

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES** (Sat eve 6pm)  
8.45am & 10.15am (Children's liturgy) 12 noon

**WEEKDAY MASS**

Monday – Saturday 9.30am

\*\*\* *Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, Mass at 1pm –Requiem*\*\*\*

**RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION**

Saturday 10.00 – 10.30am & 5.15pm – 5.45pm and at request

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** –

Saturday after morning Mass and 1<sup>st</sup> Friday after Mass until 10.30am

**PARISH OFFICE:** Tuesday 9-5, Wednesday 9-1, Thursday 9-5

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**For the season of Lent and Easter, we will be reciting the Apostles Creed on page 12 of the Parish Mass Books. The Eucharistic Prayer during Lent can be found on page 36 of the Parish Mass Book-Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation.**

**8.45am & 10.15am Masses**

Response to Psalm – (Mass Book page 146)

*'Be with me, Lord, in my distress'*

**12noon Mass**

Response to Psalm –

*'Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble, be with me, Lord, I pray.'*

**All Masses – Litany of the Saints**

*'Saints of God in glory, be with us, rejoice with us,*

*Sing with us, and pray with us now.*

*(Final) pray with us now.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!**

**Man does not live by bread alone,**

**but on every word that comes from the mouth of God..**

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!**

**Children's Liturgy**

***"Blessed be God! Blessed be God!***

***Blessed be God forever! Amen.***

**ST ALBAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**+1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

**1<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

In his letter to the Romans, Paul contrasts Adam with Jesus.

As a Pharisee trained in the interpretation of the law, Paul was aware of today's First Reading from Genesis, the story of the creation of Adam and the fall of Adam and Eve. Paul saw in Adam and Eve's fall the tragic consequences of sin and death for all people. But Paul also saw in Jesus' death and resurrection the universal gift of life and acquittal of sin for all people. Paul made sense of the Cross by contrasting Jesus' obedience with Adam's *disobedience*.

Like Paul, Matthew draws parallels between events in the life of Jesus and events in the Old Testament. In the Gospel reading, Matthew tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. With the temporal setting of forty days and forty nights and the spatial setting of the desert, Matthew's Jewish community likely heard this temptation story in relation to the forty-year desert experience of Moses and the Israelites told in the Books of Exodus and Numbers. But whereas ancient Israel failed in the desert, Jesus was victorious.

As both Paul and Matthew teach, we are connected to our ancestors in faith by both sin and death. Each of us is disobedient to God, and each of us has desert experiences on our journey with God.

The Good News is that Jesus has the power to overcome sin and death.

### **THE GOD WHO SPEAKS**

From this Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February, there will be a gathering in the presbytery to look at the scripture readings for the following Sunday's Mass. This will be an opportunity to explore the background to the Lenten readings in a prayerful atmosphere. These 45 minute sessions will be useful for readers or anybody involved in ministry at the Sunday liturgies, musicians, singers, children's liturgy catechists etc. Next meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> March 8pm.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** On the First Sunday of Lent, those who will be celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation with us at the Easter Vigil, will be attending the Rite of Election at Westminster Cathedral with Cardinal Vincent and his **Auxiliary** Bishops. Please pray for Dong Ho, Stefan, Christian, Steven, Diane and Margaret as they take this momentous step.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020** is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world. On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, can you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help? Please collect your Fast Day envelope from church this week and give whatever you can. Collection will be taken next weekend.

**FAITH SHARING GROUPS-Lent 2020:** Our Parish is offering **Faith Sharing House Groups** this Lent at 6 weekly meetings in three locations around the Parish. The theme is 'A word for Lent' enabling us to gain a deeper understanding of our Faith and purpose. The books are available from the Repository at £3 each. If you wish to join a faith sharing group, please complete an invitation form and put it in the box in the porch. For more information call **Chris Wood on 020 8368 3536**

**FRIDAY FRUGAL BRUNCH:** Every Friday during Lent-beginning on 29<sup>th</sup> February, after 9.30am Mass. Tea, coffee, bread/biscuits and cheese will be available. All monies raised through donations will be sent to the JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE. Please do come along, enjoy a chat whilst supporting those in need.

### **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

This year the service is being held at St. John's URC Church, New Barnet at 2.30pm. If anyone would like to come and needs a lift, please ring Colette 020 8445 5397.

**THE REPOSITORY** has a good selection of St. Patrick's Day cards, St Patrick's badges and Easter Cards.

**PARISH CHOIR:** Next rehearsal on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7pm. Why not join us?

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS:** A reminder of the scheduled meeting on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 8pm.

### **ANNUAL MASS of THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY-WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MAY, 3PM:**

The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2020. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: names, date of wedding, your full postal address and email (or telephone number if no email). Closing date March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

#### **Please remember in your prayers the sick:**

Bridget Ablett, Milan Yee, Gerd Uwe Jahns, Kate Catney, Teresa Doran

#### **all the recently departed and their loved ones,**

Bernard Grant, Ines Tassini, John Latham

#### **and the faithful departed whose anniversaries occur at about this time:**

Mary McNicholas, Many Denoris, Kathy O'Sullivan, Peggy Curran,

Rosa Esposito, Maria Ida Pereira

**FOOD BANK:** We continue to collect for the East Finchley Food Bank. All donations to be left in the entrance of the Church Hall. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**THURSDAY CLUB:** Next meeting on **5th March \*2.30pm-4pm\***. Lorraine Brooks, retired makeup artist from the BBC will demonstrate make-over with your own makeup. Plus Tai Chi, lively chat, tea and cake. Come along and enjoy. All welcome. **\*Please note slightly later start for this week only\***

### **ST. ALBAN'S CENTERING PRAYER GROUP:**

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. Next meeting Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 4pm-5.30pm – In the Quiet room, North London Hospice, 47 Woodside Avenue, London N12 8TF.

### **ST ALBAN'S PARENT & TODDLER GROUP**

The group meet every Tuesday at 10.30 in hall. All welcome.

**ST MARTIN PORRES** Catholic Primary School. We are looking to appoint a teacher to cover the maternity leave of our Year 1 class teacher. Job shares, NQTs and full time teachers are all welcome to apply to work in our happy school with our delightful pupils. Please contact the school office for further details: Tel 0208 361 1445 / email admin@st-martinporres.haingey.sch.uk

**A NOTE OF SAFETY:** It is important to remember that the Church Hall can be accessed from the street at any time during the Mass. The door cannot be locked as it is an emergency exit. It is, therefore, imperative that you DO NOT allow your child to leave the church for the hall / toilets without an ADULT at all times. We do not wish to cause you alarm but ask you be vigilant at all times. Thank-you.