



ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 5th September 2021
+ 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES - 5TH SEPTEMBER

Sunday: 9am & 11am
Monday: 9.30am
Tuesday: 9.30am
Wednesday: 9.30am
Thursday: No morning Mass
3pm Funeral
Friday: No morning Mass
12.30pm Funeral
Saturday: 6pm-

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PARISH WEBSITE

Visit our website
parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth
for all weekly updates and
Children's Liturgy Lessons.

First reading: Isaiah 35: 4-7
Psalm: *My soul, give praise to the Lord.*
Second reading: James 2: 1-5
Gospel: Mark 7: 31-37

Isaiah's vision of the coming day of God reveals a world turned upside down. The blind see, the deaf hear, the mute speak and waters spring up in the desert. This is a world of the unexpected and surprising. It is a result that is as unsettling as it is joyful, for it is not what nature has intended. In the presence of the divine, anything needed is provided; anything broken is made whole. The laws of nature, created by God, suspended when God comes in glory.

Mark's account of the Gospel describes the living fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy when Jesus touches the deaf and mute man so that he hears and speaks. As in the other healing stories, Jesus demonstrates mastery over the limits of the human body. Already he has made the lame walk (see Mark 2) and the dead live (Mark 5). The next time he heals (See Mark 8: 22-26), he will cure a blind man. Where Jesus walks, life in it wholeness abounds. The astonishment of the people suggests that they remember the prophecy of Isaiah and wonder if this might be the sign that God has come to save them.

In what way might these texts illuminate the epistle from James? James addresses a particular fault of a Christian community in the first century. The people show favoritism to the rich and well-dressed. James reminds them that God's preference is for the poor and disenfranchised. God did, after all, rescue poor Israel from wealthy Egypt. In that act, God displayed a fondness for turning things upside down. James reminds the Church that God's power is not limited to healing the sick or sending manna. God also has control over economic and social injustices. A society that allows these things will be surprised, unsettled and ultimately changed at the coming day of the Lord. Just as God will heal our broken bodies, God will heal the broken relationships caused by unjust uses of wealth. That will be good news to some, but for those who define themselves by their wealth and the privilege it buys them, it will be a painful transformation.

How do we follow God in making a preferential option for the poor?

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

HOMEMADE SALE – SUNDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

We're back selling a range of homemade CAKES, PRESERVES and CRAFTS after each Mass. All proceeds go to the charity. If anyone is able to contribute some homemade items (cakes, scones, cupcakes, savory items etc) to the stall, we would be very grateful. Any questions, please contact the social committee on: socialcommitteesap@yahoo.com.

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.

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.



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.

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) provides parish catechists with knowledge and understanding of theology and the Catholic faith. See poster in porch. You can learn the course in person, by distance learning or online:

CCRS Online (online learning)

ccrsonline@hope.ac.uk
0151 291 3055

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 14th 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CERTIFICATES FOR CHILDREN IN GROUP OF 2019-2020

If you have not yet collected your certificate and cross, please contact the office for details how this can be arranged. Thank you. Jackie

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

Sunday	5th September	9am	Mary Elizabeth Cox	RIP
		11am	Maria McCarthy	RIP
Monday	6th September	9.30am	Nula Ward	Ints
Tuesday	7th September	9.30am	Jenny Bassett	Ints
Wednesday	8th September	9.30am	Kristina Griffins	Ints
Thursday	9th September	3pm	Requiem – Thérèse Jones	
Friday	10th September	12.30pm	Requiem – Ida Strina	
Saturday	11th September	6pm	Edward Dunning	RIP

Please remember in your prayers the sick:

John Came, Pat Payne, Hilda Vaz, Mary Chapman

all the recently departed and their loved ones

Thérèse Jones, Ida Strina, David Eaves, Ricky Diamond

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

Maria McCarthy, Thomas Petitt, Graham Landucci

