

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year A)

<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	6:30pm	David Evans (R.I.P)
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	9:00am	Marjorie Finney (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Rene Pears (R.I.P)
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Monday of the Seventh Week of Easter</b>	9:00am	A.T Francis (R.I.P)
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Tuesday of the Seventh Week of Easter</b>	9:00am	John Dique (Birthday Int)
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Wednesday of the Seventh Week of Easter</b>	9:00am	Frederick Onodu (R.I.P) & Rane Onodu (Birthday Int)
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Thursday of the Seventh Week of Easter</b>	9:00am	Mary Deirdre Brennan (R.I.P)
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Friday of the Seventh Week of Easter</b>	9:00am	Alfreda Willis (R.I.P)
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Saturday of the Seventh Week of Easter</b>	9:00am	Mark Finnegan (R.I.P)

**Pentecost (Year A)**

<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Pentecost</b>	6:30pm	Janice McNulty (R.I.P)
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Pentecost</b>	9:00am	Ron Mulvaney (R.I.P) & Frank Whelton (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Gavin Turner (Birthday Int)
	3:00pm	Young People doing Exams

**Thought for the Week (Pentecost Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> of May):**

You don't need to be perfect person for the Spirit to work wonders through you. The disciples were ordinary people: full of doubts, regrets, and rough edges. The Spirit's gifts aren't just for a chosen few. Each of us receives them in unique ways: through our personalities, our strengths, even our weaknesses. Some of us build up the body of Christ with patience, others with gentleness or self-control. These are the fruits of the Holy Spirit, growing quietly within us. – **David Tonaszuck**



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**Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year A)**  
**16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Dear Friends,

We congratulate our 18 children who received Holy Communion for the first time last week at the 11.00am Mass. In the Eucharist, Christ gives us the most perfect and most intimate form of communion between God and us. The most basic need of each of us is food and love. Holy Communion is both of these. Today we have 15 more of our children who will receive this food and love for the first time.

As we share their happiness, we thank the catechists, the teachers at St Alban's and the people of the parish as you have all helped in various ways in leading them to this their special day and you too, still have a care for their future growth in the faith. You, the parents have prepared them for this day. Your help and preparation of your child is very much appreciated and at Baptism, you made the promise that you would be the first teachers of your child in the ways of faith. We prayed that you would be the best of teachers in what you are and what you do. Well done - this is another special step for your child, and we pray that you will continue to support them as best you can. The saying goes there are no perfect parents, but there are parents who are good enough!

I would like to leave you with this quotation: Your children are not your children; they are sons and daughters of life longing for itself. They come through you, but not from you and though they are with you, yet they belong not to you. You are the springboard from which your children as living arrows are sent forth. The archer, God, sees the mark upon the path of the infant and He bends you with his might, that his arrows may go swift and far, Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness; for even as he loves the arrow that flies, so he loves also the bow that is stable.

*God Bless*  
*Canon Maurice*

**Please pray for all who are sick, including:**

Nell Addison, Domingos De Albuquerque, Christophe Amblard, Sheeba Antony, Eva Au, Julian Avasiloaia, Michael Balfour, Mary Bowdler, William Bradbury, Rose Cahill, Marlene Camay, John Carty, Macmillan Chitoma Bras-Goncalves, Maureen Daly, Katherine Day, Gerry Margaret Dumbrell, Martha Dwyer, Zain Falzon, 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, Mary Williams, 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:**

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Loose**

£1,251.98

**Envelopes**

£311.97

**Right to Life:**

We pray for our Government, that their ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves on the desire to protect all human life.

**Baptism Course:**

The next session for the Baptism course will take place on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of June at 9am in the Parish Hall. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

**Holy Communion Programme 2025/26:**

We continue the sessions every Sunday for the children and parents not attending Catholic Schools at 10.10am to 10.45am.

**Confirmation Programme:**

The next session for confirmation programme will be the rehearsal this Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of May at 7pm. *All Candidates and sponsors are expected to attend.* The Vigil will take place this Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May at 6:30pm – 9:30pm.

**Holy Hour:**

Please note Holy Hour continues **every Sunday 6 -7pm.**

**Mother & Toddler Group:**

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

**Monthly Youth Mass**

The next Youth Mass is on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June** at Brentwood Cathedral 7:30pm.

**Post Confirmation Group:**

The next meeting will be on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of June at 6:30pm – 8pm.

**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. 25<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August or 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Dates For Your Diary:**

- **Day of Confirmation** – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> of May at 3pm
- **Procession in Honour of Our Lady** – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> of May at 3pm

**Rest In Peace:**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Charles Kephals who died recently. His Requiem Mass will take place next Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May at 11:15am. Please also pray for James Nolan who died recently. His funeral will take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> of June at 11am. His remains will be brought into the Church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June at 5pm. May they Rest in Peace.

**Vocations Group:**

We have started a vocations group. This will be for young people, year 10 and upwards. The next meeting will take place on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of June from 6:30pm – 8pm.

**Safeguarding:**

As our church continues to grow, we want to ensure that our community remains a sanctuary where everyone especially our children and vulnerable adults can feel safe and cherished. To uphold this commitment, we are currently updating our safeguarding records and ensuring all volunteer Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks and forms are up to date. If you are contacted to complete or refresh your documentation, please know that this is a standard, essential part of our duty of care and not a reflection of any doubt in your character. In fact, these steps protect **you** as a volunteer just as much as they protect those in our care. We are deeply grateful for your heart for service and for your patience as we bring our records in line with national best practices. Thank you for helping us keep our church a safe and welcoming home for all. We thank Maria and Tracey for taking on this great responsibility for the welfare of all.

**Westminster assisted suicide Bill has fallen:**

The assisted suicide Bill has failed to pass all stages in the House of Lords. This means that Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide Bill has fallen and will not become law! This is a major milestone, but the battle is not over. Assisted suicide campaigners have said they are going to try to bring the Bill back in the next parliamentary session and use the Parliament Acts to bypass the Lords. To find out more about this significant milestone and what comes next, visit: <https://righttolife.org.uk/LeadbeaterBillFalls>

**Petition on Conscience Protection:**

Defend NHS staff conscience rights. Following the fall of the Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill, fresh bids to introduce an assisted dying law in England and Wales are anticipated. Any new law would likely pressure NHS staff to be involved in some way and offer even less protection to institutions like hospices. You can help protect healthcare workers and hospices by signing the Bios Centre online petition at [Petition on Conscience Protection - Bios Centre](#) or using the QR code.

