



ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 22nd August 2021
+ 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES W/C 22ND AUGUST

Sunday: 9am & 11am
Monday: NO MASS
Tuesday: NO MASS
Wednesday: 9.30am
Thursday: 9.30am
Friday: 9.30am
Saturday: 6pm-

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PARISH WEBSITE

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parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth
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.

First reading:	Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18
Psalm:	<i>Taste and see that the Lord is good.</i>
Second reading:	Ephesians 5: 21-32
Gospel:	John 6: 60-69

In the reading from John's account of the Gospel the disciples are grappling with a difficult teaching from Jesus that they do not entirely understand, mainly because they cannot see beyond the literal interpretation of his words.

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians contains a text that is troubling for many today. The command for wives to be submissive to their husbands has been taken out of context and misused for centuries. In this section of Ephesians, Paul has been exhorting his listeners to give up all manner of vices, becoming people of love and forgiveness. He also envisions a different way for people to relate in marriage. Paul understands marriage as a metaphor for God's relationship with the Church and develops an image to express that relationship: the Church as a body with Christ as its head. Paul uses this image to frame his understanding of the marriage covenant.

Marriage was seen as metaphor for God's relationship with Israel long before Paul used it to describe Christ and the Church. Paul adds the element of mutual reverence and love, using the image of the head and body to include interdependence in the hierarchical marriage relationship of that time. The body and the head work together in life. This is the obedience that Paul advocates for wife and husband-one that allows them to live as a united whole. Paul adds that the head must love the body, countering the notion of wives as property that was common in Paul's time. The husband must love his wife as Christ loves the Church. If such love is the foundation of the husband's part in the marriage, he cannot abuse or neglect, cannot be faithless, cruel, or cold. These are the vices that followers of Christ give up. Just as disciples become new people, husbands and wives become a new unity in the marriage covenant, practicing kindness and forgiveness. In the same way, Christ and his Church become a single entity in the new covenant.

How can mutual respect and self-sacrificing love be expressed in the marriage covenant today?

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.

CHANGES TO WEEKDAY MASSES DURING HOLIDAY PERIOD

No Mass here on Monday or Tuesday but from Wednesday daily Mass returns. Mass of Monday and Tuesday at either St Philips, Finchley Central at 10am or St Mary Magdalen's, Whetstone at 9.30am.

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 BANABAS 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.



URGENT CAFOD APPEAL

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. Haiti, Afghanistan, Tigray, Ethiopia, South Sudan and north east Nigeria. For an update all these emergencies visit the CAFOD website: Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.
<https://caford.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>.

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.

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 22nd August	9am	PARISH	
	11am	John & Ellen Denoris	Ints
Monday 23rd August	9.30am	NO MASS	
Tuesday 24th August	9.30am	NO MASS	
Wednesday 25th August	9.30am	Doria Zielinska	Ints
Thursday 26th August	9.30am	Thomas & Mary Kate Walsh	RIP
Friday 27th August	9.30am	Maureen & Johnny Murray	RIP
Saturday 28th August	6pm	Antolina Acosta	RIP

Please remember in your prayers the sick:

Therese Jones, John Came,
John Foran

all the recently departed and their loved ones

Ken Goodwin

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

Catherine Madden, Fr Pat Cassidy, Padraic Ruane, Mary Elizabeth Cox,
Andy Devine, Barbara Devine

