



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

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for all weekly updates and
Children's Liturgy Lessons.

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 ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 25th July 2021
+ 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First reading:	2 Kings 4: 42-44
Psalm	<i>You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.</i>
Second reading:	Ephesians 4: 1-6
Gospel:	John 6: 1-15

John's account of the Gospel often gives a different version of stories told in the Synoptic accounts, Matthew, Mark and Luke. His account of the Last Supper, for example, is remarkably different. In the Synoptics, we hear the familiar story of breaking bread and blessing wine that is part of our liturgy. But John recalls how Jesus washed feet at the Last Supper (John 13:1-11). Eucharistic references are plentiful in John's account, however, especially in chapter 6. In the middle of Ordinary Time, the Church takes the time to read John 6 and savor the words and actions of Jesus as he talks about the bread of life and the hunger of humankind.

The chapter opens with the multiplication of five loaves and two fish. This is one of only two stories that all four Gospels relate. Jesus seems to be following in the footsteps of the great prophets like Elisha who multiplied loaves and grain, but two things set Jesus' action apart from the Old Testament prophets. First, he takes the bread and fish and gives thanks (in Greek, *eucharisteo*, from which our word *eucharist* comes) and then distributes them. Second, he has the disciples gather up what's left over. Twelve baskets of fragments are left, one for each of the disciples who doubted that could feed the multitude.

Some commentators refer to this passage as an institution of the Eucharist because of what Jesus does with the bread and the fish. There is no cup of wine, no table ceremony, no transforming words. Nevertheless, the ritual of giving to others to eat is highly symbolic. Later in the chapter, Jesus uses bread as a metaphor for himself.

The crowd follows Jesus because they see the sign he does. Believing only because of outward signs in the most tenuous form of faith. At the end of the passage, the crowd wants to make Jesus king because of what they have seen. They have misunderstood Jesus' person and message. He is forced into hiding because earthly kingship is not what Jesus came for (see John 18:36).

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 18th 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 5th September 2021 by email or by posting the completed application form through the presbytery door.

HELP REQUIRED AT FOODBANK

Would you be able to help at the foodbank for the summer? If you are 18+ and are able to help out on either Saturdays 11am – 2pm or Tuesdays 1-4pm, Wednesdays 9.45am-1pm, Thursdays 10am-1pm or Fridays 1.45-7pm. If you are able to help please contact finchleyeast@rcdow.org.uk and your details will be forwarded to the relevant people. 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.

REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH:

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

ST BARNABAS FOODBANK:

Accepts donations of food each Saturday between 9.30 & 12.30. They are open for those in need on Monday's 12.30-2pm.
913 High Road, North Finchley.



UPDATE ON SAFETY GUIDELINES IN CHURCH

We are required to continue to wear masks, (unless you have a medical reason not to), keep a safe distance, especially when joining others to sit on a bench. Please 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. All benches in the center part of the church are now available to use. The side benches however, will continue to have 1m distance applied. To that end, I once again thank our volunteer stewards who have been so generous with their time and energy over the past year.

COME AND SEE

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church and its Teachings? Perhaps you might be thinking of becoming a Catholic and want to know how? St Alban's Church, North Finchley, has a group for adults which meets every **Wednesday evening** at 8.00pm in the Presbytery beginning on **Wednesday 15th September**. Why not come along to find out more? In the meantime, just phone or email the parish to let us know you're interested and if you wish, we can put you in touch with someone who can tell you what to expect and answer your questions. You will be made very welcome.

A MESSAGE FROM MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals would like to thank everyone in the parish for their wonderful generosity. We spoke at the end of each Mass last weekend and not only were parishioners enthusiastic about our work, but you gave a terrific £523.24. As a result 32 children will be fed one good meal every day in their place of education for a whole school year. God bless you all.

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

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

Sunday 25th July	9am	PARISH	
	11am	Zofia & Jan Czech	RIP
Monday 26th July	9.30am	Gerry Burke	RIP
Tuesday 27th July	9.30am	Tina Florio	Ints
Wednesday 28th July	9.30am	Mary Shanahan	Ints
Thursday 29th July	9.30am	Terence McCaughley	RIP
Friday 30th July	9.30am	Mary Greensmith	RIP
Saturday 31st July	6pm	Joan O'Mahoney	RIP

Please remember in your prayers the sick:

Therese Jones, John Came, Tina Florio

Kathleen McHugh, Seamus Brennan, John Foran, Fr Pio De Mattia

all the recently departed and their loved ones

David Schild

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

Marie Greensmith, Zofia & Jan Czech, Roy Morrissey

