



ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 12th September 2021
+ 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES - 12TH SEPTEMBER

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
for all weekly updates and
Children's Liturgy Lessons.

First reading: Isaiah 50: 5-9
Psalm: *I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.*

Second reading: James 2: 14-18
Gospel: Mark 8: 27-25

"Who do people say that I am?" Jesus poses this question to his disciples on his journey through Caesarea Philippi. It elicits Peter's acknowledgement that Jesus is the Messiah. For centuries Israel had looked forward to God fulfilling his promise to King David by raising up another great leader to restore Israel's kingdom (see 2 Samuel 7). These hopes had become clouded in political and earthly expectations.

Peter's response, in unambiguous terms, "You are the Christ (or the Messiah)," gives Jesus the opportunity to offer a different understanding. Jesus says that he has come to establish not an earthly kingdom in power but rather a spiritual kingdom in weakness. God's Kingdom will be established through Jesus' death and Resurrection.

The First Reading, from the third of Isaiah's 'Servant Songs,' belongs to another tradition pointing to the Messiah's coming in humiliation and suffering. Jesus draws on this tradition in referring to his own ministry of suffering and death on behalf of God's people.

Peter fails to take this tradition into account when he tells Jesus not to talk about suffering and death. He is utterly perplexed and alarmed, for Peter believed that the Messiah would come in power and glory. When Jesus says to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan," he is referring to Satan in the Book of Job, where Satan, as the name actually means, is God's adversary. Jesus reinforces this by saying that Peter's thoughts reflect human ways of thinking, not God's way.

A further challenge emerges for Jesus' followers from his revelation that he is going to suffer and die. His followers' lives will embrace the same path of suffering, death and resurrection. As true Christians, our lives too will share in Jesus' redemptive suffering.

WELCOME BACK LETTER

Many of you will have received a letter from me this week welcoming back parishioners to the church, now that it appears people are growing more confident with mixing in public spaces. Unfortunately, the letter seems to have been sent out in triplicate. This was an error by the mail company the Diocese uses to carry out such tasks. It as a glitch in their IT systems apparently. I apologise for this but I am assured neither the parish nor the diocese will be at a loss financially for this error. On a more positive note, it is encouraging to see greater numbers returning to our church now the new academic year is beginning.

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.

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 email or by posting the completed application form through the presbytery door.

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

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Vacancies for Technician – Physics & Biology. See poster in porch.

FINCHLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

- 1) Secondary Transfer Evening for prospective parents on the 14th September from 5.30pm – 8.30pm. See poster in porch.
- 2) Vacancy for an admissions / first aid lead. See School website for more information. <https://www.finchleycatholic.org.uk>

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

Sunday	12th September	9am	Bridget Hennessy	Ints
		11am	John & Margaret Came	Ints
Monday	13th September	9.30am	Ricky Diamond	RIP
Tuesday	14th September	9.30am	Sabina Macajewski	RIP
Wednesday	15th September	9.30am	Kathy Diamond	Ints
Thursday	16th September	3pm	Michael & Mary O'Sullivan	RIP
Friday	17th September	12.30pm	Dunning Family	Ints
Saturday	18th September	6pm	Rose Ogbechie	Ints

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 Pettitt, Graham Landucci

Michael & Mary O'Sullivan

