



### 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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### 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 – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021

+ THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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<b>First reading:</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40</b>
<b>Psalm:</b>	<i>Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.</i>
<b>Second reading:</b>	<b>Romans 8:14-17</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>Matthew 28:16-20</b>

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Scripture contains no philosophically mature doctrine of the Trinity; the word itself never appears. The reality of the Trinity lies deeply embedded in the New Testament and emerged over time. Painstakingly, the Church discerned and taught from Scripture the only doctrine adequate to the witness of both Testaments: that the one God of biblical Israel at the heart of creation and redemption is a reality of three persons. It is the mind of the Church interpreting Scripture, and not Scripture alone, that leads us to the truth of salvation.

Still, the best way to begin to learn about the Trinity is to go to Scripture. Who God is in heaven above (the deep mystery of God's being) can always be seen in what God does on earth below (God's relentless divine activity in the world for the sake of salvation).

In this week's Romans passage, Paul seems to presume three separate, self-aware divine persons in the Holy: Father-God, Christ-Son and Spirit of God. Those who are led by God's Spirit are God's children, having lost servile fear of God when the Spirit bestows the consciousness of being God's beloved child. This "spirit of adoption" puts our relationship with God on an intimate basis; the Spirit inscribes its reality in our hearts. Paul also suggests that the Spirit's work infuses in us Jesus' own beloved-child relationship of God.

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### EASING LOCKDOWN GUIDELINES

As the rules for coming out of the lockdown are being relaxed across the country, so we are allowed to ease some of the restrictions in church. From this weekend we will revert to distributing Holy Communion at its rightful time. We will follow the pattern of coming for Communion that has been set this past year, only returning to your places after receiving before the Concluding Rite. We will still use the side doors to exit the church at the end of mass. The minister distributing Communion is allowed to say 'The Body of Christ' to each communicant again. The communicant is encouraged to respond 'Amen'. The presentation of gifts at the offertory time may take place again. However, we must continue to exercise caution, the virus has not gone away! **Continue to wear masks**, (unless you have a medical reason not to), keep a safe distance from others outside your 'bubble' and sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the church and before coming to receive Holy Communion. We are obliged to continue to take details of those entering the church for track and trace purposes. To that end I once again thank our volunteer stewards who have been so generous with their time and energy over the last year.

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### PARISH ACCOUNTS 2020

**Parish accounts** for the year ended December 2020 are posted in the church porch to view. As expected, they do not make for comfortable reading. The government furlough scheme has eased what could have been a worrying time financially. Coupled with your continuing generosity, things are not as bad as feared a year ago.

## 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.



## 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: WRCDD St Alban North Finchley-

Sort code: 40-05-20

A/c No: 51094491

Reference: Your name/donation

***If you have recently donated by Direct Debit for the first time, please advise the Parish Office of your details. We have received a few donations recently from parishioners who are not registered.***

## 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. Complete and return to the Presbytery. Thank you.

## RETIREMENT

After 37 years as parish secretary here at St. Albans, **Jackie Sheils** has offered her notice to retire at the end of October this year. There can be very few parish secretaries who have given such dedicated service over such a long period. We all owe her a great debt of gratitude, not least the four parish priests she has worked for during that period. Personally, I shall be eternally grateful for the depth of knowledge of parish events and people who run them that she has shared along with her pastoral awareness and sensitivities. There will be an opportunity for a more formal marking of her retirement in the Autumn. In the meantime, let us hold her in our prayers as she prepares for a new phase in her life.

## ST. MICHAEL'S VACANCY FOR SCHOOL CHAPLIN

Details of vacancy on display in porch. Closing date 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9am</b>	PARISH	
	<b>11am</b>	Rita Sheehan	RIP
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Gino Mansi	Ints
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Peter Bates	RIP
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Roy and Margaret Wales	Ints
		70 <sup>th</sup> wedding Anniversary	
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Joelle Bilourey-Godfrey	RIP
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Kathleen McNally	RIP
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Mary Dowling	RIP

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

Therese Jones, John Came

Guiseppe Amato, Una O'Brien

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

Derek Swift, Joelle Bilouney-Godfrey

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

Peter Bates

