

MASS INTENTIONS
Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Saturday 12th September – Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary time	6:30pm	Michelle (Birthday Int)
Sunday 13th September – Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary time	9:00am	Alan Palmer (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Annamma Francis (R.I.P)
Monday 14th September – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	9:00am	Susan Duhig (R.I.P)
Tuesday 15th September – Our Lady of Sorrows	9:00am	Eliza Da Silva (R.I.P)
Wednesday 16th September – Ss Cornelius and Cyprian	9:00am	Michelle (Birthday Int)
Thursday 17th September – Feria	9:00am	Redmond & Mary Keogh (R.I.P)
Friday 18th September – Feria	9:00am	Seamus O'Connor (R.I.P)
Saturday 19th September – Feria	9:00am	Helen & Ravi (Thanksgiving)

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Saturday 19th September – Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary time	6:30pm	Neil Nagle
Sunday 20th September – Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary time	9:00am	Anne Keys (R.I.P), Kathy & James Driver (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Andrew Turner (Birthday Int)

Thought for the Week:

As Catholics, we have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which allows us to experience God's forgiveness personally. It is a reminder of His boundless love and mercy. In turn, it should inspire us to be forgiving and merciful in our interactions with others. We must remember that forgiveness is not just a one time act but a continuous disposition of the heart. Let us be mindful of the unforgiving servant in the parable and strive to be merciful and forgiving as our Heavenly Father is to us. In doing so, we bear witness to the transformative power of God's love and mercy in our lives and in the world.

Sacrament of Reconciliation takes place here at St Albans every Saturday morning after 9:00am Mass or on request any day.



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12th & 13th September 2026

Dear Friends,

Today's readings remind us that God is a loving and forgiving God. We, in turn, recognise that Jesus taught us that we must be loving and forgiving of our brothers and sisters. How can we forgive, when it seems impossible? How do we cope with our bitterness and resentment? How can we be sincere, when we want to forgive, but also want to hold a grudge?

We have to see forgiveness as it really is. It is firstly an act of justice. We have been forgiven by God; our response to that great gift is to forgive others in our turn. Not because of fear of punishment, but out of a grateful heart. Secondly, forgiveness is not something we can do, but rather something we can begin and nurture. It's a process, and not a one-off act. Thirdly, forgiveness is not something we can do alone. We have the Holy Spirit in our heart, constantly calling us to be reconciled with each other and with God. It is at the Spirit's prompting, and with the Spirit's help, that we can begin to forgive.

Fourthly, being from God, forgiveness works miracles of healing. Where once was darkness and despair, forgiveness brings light and peace. Finally, we cannot forgive and forget. We begin to forgive, and as we grow in forgiveness, God will redeem our memory of hurt. We will understand more about ourselves and about our neighbour. And about the infinite, tender mercy of God.

*God Bless,
 Canon Maurice*



Online Version

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Nell Addison, Domingos De Albuquerque, Christophe Amblard, Sheeba Antony, Eva Au, Julian Avasiloia, Michael Balfour, Ralph Batrum, Mary Bowdler, 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, Lorraine Herring, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Julia Joseph, Ann Keaney, Baby Stephen Kelly, Mary Williams, David Lynch, Mary Lynes, Amaogechi Mbanu, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Gladys McQuaid, Kathleen McGuire, 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:

5th & 6th September 2026

Loose

£812.91

Envelopes

£432.90

Monthly Youth Mass:

The next Youth Mass is on **Thursday 1st October** at Brentwood Cathedral 7:30pm.

Post Confirmation Group:

The next meeting will be on **Friday 2nd October** at 6:00pm – 7:30pm.

Baptism Course:

The next session for the Baptism course will take place on Saturday the 10th of October at 9am in the Parish Hall. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

Holy Hour:

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

Bank Details:

Parishioners have been asking for the Bank details for their donations. Please make sure if you want to pay directly to the Bank you go to the office to fill out a gift aid form. If you do not pay tax please still see the office as we need details for the records.

BANK: HSBC

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account Number: 31019848

Holy Communion Programme 2026/27:

Today Sunday 13th September, there will be a parent meeting at 4:30pm in the Parish centre for all parents wishing their child to receive First Holy Communion in May 2027.

Retrouvaille:

MARRIAGE IN A RUT? Or need help with deeper issues? Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage. Next dates: **2nd - 4th October.** www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info Tel: **0788 7296983**

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 sessions which commence on Monday 28th September at 7:30pm – 8:30pm in the Presbytery. Any Parishioner who wishes. To support this group, is also invited to come along.

Retreat for Ministers of Communion:

There will be an afternoon retreat for all Ministers of Holy Communion next Sunday 20th September from 4:00pm to 7:00pm, beginning in the Parish Hall. All ministers are expected to attend. Please speak to Deacon Ken if you have any questions.

Confirmation Expression of Interest:

If you will be in Year 10 or above in September 2026 and wish to join confirmation, could you please let us know by e-mailing the parish using 'Confirmation' as the subject and send your name, and contact information. We will be in touch after the summer with an update. There is also a hard copy of the form at the back of the Church. These needs to be submitted by **next Sunday 20th of September 2026.**

Gift Aid:

If you are a taxpayer and are putting into the Church collection if you fill out a form and give it into the office the Church can reclaim from the taxman 20p in every pound you donate.

200 Club:

If you wish to join the 200 club, please ask in the office. It is £5 a month and a way for the Church to make up funds for our expenses with an added bonus of a monthly draw whereby a member's name will be picked out and half the 200 monthly income will go to that member. You will be helping the church and possibly getting a little bonus once in a while.

Rest in Peace:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rosina Cahill who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will take place on 30th September at 11am. May she rest in peace.

Mother & Toddler Group:

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

Catholic Teaching in the World of AI:

Pope Leo has recently published *Magnifica Humanitas*, an encyclical letter on 'safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence'. The Holy Father writes: 'In the era of artificial intelligence, when human dignity is threatened by new forms of dehumanisation, ours is the pressing duty to remain profoundly human.' Fr Hugh MacKenzie, chaplain at Westminster Cathedral, is an expert on AI. He will be giving a presentation on the topic on Saturday 26th September 2026 at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park, beginning at 11 am. The event is in-person but is also available live-stream from www.whatgoodnews.org. The talk will be of particular interest to our young people, with their IT competence.

Homelessness & the Cost of Living:

There will be a talk on this topic by Monsignor John Armitage on Catholic Social Teaching on Saturday the 17th of October at 9:45am – 12:30pm in our Parish Hall. All are welcome!

Vocations Group:

Our next meeting for the vocations group is on Friday the 25th of September at 6:30pm.