



ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 14th March 2021
+4th Sunday in Lent

MASS TIMES

Monday	9.30am
Tuesday:	9.30am
Wednesday:	9.30am
Thursday:	9.30am
Friday:	9.30am
Saturday:	6pm
Sunday:	9am and 11am

Please note:

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

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parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth
for all weekly updates and
Children's Liturgy Lessons.

First reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
Responsorial Psalm: *O let my tongue cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not.*
Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10
Gospel: John 3:16

First Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation during Lent

Today's Chronicles reading tersely ends the sorrowful story of Judah's disobedience toward God. For this writer, the exile to Babylon was a natural outcome of grievous sin. He was heir to the viewpoint: 'If you obey God's commandments, you will prosper. If not, you will perish' (see Deuteronomy 4:25-27; 8:19; 11:13-17; 13:22-28.) In this way the writers explained Israel and Judah's perspective defeats by foreign powers as acts of divine justice that had been foretold. In today's text, we can hear the priests' concern that the rituals associated with the code of holiness could no longer be performed. This is reflected in the report of the fiery destruction of the Temple and its vessels and the interpretations of the seventy years of exile as Sabbath rest for the land. But suddenly the divine sun shines through the storm clouds of the exile when Cyrus proclaims the release of the captives; the people are freed to return to their land, to rebuild their temple and to restore their spiritual fortunes. For the haggard exiles, the decree was an unimaginable grace, lavish and unexpected, an unparalleled act of Divine Mercy.

A MOTHERS' DAY PRAYER

Lord, thank you for all mothers.

For the new ones, who endure sleepless nights with infants in arms.

For the busy ones, who juggle the pressures of home and family life.

For the steadfast ones, who nurture and care for our special vulnerable children.

For the patient ones, who always seek to forgive and engage with their pre-teens.

For the persistent ones, who cleverly find new ways to connect with their mini adults.

For the mother aunts, who step into cradle and care for nieces and nephews.

For all grandmas, who love and support their precious grandchildren.

For the foster mums that are called to gather and cover the fragile ones.

For the Sunday mums who care for our children and lead them in faith.

For the mums who give far beyond their own resources, who overcome disability to cherish and love.

Thank you, Lord, for all our beautiful mothers.

Help us to support them

and keep them in our prayers.

May you bless them now on this,
their special day.



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.

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.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Please continue to pray for those in our Parish community who will be receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil: our Catechumens Jaimin, Mutsilu and Moi-Maree and our Candidates Catherine, Freddie, Lily and Rosanna, that they may grow in God's grace and persevere courageously through the power of His love. We shall be celebrating the Scrutiny with them on Sunday 21st March at the 11 am Mass.

EASTER OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

The offertory collection at Easter and Christmas, makes up the bulk of the priests' salary in each parish. These envelope can be found in the porch and gives you the opportunity to contribute. Thank you for continued generosity.

FINCHLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Vacancy for a Teacher of Physics. See poster in porch for further details. Starting date September 2021. Closing date for applications 26 March.

CAFOD

Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Please give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Please donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/give or by using one of our envelopes.

You can also easily give via text.

Text LENT 5 to 70460 to give £5, plus one standard rate message.

Text LENT 10 to 70460 to give £10, plus one standard rate message.

Text LENT 20 to 70460 to give £20, plus one standard rate message.

Or Telephone: 0303 303 3030 to donate over the phone

Further resources for Family Fast Day can be found on our web page

<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

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:

Jimmy Gray, Michael O'Boy,
Bruna Antonioni, Johnny Banham
Molly Lloyd (Former parishioner)

all the recently departed and their loved ones.

Freddie Antonioni, Alex Daly

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

Honorina de Borman, Mario Dias, Gerd-Uwe Jahns,
Mabel Scanlon

