



ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 18th April 2021
+ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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for all weekly updates and
Children's Liturgy Lessons.

First reading:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
Psalm:	<i>Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.</i>
Second reading:	1 John 2: 1-5
Gospel:	Luke 24: 35-48

Knowing something about the Holocaust, we are troubled by the way Peter accuses the Jews of crucifying Jesus: "Jesus, whom you handed over" (3:13-15). Are these and similar words in Acts 2:23, 36; 4:10-11; 5:30; 7:52 not unjust and implicitly anti-Jewish? The important search for the sense intended by Luke (who composed Peter's speech as a way of summarizing his essential message) should take into account these things:

1. Peter carefully restricts his accusation to those Jews who were actually involved in the Lord's death. Later, Christian preachers in Acts do not accuse Jews of other times and places.

2. Significantly, Peter implicitly groups himself with those he accuses. He says the Jews had 'handed over' and 'rejected' Jesus. These are exactly the same Greek words that Luke's account uses not only to describe Judas's betrayal (22:48) but also Peter's own denial (22:57). Peter for this reason considers himself no different than the people he is accusing.

3. Peter immediately attaches an offer of forgiveness (Acts 2:38; 3:19; 5:31). Undeniably, the crucifixion was a malicious act, but God has reversed that evil in the Resurrection and so shows the cross to be the very means of salvation.

4. Peter readily offers pardon because "I know that you acted in ignorance" (Acts 3:17). Is this why the Lord forgave him? It certainly evokes Jesus' prayer of forgiveness for his crucifiers, "for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). The deep irony of Christian anti-Judaism through the centuries is that Christ explicitly forbade it even as he suffered on the cross.

Far from stirring up Christian hatred for Jews, Peter maps a path of mercy. Jesus forgave both Peter and his crucifiers. Against a backdrop, the assurance of 1 John 2:1 is dramatic and solid: "If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one."

ANNUAL PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION

Next Sunday, is Good Shepherd Sunday. Traditionally on this day, the collection is made for the Annual Priest Training Fund. This is our opportunity to support the training of our future priests. Envelopes will be available from both exit doors today and should be returned to the church with your donation next Sunday.

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!'

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

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DONATE TO THE CHURCH

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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 1st April 2018 and 31st March 2019. Please contact the office or visit the school website for an application pack.

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.

Mark Derriman,
Molly Lloyd (former parishioner)
Dharma Dharmakirthi

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

Margaret Hardman

