



### MASS TIMES

**Saturday:** 6pm-  
**Sunday:** 9am & 11am  
**Monday:** NO MASS  
**Tuesday:** 9.30am  
**Wednesday:** 9.30am  
**Thursday:** 9.30am  
**Friday:** 9.30am

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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.**

# ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021  
 + PENTECOST SUNDAY

**First reading:** Acts 2: 1-11  
**Psalm:** *Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,  
 and renew the face of the earth*  
**Second reading:** 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13  
**Gospel:** John 20: 19-23

The texts invite us to consider the Spirit's vast activity in both an outer, geographical sense and an inner, spiritual sense. Jesus apparently lived his life within a tiny territory, but the outpouring of his Spirit at Pentecost sent his disciples to the ends of the earth. The same Spirit pressed them deep within themselves to explore the truth about Jesus.

Outwardly, Luke's list is a roll call, not of people who literally heard Peter's Pentecost sermon, but of people who had heard Gospel by Luke's time in the late first century. The places named can be found on a good Bible map. They form a circle around Jerusalem, always the spiritual starting point for Luke. In Luke's Gospel, the devil showed Jesus 'all the kingdoms of the world' because they were his to give (Luke 4: 5-6); Acts shows us the kingdom that became Christ's by the power of his Holy Spirit.

The list symbolizes the scope of God's grace and Spirit's power. It also previews the rest of Acts. The Apostles would experience many successes and much rejoicing but also many conflicts and reversals. 'It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God' (Acts 14:22). The Spirit's relentless energy constantly stirred and pushed the disciples beyond themselves. Their story became part of the story of 'the mighty acts of God' (2:11).

Inwardly, the Spirit comes from Jesus to guide the disciples to all the truth about him. In the context of John's Gospel, this means penetrating to the awesome mystery of Jesus' divine being, the Word made flesh, who in the beginning, was with God and is himself God (John 1: 1, 14).

Galatians says that by grace, the spirit instructs Christians about life by uniting them with Jesus' crucifixion. For those who understand, Christ's death powerfully centers the inner of individuals and communities in the fruit of the Spirit.

### RECITING THE GLORIA AND CREED AT MASS AGAIN

We will recite the Gloria and the Creed at all Masses again. If you do not have a Sunday missal, feel free to use an electronic device to join in. Also, from this weekend, the presentation of the gifts will be introduced.

### 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

### 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.



## REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH

Are you registered in the Parish? If not please complete a registration form as soon as possible. Forms are available from the porch.

## 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](https://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:

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 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>9am</b>	Marco Pesenti-Gritti	RIP
	<b>11am</b>	Con Kerin	RIP
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>		
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Special Intentions	
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Zofia & Jan Czech	RIP
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	People of Colombia	
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Sabina Macajewski	RIP
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Sr Marie Joseph Catney	Ints

### **Please remember in your prayers the sick:**

Therese Jones, John Came

Giuseppe Amato, Una O'Brien

### **all the recently departed and their loved ones**

Derek Swift

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

Con Kerin, Margaret Sheils

Zofia & Jan Czech

Marco Persenti Gritti

