



MASS TIMES

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

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ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 20th June 2021
 + 12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First reading:	Job 38: 1, 8-11
Psalm	<i>O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever.</i>
Second reading:	2 Corinthians 5: 14-17
Gospel:	Mark 4: 35-41

Today's Scriptures set us in the midst of a raging sea, a mighty force of nature that only the Word of God can restrain. Anyone who has witnessed the violent winds and lashing waves of a storm at sea understands the terror of the disciples and the fearful hearts of the sailors described in today's Responsorial Psalm.

In Biblical tradition, the sea-particularly its stormy side-symbolizes chaos, all that threatens peace and well-being. Such was the experience of both Job and the disciples. Job's whole life had become an uncontrollable storm, having suddenly lost both family and possessions (see chapter 1-2). And the disciples, while attracted enough to Jesus to leave all and follow him, were still perplexed by his power and perhaps troubled by the negative reactions he sometimes received (see Mark 3: 21-22).

In today's Scriptures, God's power over the storm is revealed in the midst: 'The Lord addressed Job out of the storm' (38:1). Jesus was in the boat with his disciples during the storm. Like the sailors of Psalm 107, 'they cried to the Lord in their distress; from their straits he rescued them.' The Word of God hushes the storm and stills the sea. In the midst of the storm, Job, the sailors and the disciples all receive at least a glimpse of who God is and experience God's 'kindness and wonderous deeds.'

What wisdom for us as we encounter the storms of our own lives! What seems to be chaos, to threaten our very lives, is but the setting in which the power of the Divine can be revealed. Let us not forget the Teacher will not let us perish. The power of his Word can still our storms as well.

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 sanitize 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.

FEAST OF ST ALBAN

This Tuesday, June 22nd, we celebrate the feast of St. Alban, our patronal saint. It might be good to consider attending mass that morning and join in our mass of thanksgiving for this faith community.

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.



SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

First Holy communions will take place over the next two weekends, during the regular Mass times.

Saturday 26th June 6pm, Sunday 27th June at 11am.

Saturday 3rd July 6pm, Sunday 4th July at 11am.

The two 11.00 masses on these days will be very busy. If you normally come to that mass on Sundays perhaps you might consider coming to the 9.00 mass instead. Benches will be reserved for the First Communion families.

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-

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 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 20th June	9am	PARISH	
	11am	Gerd-Uwe Jahns	RIP
Monday 21st June	9.30am	Melanie Farrell	RIP
Tuesday 22nd June	9.30am	Gerard McGann	Ints
Wednesday 23rd June	9.30am	Sr Kathleen O'Sullivan	RIP
Thursday 24th June	9.30am	John Bradshaw	RIP
Friday 25th June	9.30am	Private Intentions	
Saturday 26th June	6pm	First Communion	

Please remember in your prayers the sick:

Therese Jones, John Came

Guiseppe Amato, Gerard McGann

all the recently departed and their loved ones

John Bradshaw, Melchor Alcaraz

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

Melanie Farrell

