MASS INTENTIONS

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Saturday 24th October – Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary time	6:30pm	John Christmas (RIP)
Sunday 25th October – Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary time	9:00am 11:00am	Graham Wood (Int) John Moody (RIP)
Monday 26th October – SS Cedd & Chad	9:00am	Tahmina (Int Sick)
Tuesday 27th October – Feria	9:00am	Princy Martin
Wednesday 28th October – SS Simon & Jude	9:00am	Lennon Macroy Fernandes (Birthday Wishes)
Thursday 29th October – Feria	9:00am	Michael Fernandes (Good Health)
Friday 30th October – Feria	9:00am	Ivan O'Dea (Birthday Wishes)
Saturday 31st October – Feria	9:00am	Gary Forbes (RIP)

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)

Thoughts for the Week (Every Vocation is a Journey of Redemption):

"From adolescence onwards it is important to learn to know ourselves, to make decisions and to stake our lives on them – in other words, to respond to the Lord who calls us. Nor in adulthood should we stop being faithful to the commitments we have already made and to those still to come. It is an adventure in which no one should ever feel alone, and one that, like faith itself, lasts until our final breath."

Pope Leo XIV

ST ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
24th & 25th October 2026

Dear Friends,

The centre of the Christian life in Matthew's mind revolves around love, the love of God, neighbours and self. These are all interrelated and, on such love, all law and teaching are based. Love must be put into practice. The first reading makes it very plain that what God wants of us is not grandiose declarations of faith or impressive religious observances, but the very ordinary things of life like taking care of the weak and the orphaned, not exploiting the poor, welcoming and respecting the stranger.

When we realise that without these things our love of God is empty, then we are on the right track. We can begin to use the directions Jesus gives, we can follow his example and please God be welcomed by him into our heavenly inheritance. Religion is not something separate from the rest of life. God is very close to us – as close as our neighbours, as close as the person sitting next to you.

Practical Suggestion for the coming week
Spend some time thinking of all the ways God has shown his love for you. Thank him Spend some time thinking of the ways others show their love of you. Thank some of them for their love this week. Identify how you show your love for people and make a special effort this week to do something loving for someone you normally overlook.

God Bless,
Canon Maurice

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.

PARISH FINANCES:	**Loose**	**Envelopes**
17th & 18th October 2026	£787.24	£410.20

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.

We wish all our Pupils, Teachers and Staff a well-deserved break for mid-term. The School returns on Tuesday 3rd November.

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 next Sunday 1st November, 10am-1pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to pop in for refreshments after the Sunday Masses. Please note that the car park on the hall side will be closed during Mass as there will be police cars and an ice cream van.

The Call to be Human Talks:
There is one final talk remaining by Fr Martin Boland, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Wanstead in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre all at 7-8.30pm. 28th October Is Love all you need? All welcome, free admission.

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.