



# ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
+ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

## **MASS TIMES**

**Monday: 9.30am**  
**Tuesday: 9.30am**  
**Wednesday: 10.30am-Requiem**  
**Johnny Bannon**  
**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 website**

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for all weekly updates and  
**Children's Liturgy Lessons.**

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**First reading:** Acts 4: 32-35  
**Psalm:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.  
for his love has no end.  
**Second reading:** 1 John 5: 1-6  
**Gospel:** John 20: 19-31

John 20-31 says the Gospel was written to nurture the act of committing oneself to the Son of God. For this act, John constantly uses the verb 'believe' (*pisteuo*, ninety-eight times). It takes time and prayer to learn the spirituality powerful meaning of the word 'believe' in John's account of the Gospel. Believing does not mean merely acting as if something is real. Believing means developing the spiritual faculty to perceive the invisible reality at the heart of all things, analogous to the ability to see and hear the physical world. Two levels of seeing operate in John. Physical seeing leads to an embryonic form of faith (see 6:30), "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you?"), which remains tied to earthly forms to existence (3:6). But true believing enables one to see beyond physical sight (6:40; 9:35-39).

For the early Christian communities, Apostles were those who had had the honor of being an eyewitness to the Risen Christ (Acts 1:22; 10:40-41; Corinthians 15:3-8). The community of the Beloved Disciple that produced John's account accepted that tradition. "What we have seen with our eyes..... and touched with our hands ..... we proclaim now to you" (1John 1:1-4). But in a crucial sense, the Gospel subordinates apostleship to the task of ordinary Christians to *believe*. For John, believing in Jesus is the important step. Apostles might see Jesus risen, but they too must learn to believe. Thomas moves in one instant from earthly to spiritual believing. Jesus teaches that anyone who knows him through believing is equal to the Apostles, who know him by sight. The power of believing in Jesus to transform human existence is evident in Luke's vignettes of the early Jerusalem community. "Those who believed" throbbed with Paschal life, conquered deeply rooted in human habits, and became 'one heart and soul.'

## **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

We welcome warmly to our Parish Community Jaimin, Mutsilu and Moi-Maree who were Baptised, Catherine, Freddie and Lily who were Received into the Catholic Church and Rosanna who was Confirmed at the Easter Vigil. 'We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!'

## **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-  
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## 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.



## NOTE OF THANKS

Thanks to all who had anything to do with the Holy Week ceremonies. From cleaners and flower arrangers to readers and musicians, our catechists who prepared candidates for reception into full communion with the Church. This culminated with a joyful celebration on Holy Saturday where five adults and two children of catechetical age were baptised, confirmed, and received.

I want to say a special thanks to our stewards at the church. Since last July, this team of dedicated volunteers have organised themselves to ensure we can safely continue to attend church services. They have been in attendance at least half an hour before each mass and keep track of names and contact details, see us to our places, ensuring we maintain a safe distance, then thoroughly clean the church afterwards. What dedication!

Thanks to the 'Children's liturgy' team for their continued online service throughout the year and especially for the moving 'stations of the cross' on Good Friday morning.

Thank you all for turning out in such numbers over Easter to attend with such devotion the ceremonies of Holy Week. Thank you for your generosity in contributing generously over Easter and for your cards and good wishes. May you all be blessed with Easter Joy!

## 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.

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL, BOW LANE-NURSERY

Applications are still being accepted for **Nursery** places 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. Please contact the office or visit the school website for an application pack. There are spaces in other year groups so please do contact the office if you wish to apply.

### Please remember in your prayers the sick:

Leslie D'Souza  
Michael O'Boy,  
Sr Mary Paul PCJ  
Therese Jones  
John Came

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

Johnny Bannon

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

Mary Morrissey  
Margaret Hardman

