



# ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
+ **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

## **MASS TIMES**

**Saturday:** 6pm-  
**Sunday:** 9am & 11am  
**Monday:** Funeral – 1.30pm  
Mark Derriman  
**Tuesday:** 9.30am  
**Wednesday:** 9.30am  
**Thursday:** 9.30am  
**Friday:** 9.30am

## **Please note:**

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

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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.**

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**First reading:** Acts 4: 8-12  
**Psalm:** *The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone.*  
**Second reading:** 1 John 3: 1-2  
**Gospel:** John 10: 11-18

Today's readings crackle with the Apostles' excitement over the new understandings they were experiencing after the Resurrection and with their work of creating a new way of life, a community of the resurrected Christ – living and life-giving. In the light of Resurrection, Jesus' words in the Gospel, spoken before the Passion, take on new meaning.

The First Reading is part of a lengthy story that began with Peter healing a crippled man near the Jerusalem Temple and then addressing the people who stood around him, amazed at what he had done. As the crowds continued to grow, Peter and John were arrested, and his accusers demanded to know by whose authority they did such a thing. Peter is answering that question in today's First Reading. His sense of urgency and conviction ring out as he testifies that 'there is no salvation through anyone else.' He is, after all, 'filled with the Holy Spirit.'

Likewise, in the Second Reading we can hear a deep sense of community identity. Thanks to the loving gift of the Father, which is his Son, we have become 'children of God' both now and in the future, when God (or Christ) is fully revealed and we become like him.

In today's Gospel, John uses the image of the Good Shepherd to explain what it means to be a faith community. It is about our shared trust in Christ who put his life on the line to take care of his flock and keep them secure. It is about a flock that can be open and welcoming to others without fear for its safety, because the one who laid down his life for them, has taken it up again as the Father commanded.

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## **ANNUAL PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION**

This Sunday is 'Good Shepherd' Sunday and this weekend there is a collection to support the Priest Training Fund. The fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 42 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 18 of whom are for our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also for our Diocese. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. Envelopes to donate are available at the exit doors. You can donate online anytime at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations).

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## **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

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.



## 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

## 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.

## ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Vacancy for cover supervisor-see details in porch.

## 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.

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9am</b>	Alex Daly	RIP
	<b>11am</b>	John Came	Ints
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>1.30pm</b>	Requiem – Mark Derriman	
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	John & Margaret Came	Ints
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Alex Daly	RIP
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Kathy Diamond	Ints
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Johnny Murphy	RIP
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Margaret & John Came	Ints

### 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:

Bernice Wilkinson  
Johnny Murphy  
May Dardis

