



MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm-
Sunday: 9am & 11am
Monday: 9.30am
Tuesday: 9.30am
Wednesday: 9.30am
Thursday: 9.30am
Friday: 9.30am

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ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 16th May 2021
 + SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EAST

First reading: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
Psalm: *The Lord has set his sway in heaven.*
Second reading: John 4: 11-16
Gospel: John 17: 11-19

In this Acts passage, Luke is shifting the focus from Jesus to the disciples. Followers in other traditions simply carry out the vision of their teachers, but here the disciples are important in their own right. We know their ideas and writings, even their weaknesses, failures, and arguments.

More remarkable still, Luke places the story of the Church in Acts on the same level of importance as the story of Jesus in the Gospel. Note the strong sense of destiny that flows through our passage: Peter twice uses the strong phrase 'it had to be' (dei: 16,21), the same word Jesus used in speaking about his coming suffering (see Mark 8:31). Events that were not of their own making or choosing were happening all around them. A sense of the Lord's hidden, guiding hand pervades the atmosphere of Acts 1.

More was at work than a sense of destiny; the Apostles fulfilled unique roles in the salvation story. Their symbolic number, 'Twelve,' recalls the twelve tribes of Israel. Despite the emphasis on choosing a replacement of Judas, Matthias disappears from Scripture after his election; so when the Apostle James was killed (Acts 12:2), no one replaced him. The Twelve performed a symbolic role that was unrepeatable.

Jesus' prayer in John shows how he continues to pray for the Church even now. Here the symbolic number is 'one': 'that they may be one just as we are one.' Jesus prays that the community may not be subverted by treachery like that of Judas or by the hatred of the world. The oneness of the disciples is the basis of their mission in the world. Laying the passages from Acts and John side-by-side on a spiritual plane, one surmises that although the disciples draw straws, it is really Jesus' prayer for the Church's protection and unity that guides its destiny.

RECITING THE GLORIA AND CREED AT MASS AGAIN

From this weekend, we will recite the Gloria and the Creed at all Masses again. If you don't have a Sunday missal, feel free to use an electronic device to join in.

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, 23rd 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 17th May:

Baptisms:

Up to 30 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.

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

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. Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

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:

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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

Sunday 16th May	9am	Ollie Marra	RIP
	11am	PARISH	
Monday 17th May	9.30pm	Beatrice Hillman	Ints
Tuesday 18th May	9.30am	Alice Jahns	Ints
Wednesday 19th May	9.30am	Valentina Klein	Ints
Thursday 20th May	9.30am	Martin Mahony	Ints
Friday 21st May	9.30am	Margaret Sheils	RIP
Saturday 22nd May	6pm	Dharma Dharmakirthi	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

Rajeswari Padda

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

James Smith,

Giovanni Paganini, Martin Williams

Con Kerin, Margaret Sheils

