## MASS INTENTIONS

**Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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| **Saturday 7th November – Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** | 6:30pm | Noel Browne (RIP) |
| **Sunday 8th November – Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time & Remembrance Sunday** | 9:00am<br><br>11:00am | Sydney & Alice Loten (RIP)<br><br>Gift Agwuncha (RIP) |
| **Monday 9th November – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica** | 9:00am | Paddy Seymour (RIP) |
| **Tuesday 10th November – St Leo the Great** | 9:00am | Nana (Birthday Int) |
| **Wednesday 11th November – St Martin of Tours** | 9:00am | Tracy Fisher (RIP) |
| **Thursday 12th November – St Josaphat** | 9:00am | Efron Sombiro (RIP) |
| **Friday 13th November –** Feria | 9:00am | Teresa Carty (RIP) |
| **Saturday 14th November –** Feria | 9:00am | Eddie Hawkins (RIP) |

**Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

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| **Saturday 14th November – Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** | 6:30pm | Dominic Reynolds (RIP) |
| **Sunday 15th November – Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** | 9:00am<br><br>11:00am | Alan Palmer (RIP)<br><br>Julia Stokes |

**Thoughts for the Week:**

"Jesus calls us to give a personal response to his invitation, to know him more closely and to allow ourselves to be shaped by friendship with him through an ever new encounter. This may also ask us to follow unfamiliar paths and to make choices different from those we had imagined."

"It is important to ask ourselves often: Who is the Lord for me? Do I truly know him? What is his Gospel asking of me today? What steps and what choices am I called to make?"

*Pope Leo XIV*

# ST ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
## Remembrance Sunday
## 7th & 8th November 2026

Dear Friends,

Many of us can picture the oil lamp. It was found in so many houses around the country before electricity came. There was a ritual almost in lighting the lamp on a winters evening, making sure that the match didn't touched the mantle, pumping up the oil to the right level to give a bright light, which filled the whole kitchen. With electrification, all it took was a flick of a switch, to give an even better light. However, many people held on to the old oil lamp and a drop of oil so that they would be ready when the electricity went off. There it stood, dusty and unused in some household corner, ready for an emergency.

Sometimes the gift of faith is treated in a similar fashion. Keeping faith in God or faith in people is not an easy thing to do. Something happens to us that doesn't fit into our understanding or expectation. The flame of faith can reduce to an ember. We can put it aside, like something from the past that no longer fits our life. Come a crisis and we fly to where we left it, but it's too weak to warm or light our path and there's no one to turn to.

It's a bit like that in today's Gospel. Be ready is the advice, hold on to some oil for the lamp. Be ready, for the Lord is coming and sometimes He comes in the dark. Keep your lamp trimmed and burning.

**Prayer**: We pray for the whole Church community. May we be alert to God's presence touching us and bringing us greater understanding of both his ways and ourselves.

*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.

| **PARISH FINANCES:** | **Loose** | **Envelopes** |
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| 31st October & 1st November 2026 | £650.15 | £431.50 |

**Sacred Heart of Mary 6th Form Open Evening**
Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School 6th Form Open Evening is on Thursday 12 November, from 6–8pm. Discover the exciting opportunities available, explore their courses and facilities, and find out what makes their Sixth Form a fantastic place to learn, grow and plan for the future. They look forward to welcoming prospective students and their families!

**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.

**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:**
For the safety of all children of primary school and below, we kindly ask that they are always accompanied by an adult when using the toilets. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

**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.

**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 the Walsingham House Retreat, the coach will leave the Church on Friday 5th December at 7pm and return on Sunday 6th December at 5pm.

**'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.

**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 is at the foot of the Altar during November.