



## Mass Times

**Monday** 9.30am  
**Tuesday** 9.30am  
**Wednesday** 9.30am  
**Thursday – Christmas Eve**  
4pm, 6pm, 8pm  
**Friday – Christmas Day**  
9am and 11am  
**Saturday** 6pm  
**Sunday** 9am and 11am

## Please note:

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

## Contact Info

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## Parish website

Visit our website  
[parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth](http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth)  
for all weekly updates and  
**Children's liturgy lessons.**

# ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
+ 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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**First reading:** 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14-16  
**Second Reading:** Romans 16: 25-27  
**Gospel:** Luke 1: 26-38

The promise given to King David in today's 2 Samuel text, assured that his royal line would never fail. Israel's king would call God 'Father' and be called God's 'son'. This promise originated the Jewish hope of a coming Messiah (see Isaiah 9:5-6; 11:1-9). But when David's royal line was broken following the Babylonian exile, this promise became problematic (see Psalm 89, used in today's liturgy).

Christians found its new and deeper fulfillment in Jesus. Many New Testament texts recall Jesus' royal heritage as the 'Son of David' (Matthew 1:1; Acts 2: 25-36; Romans 1:3).

But nowhere is the fulfillment of promise of the 'sure love for David' (Isaiah 55:3) more strongly invoked than in Luke's story of the annunciation, where the angel Gabriel's words to the Messiah's mother, Mary, are modeled on the promise given to David.

## MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS

**Christmas Eve: 4pm, 6pm and 8pm**

**Christmas Day: 9am and 11am**

Please see website for further details. No need to book in advance.

## CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

The collection taken at Christmas and Easter forms the salary of the parish priest. If you are in a position to contribute to this collection, please do so. It will be greatly appreciated. There are envelopes that you use for this donation in the porch. Thank you for continued generosity.

## DONATE TO THE CHURCH

Thank you to all who have converted their weekly contribution to Direct Debit. This has been a great asset to us. If you wish to join the planned giving scheme in our Parish, please contact the Parish office by email, if possible or visit our website for more information. Alternatively, simply set up a direct debit:

A/c name: WRCDT St Alban North Finchley-  
Sort code: 40-05-20  
A/c No: 51094491  
Reference: Your name/donation

## WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOKS

Available from the parish office - £4.50 each.

## GIFT AID DECLARATION

If you belong to the 'Gift Aid' scheme in this Parish, please let us know in writing, if your circumstances have changed and you are no longer paying tax. As you know, we can only claim tax against your contribution if you are actually paying income during the tax year.

## Parish QR code

For online donations



## Sacraments

Under current COVID restrictions:

Baptisms: No more than 6 people at the ceremony. To arrange a baptism please contact Fr Dermot.

Funerals: It is the normal procedure to first contact your chosen Funeral Director. They will liaise with Fr Dermot. At present only 30 mourners can attend the church service.

Weddings: Preparation for marriage: Six months' notice is required. Please contact Fr Dermot.

## Catechetics

**Confirmation:** Details and application forms available on Website.

## Newsletter

If you wish to receive a copy of our weekly newsletter by email, please sign up by using the website e-Alert or email the parish office to request.



## INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OR THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

St Alban's Church, North Finchley has a group for adults which meets every Wednesday evening at 8pm in the Presbytery when we can and via Zoom when we can't. Just phone or email the Parish if you are interested and we can put you in touch with someone who can tell you what to expect and answer your questions. You will be made very welcome.

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES, BOW LANE - APPLICATIONS FOR RECEPTION AND NURSERY

Applications are invited for the **Reception Class** for **September 2021** – this is for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017. The deadline to return this to the school office is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The forms are available to download on the school website. Please also be advised that you must also complete a CAF (Common Application Form) from Barnet - the on-line system is already open. Applications are invited for the **Nursery** for the Academic Year starting September 2021. This is for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. Closing date will be 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

## THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The SVP have assembled nearly 12,000 packs for the homeless and have distributed them throughout England and Wales. Each Vinnie Pack contains a thermal hat, thermal gloves two pairs of thermal socks, toothpaste, toothbrush, wet wipes, Pavement magazine, pen and information sheet and 5,000 of the packs have a reusable face mask included. The contents of each Vinnie Pack cost around £3.50 and donations to sponsor packs would be most welcome. Donations can be transferred to **SVP Vinnie Packs, a/c 46088237 sort code 60-60-04** or cheques made out to SVP can be sent to **Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ**. Any assistance is really appreciated.

## ST MICHAEL'S VACANCY FOR CARETAKER

Details of vacancy in porch. Caretaker, 36 hours per week. Closing date 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Application form available from school website.

## ST BARNABAS FOODBANK

St Barnabas Foodbank at 913 High Road North Finchley, accepts donations of food each Saturday between 9.30 & 12.30. They are open for those in need on Mondays 12.30 – 2pm.

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

Leslie DeSouza, Fr Bernard McCumiskey, Eileen Hanley  
Mary Kerr, Kevin Kerr

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

Carmino Pisano, Jacqueline Bradley, John Moran

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

Ciara Catney, Rosa Leonardi, Delfina Paganini  
Lilian Bullock, Wilfred Pereira, Sheila McDonagh,  
Maeve Murphy, Christy Sheils, Linda Hackett  
Anthony Loughlin



