

MASS INTENTIONS
Easter Sunday (Year A)

Saturday 4th April – Easter Vigil	8:00pm	John Dwyer (R.I.P)
Sunday 5th April – Easter Sunday	9:00am	Oluwole Akinyemi (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Gift Agwuncha (R.I.P)
Monday 6th April – Monday Within the Octave of Easter	9:00am	Prayer for Family & Emielia Anene
Tuesday 7th April – Tuesday Within the Octave of Easter	9:00am	Frances Nolan (R.I.P)
Wednesday 8th April – Wednesday Within The Octave of Easter	9:00am	Sylvia Onodu (Int) & Alfreda Willis (R.I.P)
Thursday 9th April – Thursday Within the Octave of Easter	9:00am	Thanksgiving Easter
Friday 10th April – Friday Within the Octave of Easter	9:00am	Barry McManus (R.I.P)
Saturday 11th April – Saturday Within the Octave of Easter	9:00am	Maria, John, Pam Zammit & Serafina & Salvatore Spadafora

Second Sunday of Easter (Year A)

Saturday 11th April – Second Sunday of Easter	6:30pm	John Dwyer (R.I.P)
Sunday 12th April – Second Sunday of Easter	9:00am	Michael Palmer (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Marian & Roy Francis (R.I.P)

Thought for the Week:

Easter too has a tough as well as a joyful message. As we celebrate the momentous events of Calvary and what occurred in the garden of the empty tomb, we realise that our joy in Christ's triumph over suffering and death is accompanied by the knowledge that he expects us to combat those same evils in his name and with confidence in his help and God's ultimate victory. May the Risen Lord plant courage in our hearts to confront the noxious weeds obscuring God's garden of peace and fraternity, mercy and love. May the power of Christ's Resurrection empower us. Alleluia. – **Fr Paul Clayton-Lea**



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Easter Sunday (Year A)
4th & 5th April 2026

Dear Friends,

It is impossible to describe the greatness and joy of this day for Christians. This is the day Christ broke the chains of sin and death and rose to life. He did this, not just for himself but for us too. He wants us to share in his great victory over evil and death. This is the heart of The Good News – The disciples were full of sorrow, and he consoled them.

They were discouraged and disheartened, and he gave them confidence and conviction. That was his gift to them, and he invites us to share it too. On this Easter Sunday the Spirit of the Risen Lord is in our midst as we pray and worship together. May the power of the Risen Lord transforms our lives and enables us to be a sign of love in the world. May the joy of the Resurrection fill your lives with faith and love this Easter time.

We congratulate Charlotte Bird, Mary Jones, Petar Kikel and Selina Bacor who were received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

God Bless
Canon Maurice

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Nell Addison, Domingos De Albuquerque, Christophe Amblard, Sheeba Antony, Eva Au, Michael Balfour, Mary Bowdler, William Bradbury, Rose Cahill, Marlene Camay, John Carty, Macmillan Chitoma Bras-Goncalves, Maureen Daly, Katherine Day, Gerry Margaret Dumbrill, Martha Dwyer, Fiona Forder, James Francis, Jean Floreutin, Mary Gallet, Anna Gawlik, Ian Gilling, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Julia Joseph, Kathleen Kavanagh, Ann Keaney, 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, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Robin Stinson, 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:

28th & 29th March 2026

Loose

£717.32

Envelopes

£379.70

Baptism Course:

The next session for the Baptism course will take place this Saturday the 11th of April 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 be the Pilgrimage to Aylesford next Saturday the 18th of April. Coach will be leaving St Albans at 9:30am and returning about around 4:30pm. The cost per family will be £5. It is important that parents and all the Children attend as it is part of the First Holy Communion Programme.

Confirmation Programme:

The next session for confirmation programme will be the Rite of Acceptance at Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday the 26th of April at 3pm. Coach will leave St Albans Church at 1:30pm and return by 5pm. All confirmation candidates are expected to attend.

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.

Holy Hour:

Please note there is no Holy Hour this Sunday. It will continue next Sunday onwards at 6 -7pm.

Mother & Toddler Group:

If you would like to join us in 2026, please contact Maria at stalbanstoddler@yahoo.com or 07774 719 806 for more information.

Monthly Youth Mass

The next Youth Mass is on **Thursday 7th May** at Brentwood Cathedral 7:30pm.

Post Confirmation Group:

The next meeting will be on Friday the 8th of May at 6:30pm – 8pm.

Assisted Suicide:

In a Lenten statement, the Archbishop of Liverpool, the Most Reverend John Sherrington, clarifies the Church's principled objection to the Terminally Ill (Adults) End of Life Bill, and urges Catholics to pray for parliamentarians debating the Private Members' Bill in the House of Lords. In the Easter season, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales will hold a Holy Hour on **Sunday, 19 April at 6-7pm** (UK time). This is an opportunity for the Catholics of our two nations to unite and pray for the promotion of a culture of life. We encourage parishes throughout England and Wales to hold Holy Hours around that time. The full letter is on display at the back of the Church.

Dates For Your Diary:

- **Holy Communion Families Visit to Aylesford** – Saturday 18th of April (*Coach leaves at 9:30am*)
- **Day of First Holy Communion** – Sunday 10th & 17th of May at 11am
- **Day of Confirmation** – Sunday 24th of May at 3pm
- **Procession in Honour of Our Lady** – Sunday 31st of May at 3pm

Rest in Peace:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sandra Nosworthy. Her Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 16th of April at 12:30pm. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of James Seymour (Bernie Moody's Father) who died recently. His Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 17th of April at 11am. His remains will be brought into the Church on Thursday evening 16th of April at 7pm. May they Rest in Peace.

Walshingham House Team 26/27:

Applications are now open for the Walsingham House Team 26/27. Being on the team is a wonderful opportunity to work with young people from across the diocese, live in community and share and deepen our faith. Applications are open to those aged 18-23 (currently yr13 and above). For more information including the application form please see the website: [Be On Team - Brentwood Catholic Youth Service](#) or email: michaelkearns@brcdt.org.

St John Bosco Children's Camp, summer 2026:

Applications are now open for children currently in school year 5 – 7 (i.e. aged 9-12 in August 2026) to spend a week at camp. 25th July – 1st August or 1st – 8th August. Activities include archery, fishing, Aquapark visit, football, kayaking and much more. The camp is especially for children who may not otherwise have a summer holiday. Suggested donation £200, but full bursaries are available. All application details are at <https://boscocamp.co.uk>. Places are likely to go quickly – early applications are encouraged.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:

Join Bishop Alan and pilgrims from across our diocese in Lourdes next summer: Friday 17th - Friday 24th July 2026. Bookings are open at <https://www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood>. There are some hard copies of the application available at the back of the Church for anyone interested.

St Albans School:

Pupils return on the 13th of April. We wish all our pupils and staff a peaceful and blessed Easter.