



# ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021  
+ 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASS TIMES W/C 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

**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.**

## 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.

<b>First reading:</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8</b>
<b>Psalm:</b>	<b><i>The just will live in the presence of the Lord.</i></b>
<b>Second reading:</b>	<b>James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23</b>

Today, all three readings are concerned with the disposition of the heart and its connection with outer actions. Moses begins the first of his exhortation to the Israelites before they cross the Jordan into Canaan. The law of God is just, more so than the law of any other nation. Obedience to the law of God, says Moses, will show Israel's wisdom and discernment. But hearing the word and desiring it with the heart must come first. Conversion of the heart always has primary importance for Moses and the rest of the prophets. Moses spoke of circumcision of the heart as a sign of the interiorization of the covenant (Deuteronomy 10:16). Isaiah told the Israelites that God despised the festivals, sacrifices, and rituals because the Israelites were not caring for the orphan and the widow. They were going through the motions of obedience without care for God and God's justice. Their attitude was apparent in their lack of compassion.

James understands the implication of 'hearing' the law for the Jews. To hear is to obey. According to James, a good Christian is in the same position. One cannot be a hearer of the Word without doing right as well, and following the law without a faithful heart has no place in the covenant relationship.

In Mark's account of the Gospel, Jesus speaks precisely to the last point. The Pharisees are concerned with outward appearances, not inner conversion. When Jesus quotes Isaiah, he reminds them that such scrupulous behavior without the necessary conversion of heart is not true worship of God. Jesus is not attacking the Jewish law here. His point is about the systematic judgement of the scribes and Pharisees that does not ask first, what is the disposition of the heart but, rather, whether every letter of the law has been observed. Like Moses, Isaiah, and the other prophets before him, Jesus knows that lip service and outward obedience without inner transformation are not a sign of covenant relationship.

What examples do we see today in Church or society of outward obedience and inward rebellion?

## 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.

## 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://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>.

## 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.



## 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. 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

## FINCHLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Secondary Transfer Evening for prospective parents on the 14<sup>th</sup> September from 5.30pm – 8.30pm. See poster in porch.

## VOTIVE CANDLES

The votive candle stand at Our Ladies Altar is now back in place for use.

### MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>9am</b>	Margaret Came	Ints
	<b>11am</b>	PARISH	
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Deceased member of Macajewski, Sobol, Lisaj And Boyman Families	
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Josie & Tommy Handlon	RIP
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Peggy & Packie Tully	RIP
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Frank Hennessy	RIP
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Brendan Hennessy	Ints
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Colm Smith	RIP

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

Therese Jones, John Came,

Pat Payne, Hilda Vaz, Ricky Diamond

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

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

Catherine Madden, Fr Pat Cassidy, Padraic Ruane

Andy Devine, Barbara Devine

