



### MASS TIMES

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>9am &amp; 11am</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>6pm-</b>

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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 – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
+ 16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>First reading:</b>	<b>Jeremiah 23: 1-6</b>
<b>Psalm</b>	<b><i>The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.</i></b>
<b>Second reading:</b>	<b>Ephesians 2: 13-18</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>Mark 6: 30-34</b>

Jeremiah's indictment of leaders who abandon the people, is at once powerful and disturbing. The priests, rulers, and false prophets in the period just before the exile had predicted that God would never allow Jerusalem to fall. All the people had to do was wait a little longer for God's vindication. Jeremiah knew that something different was going to happen: Jerusalem would be destroyed by the Babylonians, and in 587 BC, it was. He saw that the false hopes and promises raised by the rulers had left the people of Jerusalem scattered like the sheep so many of them had pastured in the hills surrounding the city. And with no moral guidance, many Israelites had been led to sin. The leaders had driven them away from God.

God promises to gather the sheep and bring them back by raising up shepherds for them. The promise has much the same structure as the promise to raise up a prophet like Moses in Deuteronomy 18:15-20. There, the prophet will tell the people all God has said. In Jeremiah, the shepherd will shepherd (literally pasture) the people. Finally, God promises to raise up a righteous Branch. The Branch will reign as a wise king who will execute justice and righteousness. This description is important; in Jewish theology, the reign of God brings justice and righteousness. Here, a king from David's family tree will become God's shepherd on earth.

Another great vision of the Davidic shepherd is the restoration of the divided Israel (Ezekiel 37: 23-36). Paul sees the restoration in his time as the coming together of Jews and Gentiles in Jesus Christ. For Paul, Jesus is the righteous Branch, bringing all people near to God.

In Mark, we hear again the image of shepherd. When Jesus sees the crowd hungry for guidance, he must reach out to them. But Mark gives us a different image for the shepherd of these sheep. This shepherd is not a king or a branch of David's tree; he is a teacher-yet another description that helps the reader grasp who Jesus is for the world.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021-2022

In our Parish, baptised children attending non-Catholic schools (as well as unbaptised children), need to register for a Foundation Course in the Catholic Faith before they can be admitted to First Holy Communion preparation. This Foundation Course is for children in **Year 3** and above and takes place on Saturday mornings at 10am, beginning on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

If your child attends a non-Catholic school (or has never been baptised), you should complete the application form which is on our website and is in the church porch and return it by 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021 by email or by posting the completed application form through the presbytery door.

### REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH

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

## Parish QR code

For online donations



## Sacraments

### Baptisms:

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.



## 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

## 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.

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>9am</b>	Thanksgiving – Samson & Bandna Reddy & Family	
	<b>11am</b>	Mary Kerin	RIP
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	PARISH	
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Holy Souls	
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	John Foran	Ints
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Private Intentions	
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Deceased members of Macajewski, Sobol, Lisaj And Boyman Families	
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Seamus Brennan	Ints

### Please remember in your prayers the sick:

Therese Jones, John Came

Guiseppe Amato, Tina Florio

Kathleen McHugh, Seamus Brennan, John Foran

### all the recently departed and their loved ones

Paul

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

Hubert Lyons, Patrick & Mary Curran, Mary Kerin, Marie Greensmith

