



# ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
+ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EAST

## MASS TIMES

**Saturday:** 6pm-  
**Sunday:** 9am & 11am  
**Monday:** 9.30am  
**Tuesday:** 9.30am  
**Wednesday:** 9.30am  
**Thursday:** 9.30am  
**\*\*+Ascension of the Lord\*\***  
**Friday:** 9.30am

## Please note:

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

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## Parish website

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[parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth](http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth)  
for all weekly updates and  
**Children's Liturgy Lessons.**

**First reading:** Acts 10: 25-26; 34-35; 44-48  
**Psalms:** *The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.*  
**Second reading:** 1 John 4: 7-10  
**Gospel:** John 15: 9-17

The Lectionary's snippets often drop us into the middle of a story, like latecomers to a movie. Today, we are in the midst of the Acts of the Apostles. From a human point of view, this haphazard, surprising sequence of events in the Acts leaves two impressions about the infant Church: its vulnerability and its energetic joy. The larger spiritual view sees the steady hand of providence as God gradually unveils a master plan of salvation.

These surprises culminate in the greatest shock of all, as Luke explains in today's passage: the dramatic shift to include the Gentiles among the People of God. Since the second century, the Church has been almost exclusively made up of Gentiles, non-Jews, a situation that none of the Apostles or New Testament writers could have imagined. In turn, it is hard for us to imagine how wrenching this change was for them. Israel had always expected the Gentile nations to come to their God (see Isaiah 2:1-4) but thought they would do so by way of Judaism.

Peter's remark in verse 28 supplies context: 'God has shown me that I should not call any person profane.' It dawned on him and the young Church, that God was going to save Gentiles not as Jews but as Gentiles. Note their astonishment in 10:34. The Greek phrase calls to mind something like an overpowering idea suddenly taking hold. Gentiles were no longer dogs under the Jewish table begging for the children's bread (Matthew 15:27) but full partners and joint heirs with the ancient people of the covenant.

This shift signals a major new theme in Acts. Jesus says in our Gospel today, "I no longer call you slaves.... but friends." The reason for this is the unconditional and total love with which the Father loves the Son: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you" (15:9). This in turn requires the same surrender to each other: Now "love one another as I have loved you" (15:12).

## 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!'

On Pentecost Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, at the 11am Mass, we will present the Creed to our New Catholics as a sign that we have shared our Faith with them. It marks the end of the period of post-Baptismal Catechesis as they begin their lives as fully initiated Catholic Christians.'

## Parish QR code

For online donations



## Sacraments

### With effect from 17<sup>th</sup> May:

**Baptisms:**

Up to 30 people at the ceremony. To arrange a baptism please contact Fr Dermot.

**Funerals:**

Up to 30 mourners.

It is the normal procedure to first contact your chosen Funeral Director. They will liaise with Fr Dermot.

**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.



## THE LONDON JESUIT CENTRE OFFERS

Various opportunities for prayer and retreats. See website for full details. website: [www.londonjesuitcentre.org](http://www.londonjesuitcentre.org)

## CAFOD

As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give). Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

CAFOD is holding a special online Mass on Friday 7 May at 6.30pm to pray for the people of India. You can register here: [bigmarker.com/cafod/India-Emergency](http://bigmarker.com/cafod/India-Emergency)

## 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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## 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.

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9am</b>	PARISH	
	<b>11am</b>	James Smith	RIP
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9.30pm</b>	Ian Dunne	Ints
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Private Intentions	
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Dr Brendan O'Brien	Ints
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Patrick Brophy	Ints
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Sr Roisin Kelly	Ints
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Anne O'Reilly	Ints

### 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

Rajeswari Padda

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

James Smith, Seamus Murphy

Giovanni Paganini, Martin Williams

