



# ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021

## + THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### MASS TIMES W/C 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

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

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### PARISH WEBSITE

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[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>Apocalypse 11:19; 12: 1-6, 10</b>
<b>Psalm</b>	<b><i>On the right stands the queen, in garments of gold.</i></b>
<b>Second reading:</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 15: 20-26</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>Luke 1:39-56</b>

As the Israelites traveled through the desert, they carried the Ark of the Covenant, a large, ornately carved chest. Inside were the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments, a symbol of God's covenant with them. A chair rested on top of the ark as a representation of God's throne, a sign that God dwelled among his people. After King David made Jerusalem the capital of Israel, he brought the ark into the city to signify that God was with his people, blessing and protecting them.

Mary is the ark of the new covenant. As Elizabeth exclaims in Luke 1:42, Mary is blessed because she bears the living God. Tablets of stone are superseded by flesh and blood. The women in today's Gospel passage declares that there is something special about Jesus that honors and elevates his mother.

She was probably startled by Jesus' invitation that she become blessed herself, not by bearing a son of importance, but by believing and living what Jesus taught. Mary did. Mary heard and submitted to God's Word when the angel announced it to her. After Jesus' death and resurrection she continued to be obedient to God's Word. She gathered with the disciples, awaiting the gift of the Holy Spirit and devoting herself to prayer (Acts 1:14).

Our celebration of Mary's Assumption into heaven is a celebration of eternal life. Because she kept God's Word so faithfully, Christ 'clothed' his mother 'with immortality,' thereby keeping her body from decay. There was probably a bigger, louder celebration when Mary entered into heaven than there was when the ark of the first covenant entered Jerusalem. We pray that we will hear and observe God's Word so that we too will be joyously welcomed into eternal life.

### 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.

### CHANGES TO WEEKDAY MASSES DURING HOLIDAY PERIOD

Fr. Dermot will be away on holidays for a few weeks. As supply priests are getting more scarce, there will not be Mass every weekday during that time. Please keep an eye on the website or notice board for Mass times here. On days there is no mass here, St. Philips in Finchley Church End has Mass every weekday at 10.00am, except Wednesday. (No weekday Mass at St Mary Magdalen, Whetstone.)

**\*\*No Masses will be live streamed until Fr Dermot returns from holiday.\*\***

## 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.



### 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](mailto:finchleyeast@rcdow.org.uk) and your details will be forwarded to the relevant people. Thank you.

### 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

<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>9am</b>	Kevin Dardis	RIP
	<b>11am</b>	Ajit Vadve	RIP
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Teresa Winch	Ints
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August</b>	<b>6pm</b>	Richard & Loraine Reddy and Family	Ints

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

Therese Jones, John Came, Tina Florio  
John Foran

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

Ken Goodwin

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

Kathy Gude, Paul Geraerts, Maria Franco, Mary Elizabeth Cox, Kevin Dardis

