



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 – 6th June 2021

+ MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

First reading:	Exodus 24: 3-8
Psalms:	<i>The Cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.</i>
Second reading:	Hebrews 9: 11-15
Gospel:	Mark 14:22-26

Blood is life. The people of ancient Israel knew that. They enacted laws against the spilling of blood (see Deuteronomy 19; 21; Leviticus 17) and used blood in rituals to sanctify altars, consecrate priests (see Exodus 29), and seal covenants between God and the people. It is fitting, then, that Jesus talks about his blood as the blood of the covenant. To drink his blood is to sprinkle it on one's heart, just as Moses dashed blood on the people as sign of their relationship with God.

In the story of the Exodus, Moses sprinkled the blood of a lamb on the doorposts of the Israelites so that the angel of death who came to destroy the firstborn children of Egypt would pass over their houses. In his First Letter to the Corinthians, Paul states: 'For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed' (1Corinthians5:7). In Paul's theology, Christ becomes the means by which we escape the death caused by sin. It is the living sign of Christ's Blood that transforms our lives with grace.

We remember the Last Supper at every liturgy during the Eucharistic Prayer. We tell the full story of the Last Supper during the reading of the Passion on Palm Sunday and in Paul's letter to the Corinthians on Holy Thursday. In the readings for the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, we ponder on the power and depth of Jesus' sacrifice for us. His Blood ratifies and sanctifies our relationship with God, atones for our sin, and protects us from 'soul death.' When we remember the Last Supper, Jesus' selfless act of love becomes present to us once again so that we can be transformed.

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 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: 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.

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 CHAPLAIN

Details of vacancy on display in porch. Closing date 18th 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

Sunday 6th June	9am	Patricia Eyre	RIP
	11am	Parish	
Monday 7th June	9.30am	Sabina Macajewski	RIP
Tuesday 8th June	9.30am	Parish	
Wednesday 9th June	9.30am	Private Intentions	
Thursday 10th June	9.30am	Parish	
Friday 11th June	9.30am	Parish	
Saturday 12th June	6pm	Parish	

Please remember in your prayers the sick:

Therese Jones, John Came

Guisepppe Amato, Una O'Brien

all the recently departed and their loved ones

Joelle Bilouné-Godfrey

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

Peter Bates, Patricia Eyre

