rest. The old order has passed away: welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen



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The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Year C)
8th & 9th November 2025

Dear friends,

This weekend Brother John Deeney F.S.C is visiting our Parish to make an appeal on behalf of the Catholic Missionary Union. Brother John has been involved in an educational apostolate in the UK and overseas for most of his life. He has also been organising aid for Church education in poor parts of the world. Mostly that means sponsoring of basic school building in several different countries to make education viable for deprived communities where there are still huge needs to meet.

As part of his work, he is involved in organising groups of young people from Britain to travel to Africa or Asia to generously give their time to help by building schools during their summer holidays. These volunteers are self-funding and the collection that will be taken up after the masses today will be used to support the Church's educational initiatives in poor areas.

The volunteers labour for free and thus reduce the cost of the building. They do not receive any money from the government bodies or other agencies and rely on donations to continue this work. Lots of information available on their website: www.lasallianprojects.org.uk

Please be as generous as you can in supporting this important initiative.

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 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, 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:

1st & 2nd November 2025

Loose

£790.90

Envelopes

£418.05

Baptism Course:

The next session for the Baptism course will take place on Saturday the 13th of December 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 20th 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.

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:

We pray for fathers and mothers of growing families, that their relations, friends and the wider community would rally around them with encouragement, support, friendliness and love.

Job Vacancy: Closing date is Midday on 24th November 2025

St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay are seeking to appoint a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant to join their team. For more information about the position and to apply, please visit:-

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=114585>

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:

There will be a meeting for all Catechists on the 13th of December beginning with Mass at 9am and finishing with lunch at 2pm. All people who are involved as Catechists in the sacramental life of the Parish are invited to attend for support and for training in this very important work for passing on the faith.

Dates for the Dairy:

- **Youth Sunday** – Sunday 23rd 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 this 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 this 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