



### 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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### 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 – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
 + 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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| <b>First reading:</b>  | <b>Amos 7: 12-15</b>  |
| <b>Psalm</b>           | <i>Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.</i> |
| <b>Second reading:</b> | <b>Ephesians 1: 3-14</b>  |
| <b>Gospel:</b>         | <b>Mark 6: 7-13</b>   |

After Jesus' unfortunate experience in his hometown (Mark 6:1-6), he sends his disciples out to preach repentance, cast out demons, and anoint and heal the sick. Jesus' injunction to travel light appears to serve several purposes. The Apostles need to move easily and quickly from place to place. The directions to carry a staff and wear sandals are reminiscent of the instructions Moses gave for the Passover meal. "This is how you are to eat it: with your loins girt, sandals on your feet and your staff in hand, you shall eat like those who are in flight" (Exodus 12:11). Going out without food, baggage, or money forces the Apostles to depend on the hospitality of strangers and, ultimately, on God. It was a lesson the Jews learned in the wilderness, even though they carried personal belongings with them. The reader might also detect an urgency to reach as wide an area as possible, a mission certainly felt in the early Church. Baggage gets in the way. Finally, perhaps mindful of his own experience, Jesus urges the Apostles to leave any place that rejects them. Shaking off the dust is thought to be a Jewish custom that allows one to go on without dwelling on past troubles (see Acts 13:51).

Along with these specific instructions, Jesus commissions the Apostles to three tasks: they are to preach repentance, cast out demons, and anoint and cure the sick, Matthew and Luke record this story as well (Matthew 10; Luke 9), but Mark is the only one to associate anointing the sick with curing them, The Letter of James, written about the same time or slightly before Mark's account, also speaks of anointing with oil (5:14). It seems clear that this was a practice in at least some of the Christian communities. The contemporary Church has continued that practice in its Sacrament of Anointing. Through his disciples and in these three facets of the mission-Jesus restores wholeness in mind, body, and soul to the whole world.

### 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

### WESTMINSTER JOB VACANCIES

Various vacancies throughout the Diocese including the vacancy for Parish Secretary/Administrator here at St. Alban's. [jobs.rcdow.org.uk](http://jobs.rcdow.org.uk)

### SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

On **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 (9am and 11am).

## 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.



## ST MARY'S, EAST FINCHLEY – 'LET US DREAM'

Three talks, over 3 consecutive evenings at St Mary's East Finchley. These talks are considering Pope Francis's reflections on a post pandemic world. Full details can be found in the porch and on our website.

## 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 we have no details for.***

## 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.

## REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH

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

### MASS INTENTIONS

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|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|-----|
| <b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>    | <b>9am</b>    | PARISH                    |     |
|                                       | <b>11am</b>   | Patrick & Mary Curran     | RIP |
| <b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>    | <b>9.30am</b> | Michael Burke             | RIP |
| <b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>   | <b>9.30am</b> | Daniel Rodrigues & Family | RIP |
| <b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b> | <b>9.30am</b> | Paul                      | RIP |
| <b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>  | <b>9.30am</b> | Hubert Lyons              | RIP |
| <b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>    | <b>9.30am</b> | Private Intentions        |     |
| <b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>  | <b>6pm</b>    | Marguerite Byrne          | RIP |

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

Therese Jones, John Came  
Guisepppe Amato, Tina Florio  
Kathleen McHugh

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

Marguerite Byrne, Paul

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

Hubert Lyons, Patrick & Mary Curran

