



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 – 4th July 2021
 + 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First reading:	Ezekiel 2: 2-5
Psalm	<i>Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.</i>
Second reading:	2 Corinthians 12: 7-19
Gospel:	Mark 6: 1-6

Ezekiel is the last of the major prophets, preaching in the period of the exile in Babylon (approximately 597 to 537 BC). In fact, he had already been taken captive to Babylon when he received his call. Ezekiel's prophecies stand out from those of the other prophets. The visions he reports are especially vivid and surreal: the wheel within the wheel (1:15) and the four living creatures with faces like an ox, a lion, an eagle, and a human being (1:10). (These would later be associated with the four evangelists, Mark, Matthew, John, and Luke, respectively.) Finally, Ezekiel speaks in the first person, as though he is relating his conversation with God as it happens, whereas most other prophets repeat what God has told them: "Thus says the Lord....."

We do not hear the subject of his preaching in this passage. In general, he prophesied the further destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians, an unpopular topic. When the Temple was destroyed in 587 BC, Ezekiel's prophecy was fulfilled. The subject of his preaching, however, is not as important as the outcome. The Lord tells Ezekiel to preach so that 'they shall know what a prophet has been among them.' Later in the prophecy, God tells Ezekiel: "They shall know that I, the Lord their God, am with them" (34:30). In the similarity of phrases, the reader can sense the close relationship between God and God's prophet.

In his hometown, Jesus faces similar issues. He must preach the good news whether people listen or not. Unlike Ezekiel, who expected a stubborn and rebellious people, Jesus is amazed and perplexed when people do not believe him. We readers, who have been following Mark's story as Jesus touches and heals every kind of separation that people experience, from sin to illness to death, are also surprised. And yet, in spite of firm disbelief, Jesus is able to effect some healing for those who sought it. It is enough. He continues teaching in every town that will have him.

Why does the crowd discuss Jesus' background and family? What does that have to do with their lack of belief?

EASING LOCKDOWN GUIDELINES

We are required to **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.

REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH

Registration forms are available from the porch. Complete and return to the Presbytery. Thank you.

WESTMINSTER JOB VACANCIES

Various vacancies throughout the Diocese including the vacancy for Parish Secretary/Administrator here at St. Alban's. - jobs.rcdow.org.uk

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 this weekend, during the regular Mass times. **Saturday 3rd July 6pm, Sunday 4th July at 11am.**
The 11.00 masses on Sunday 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.
Also, on **Saturday 10th July at 6pm Mass** there will be a thanksgiving Mass for all the children and their families, who have received their First Holy communion this year. This Mass will be very busy so you might wish to consider coming to one of the Sunday Masses that weekend.

VACANCY – ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Caretaker Team Leader required. See poster in porch for all details.

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.

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 4th July	9am	Con Murphy	RIP
	11am	First Holy communion	
Monday 5th July	9.30am	Izabella Szkierdz	Ints
Tuesday 6th July	9.30am	Una O'Brien	RIP
Wednesday 7th July	9.30am	Gino & Gina Ferrari	
Thursday 8th July	9.30am	Sabina Macajewski	RIP
Friday 9th July	9.30am	Ann Coffey	Ints
Saturday 10th July	6pm	First Holy 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 Cussell, Marguerite Byrne

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

Alfredo Moruzzi, Con Murphy

