

MASS INTENTIONS
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Saturday 20th June – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6:30pm	Michael Odea (Birthday Int)
Sunday 21st June – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00am	Good Health
	11:00am	People of the Parish
Monday 22nd June – SS John Fisher & Thomas More	9:00am	Terence North (R.I.P)
Tuesday 23rd June – Feria	9:00am	Mark Finnegan (R.I.P)
Wednesday 24th June – Nativity of John The Baptist	9:00am	Daniel Richard & Family
Thursday 25th June – Feria	9:00am	Pauline Fennessey (R.I.P)
Friday 26th June – Feria	9:00am	Roger & Family (R.I.P)
Saturday 27th June – Feria	9:00am	Holy Soul in Purgatory

SS Peter & Paul (Year A)

Saturday 27th June – SS Peter & Paul	6:30pm	Jimmy Nolan (R.I.P)
Sunday 28th June – SS Peter & Paul	9:00am	Teresa Brewty (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Anthony Raj (R.I.P)

Thought for the Week: Day for Life 2026

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life. Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time. To the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. – **Pope John Paul II**



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20th & 21st June 2026

Dear Friends,

Fear... Fear is so much a part of our lives and our experience. Fear can be defined as attitude of anxiety or distress, caused by concern over a threat to one's future. Therefore, in every fear, there is some perceived threat that causes us distress. On the material side of things, we might feel fear because we do not know how we will make ends meet this month, or we fear for the safety of our children and their future especially at this time.

What then should be our response to fear? Jesus spells it out for us in the Gospel when he twice says, 'do not be afraid'. He tells us how much we are worth, and that every hair on our head is counted. The key point is that we trust Him, with confidence that he is in charge. Often, we want to be in control of events, to seek our own advantage, and we become fearful and want to hold on to security at all costs. But the Lord requires that we abandon ourselves and trust in Him. The only thing we have to fear is the evil one, who seeks to keep us chained up in fear and to destroy us. But like Jeremiah, if we have confidence in the Lord, and declare ourselves for him – as Jesus says in the Gospel, he will declare Himself for us in the Kingdom of Heaven.

St Augustine said that 'fear is the enemy of love', and St Paul said that 'perfect love casts out fear'. Knowing then how much our Lord loves us, let us place our fears and anxieties at his feet, entrusting ourselves totally to him.

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, 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, Graham 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:

13th & 14th June 2026

Loose

£750.44

Envelopes

£365.61

Right to Life:

As we celebrate Father's day, we pray for all fathers who are expecting a child. That they would find peace in their changing circumstances and would be a source of support for the child's mother as they prepare for their child to enter the world.

Baptism Course:

The next session for the Baptism course will take place on Saturday the 11th of July 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 for the children and parents not attending Catholic Schools until the 12th of July and it will be held every Sunday at 10:10 – 10:45am.

Rest in Peace:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Frances (Franky Bergin). Her funeral will take place on the 24th of June at the South Essex Crematorium at 3pm. May she Rest in Peace.

Holy Hour:

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

Mother & Toddler Group:

If you would like to join us, please contact Maria at or 07774 719 806 for more information.

Monthly Youth Mass

The next Youth Mass is on **Thursday 2nd July** at Brentwood Cathedral 7:30pm.

Post Confirmation Group:

The next meeting will be on Friday the 3rd of July at 6:30pm – 8pm.

St John Bosco Children's Camp, summer 2026:

Applications are 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, aqua park 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 and full information are at www.boscocamp.co.uk. Places are going quickly – you are encouraged to apply this week.

Quiz Night:

There is a quiz night organised by the parents' association (FOSAA) of St Albans Primary School this Friday the 26th of June. It is £10 per person, which includes a portion of Fish and Chips (needs to be pre-ordered), tables of 8-10max. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Becky: 07702050949.

Vocations Group:

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

The Legacy of St Francis:

A fully edited version of the recent talk given by Fr Alban McCoy OFM Conv to mark eight hundred years since the death of St Francis of Assisi is now available free of charge from the home page of www.whatgoodnews.org The talk was given at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park on 2nd May.

Aid the Church in Need Appeal:

There will be a second collection next Saturday the 27th and Sunday the 28th of June for the Church in need Appeal. John Ravi will be coming to speak to us at the end of Mass.

Campion Events:

- **Diocesan Student Leadership Conference – Thursday 2nd July 2026:**
On this date, we will be hosting student leaders from every secondary school in the diocese. Bishop Alan will be addressing and commissioning the student leaders and other input will be given on the day. The event will run from 9:30am – 2pm and lunch is provided.
- **Year 12 'End of Term' Pilgrimage – Thursday 16th July 2026:**
To celebrate the end of the school year, our Year 12 students, accompanied by the Sixth Form staff team, will be taking part in a pilgrimage walk from Tower Hill to Westminster Cathedral. We did this for the first time last summer in the spirit of Pope Francis' initiative, 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

Thank You:

We said farewell to Ollie on Tuesday. He enjoyed his weekend with us, and we hope he will return to our Parish another time. We wish him all the best for his future happiness and wellbeing and thank you all for making him feel welcomed.