MASS INTENTIONS

All Saints Solemnity (Year A)

Saturday 31st October – All Saints Solemnity	6:30pm	Thomas Keys (RIP)
Sunday 1st November – All Saints Solemnity	9:00am 11:00am	Souls in Purgatory Ann Larkin (RIP)
Monday 2nd November – All Souls Day	9:00am	Souls in Purgatory Brian Popkin (RIP)
Tuesday 3rd November – Feria	9:00am	Tomy-Monai
Wednesday 4th November – St Charles Borromeo, Bp	9:00am	Vicent Brady (RIP)
Thursday 5th November – Feria	9:00am	Josie Brady (Int)
Friday 6th November – Feria	9:00am	Mari Ellis
Saturday 7th November – Feria	9:00am	Brian Little

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Saturday 7th November – Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	6:30pm	Noel Browne (RIP)
Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday	9:00am 11:00am	Sydney & Alice Loten (RIP) Gift Agwuncha (RIP)

Thoughts for the Week (God Never Ceases to Believe in Us):

"God's generosity towards us is not naïve but wise. He sees within us the potential of a good that, at times, we ourselves might fail to recognise. For this reason, the Lord, who knows the soil of our hearts better than we, never ceases to believe in us – in who we are and in who we can become, day by day, if we entrust ourselves to him in faith."

Pope Leo XIV

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All Saints Day (Year A)
31st October & 1st November 2026

Dear Friends,

The saints are men and women, young and old, from all kinds of backgrounds, who realised that God created them to be with Him forever. They cooperated with Him to make that happen and they are now in His presence, praising Him forever. That is the vision that St John describes in the First Reading, 'I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne…they shouted aloud, 'victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

The saints are God's masterpieces. They reflect His creativity. No one saint exhausts the beauty of God, but they all reflect aspects of it, through living the Beatitudes, which we hear in today's Gospel. The saints became saints by giving themselves to God. That thought might frighten us – we may think that surrendering to God will entail the loss of our freedom and identity. In actual fact, the reverse is true: only in God will we become what we were made to be. The saints have vivid and unique personalities, which are perfected by Christ living in them. Saints are not just role models or spiritual celebrities. Saints are our friends. We can emulate role models, but we cannot talk to them or ask them for help. The saints are alive in Christ and so we have access to them.

We should speak to them in prayer, for they stand in the presence of God and intercede for us. We are all called to become saints. It is through living this life well, here and now, in friendship with God, that we move in that direction. We should not be discouraged; Cardinal Hume once said that 'every saint has a past and every sinner a future.' Let us take comfort, because the saints want us to be with them, and will help us get there, if we ask for their help.

God Bless,
Canon Maurice

Online Version

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Cordelia Onodu, Nell Addison, Domingos De Albuquesque, Christophe Amblard, Sheeba Antony, Eva Au, Julian Avasiloaia, Michael Balfour, Ralph Batrum, Mary Bowdler, Marlene Camay, John Carty, Macmillan Chitoma Bras-Goncalves, Maureen Daly, Katherine Day, Gerry Margaret Dumbrill, 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.

Monthly Youth Mass:
The next Youth Mass is on **Thursday 5th November** at Brentwood Cathedral 7:30pm.

Baptism Course:
The next session for the Baptism course will take place on Saturday the 14th of November at 9am in the Parish Hall. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

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**

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.

Holy Communion Programme 2026/27:
The next session will be on Thursday 12th November at 7pm. Parents will meet in the Church and the children will meet in the Parish Hall.

St Alban's School:
Tours for prospective families starting school in September 2027 are on Monday 16th November at 9.30am, Thursday 19th November at 1.45pm & 6pm and Friday 20th November at 9.30am.

St Alban's School Forms:
Father Maurice will be available to sign a Certificate of Catholic Practice form in the Church meeting room on Sunday 29th November 5-7pm and Monday 30th November 6-7pm.

Holy Souls Month:
November is the month specially dedicated to prayer for our departed loved ones and all who have gone before us. If you would like the deceased members of your family remembered, please fill in the form at the back of the church and place it in the box, which will go on the Altar during November.

Rest in Peace:
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Berry who died recently. His Requiem Mass will take place on 16th November at 1pm. May he rest in peace.

Safeguarding:
It is important for a child going to the toilet during Mass to be accompanied by a Parent/Carer at all times in the interests of the safety of our children. This is the responsibility for all of us as a community to protect and safeguard our children. Thank you for this.

Toddler Group Party:
The Toddler Group are celebrating their 5th anniversary of opening this month. They will be having a celebration on Sunday 1st November, 10am-1pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to pop in for refreshments after the Sunday Masses.

Sunday School:
Sunday School is at 10am every Sunday, the children will meet in the Presbytery and the Parents will meet in the Church meeting room. It is open for children Year 3 upwards and their siblings and this is designed to help children who go to non-Catholic schools to give them a firm foundation in their faith. But children also from Catholic schools are welcome too. And in particular any children that are preparing for their First Holy Communion are most welcome.

Christmas Bazaar:
Our Christmas Bazaar this year is on Saturday 28th November, 12-3pm. **Please see the poster on what items we need for the Bazaar.** Raffle tickets for our Christmas Bazaar will be on sale after Masses this weekend.

Post Confirmation Group:
The next meeting will be on Friday 6th November at 6:00pm – 7:30pm.

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service:
The BCYS offers retreats, events and pilgrimages for young people throughout the Diocese of Brentwood. If you'd like to get involved, you can find out more at **www.bcys.net** or follow **@BrentwoodCYS** on social media.

Reading the Bible Through Advent and Christmas:
Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has just published *Reading the Bible through Advent and Christmas*. This new book includes commentary on all the Scripture readings for Mass throughout these two seasons. Full information about the book can be found on the homepage of the website *www.whatgoodnews.org*

Confirmation:
The next session for Confirmation is Saturday 7th November at 4pm in the Parish Hall. Followed by Mass at 6.30pm.

'Jesus Heals' Service: Fr. Frankie Mulgrew:
Come with your burdens, hopes, and prayers! We are happy to inform that the forthcoming 'Jesus Heals' Service on 13th November 2026 at 7-9pm in English Martyrs Parish, Hornchurch, RM12 6BJ, directed by Rev. Fr. Frankie Mulgrew. The Shalom global network UK will be organising this healing service. All are welcome to this Jesus Heals service.