



### MASS TIMES

**Sunday:** 9am & 11am  
**Monday:** 9.30am  
**Tuesday:** 9.30am  
**Wednesday:** 9.30am  
**Thursday:** Funeral –12 noon  
 Una O'Brien  
**Friday:** 9.30am  
**Saturday:** 6pm-

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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 – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
 + 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>First reading:</b>	<b>Ezekiel 17:22-24</b>
<b>Psalm</b>	<i>It is good to give thanks, O Lord.</i>
<b>Second reading:</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 5:6-10</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>Mark 4: 26-34</b>

In today's Gospel reading, we hear Jesus using parables to teach his disciples and the crowds about the Kingdom of God. For Jesus, the reality of the Kingdom of God was best explained by drawing on images and experiences from the daily life of the Galilean villagers.

As we hear in the First Reading today from the prophet Ezekiel, Jewish tradition sometimes compared God's work in the world to the growth of plants and trees. Ezekiel, a prophet in the early stages of Israel's exile in Babylon, prophesied that one day God would restore the exiled Israelites to a mighty and powerful nation, as in the days of King David, when Israel stood as 'a majestic cedar.' It was a message of hope for a broken and disheartened people.

We find a similar message of hope, with accompanying images of palm and cedar trees, in today's Responsorial Psalm. The Psalmist offers a prayer of thanksgiving for God for his fidelity to those who are just and have remained faithful.

With such rich images and traditions embedded in Israel's prophetic writings and psalm prayers, it is understandable that Jesus would draw on similar agricultural metaphors, such as seeds and mustard plants, to teach the crowds and his disciples about the Kingdom of God. In his public ministry, Jesus was planting the seeds for the Kingdom of God that promised fulfillment in the future.

As Paul assures the Corinthians, we can be 'courageous' in our faith in Christ. And the Kingdom of God continues to grow in our day in ways beyond human understanding.

### 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.

## 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.



## 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.

## 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: WRC DT 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.

## ST. MICHAEL'S VACANCY FOR SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

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 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9am</b>	Patricia Eyre	RIP
	<b>11am</b>	Parish	
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Bridget Corcoran	Ints
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Edna Akers	RIP
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Private Intentions	
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Requiem-Una O'Brien</b>	
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Deceased members of Macajewski, Sobol, Lisaj and Boyman Families	
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Maria McCarthy	

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

Therese Jones, John Came

Guiseppe Amato, Gerard McGann

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

Una O'Brien, John Bradshaw, Melchor Alcaraz

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

Patricia Eyre

