



ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 2nd May 2021
+ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm-
Sunday: 9am & 11am
Monday: 9.30am
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.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth
for all weekly updates and
Children's Liturgy Lessons.

First reading: Acts 9: 26-31
Psalm: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.
Second reading: 1 John 3: 18-24
Gospel: John 15: 1-8

When he brought Saul to the Apostles, Barnabas told the story of how in Damascus, Saul 'has spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.' The phrase 'spoken out boldly' uses a form of the Greek *parrhesia*, often translated in the New Testament as 'boldness.' It combines the words for 'everything' (*pan*) and 'speaking' (*rhesis*). Words spoken with *parrhesia* say everything there is to be said. *Parrhesia* suggests the act of communicating ideas directly, bluntly, without elaborate logic and vague metaphors-plain speaking.

Parrhesia suggests not so much a talent for speaking as a habit of speaking candidly, born of honesty and simplicity. The word also came to be used for the inner attitude of confidence that lay behind this practice of plain speaking. Intimate friends and family normally speak with *parrhesia* because they can speak without shame or fear of embarrassment or recrimination.

Preaching the Gospel with *parrhesia* was prized in the early Church as strong evidence that the Holy Spirit had certified one's authenticity as a disciple. This is what Barnabas saw in Paul. It is also something Luke himself saw and admired in the apostle, as we can see in his stories of Paul's courageous speaking in the latter half of the Acts. Paul himself once described the effect of this gift of boldness. When he found himself poised to receive a Roman sentence of death, he wrote confidently: 'with all boldness (*parrhesia*), now as always, Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death' (Philippians 1:20).

These uses of *parrhesia* help illumine the theme of confidence in prayer in today's other texts. John's letter says that Christians who act in love receive new assurance of God's love that swallows up self-condemnation. Freedom from self-condemnation in turn nurtures courageous boldness- John uses the word *parrhesia* -in prayer of God. This creates the confidence that we have received whatever we ask for from God. The passage from John's account of the Gospel grounds this confident prayer in the indwelling life of Jesus. (John 15:7).

ANNUAL PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to donate if you wish. Envelopes are available near exit doors. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. Online donations www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 2nd May	9am	PARISH	
	11am	Sabina Macajewski	RIP
Monday 3rd May	9.30pm	Seamus Murphy	RIP
Tuesday 4th May	9.30am	Andrew Durkan	RIP
Wednesday 5th May	9.30am	Sarah Nadasy	Ints
Thursday 6th May	9.30am	Therese Jones	Ints
Friday 7th May	9.30am	Deceased members of Macajewski, Sobol, Lisaj & Boyman Families	
Saturday 8th May	6pm	Alex Daly	RIP

Please remember in your prayers the sick:

Leslie D'Souza
Michael O'Boy
Therese Jones
John Came
Guiseppe Amato
Una O'Brien

all the recently departed and their loved ones

Maureen Quigley
Dharma Dharmakirthi

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

Bernice Wilkinson
Seamus Murphy

