



ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 4th April 2021

+EASTER SUNDAY

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

First reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43
Psalm: *This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad*
Second reading: Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel: John 20:1-9

The Resurrection was too much for the disciples to take in. They were disoriented by terror, by wonder and by joy. What could be the same if even death itself is unreliable? Mary thinks Jesus is the gardener, but when he speaks her name she melts. 'The sheep follow him because they recognise his voice' (John 10:4). Like the lover of the Song of Songs, her joy soon shivers into uncertainty when she moves to embrace him, and he is changed. "Do not hold on to me," he says. What? Jesus asks Mary to adopt new ways of seeing and touching him, to know him in a new way, in spirit. But we learn the ways of spirit clumsily; like learning to write with the opposite hand, it means unlearning the old way. This bizarre experience of knowing but not knowing emerges in an odd line from the later story of the lakeshore breakfast: "None of the disciples dared to ask him, 'who are you?'" Because they realised it was the Lord"

Resurrection is more than a new phase of the old life. Jesus invites followers to rise with him into a strange, upside-down world where apparent irreversible are reversed: life defeats death, love trumps evil, weakness means power, humility wins out, last comes first and 'nothing will be impossible for God' (Luke 1:37).

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!'

EASTER OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:

The offertory collection at Easter and Christmas, makes up the bulk of the priests' salary in each parish. These envelopes can be found at the exit doors and gives you the opportunity to contribute. For those who cannot attend church in person over the weekend, and wish to contribute, please use the 'Donate to the Church' link below and mark your donation as 'Easter Offering.' Thank you for continued generosity.

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

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.



CAFOD

Workshop online event Saturday 10 April from 11am to 12.30. 2021 is a critical year as world leaders decide how the world rebuilds from the pandemic. As Catholics we have an important role to play in calling for the world's poorest communities to be included. Join us to find out how to meet your MP as a parish group. Sat 10 April, 11am to 12.30; book at cafod.org.uk/mpmeeting

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.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We are very grateful to everyone who supported the Beat the Winter Blues Quiz night in January – we now have confirmation that your contributions raised £885 which will be split equally between the East Finchley Food Bank and St Alban's Parish. Thank you so much for your generosity. We look forward to having some in-person social events in the not-too-distant future. Social Committee.

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. There are spaces in other year groups so please do contact the office if you wish to apply.

THE PASSAGE

The Passage's mission and work is developing to cope with more people becoming homeless it is raising funds through the Big Give until Wed 31st March to support **No Night Out** a new initiative to take newly homeless people off the street straight away. Further details of the work is at www.passage.org.uk. **Double your Donation, Double your impact.** This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (can be company, individual or trust) gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 020 75921886 andrew.h@passage.org.uk Donate at <https://tinyurl.com/NoNightOut>

Please remember in your prayers the sick:

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:

Honorina de Borman,

Mary Morrissey

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK

