



ST ALBAN

Parish Newsletter – 19th September 2021
+ **25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

MASS TIMES - 19TH SEPTEMBER

Sunday: 9am & 11am
Monday: 9.30am
Tuesday: NO MASS
Wednesday: 10am-Funeral
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

Until further notice, children's liturgy
will be online weekly, via our website.

First reading:	Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
Psalm:	<i>The Lord upholds my life.</i>
Second reading:	James 3:16 – 4:3
Gospel:	Mark 9:30-37

Among biblical texts, the Letter of James is one of the most direct in its description of the causes of war and injustice. James does not blame the devil, unjust authority, or outside forces. "Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? (4:1). Envy, greed, and ambition are at the heart of much of the world's trouble. According to James, these are precisely the emotions that bind someone to the world rather than to God (see 4:4). Writing to Christians in the first century, James focuses on Christian conduct-utter devotion to the things of God.

James' identification of the sin in our lives provides a lens through which we might view all three readings. His manner of teaching resembles wisdom literature, from which the first reading comes. The picture of the wicked sketched in the verses we read today is fleshed out in the entire second chapter of Wisdom. There we are shown wild desire for the things of this world. When godless people realise that someone who is righteous indicts their ambition and greed, they want to torture the righteous one because he opposes them. They want free rein to do whatever they wish. The last verse of the chapter speaks directly to James' concern. 'But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world, and they who are in the possession experience it' (Wisdom 2:24).

In Mark's account of the Gospel, the disciples argue about who is the greatest among them. This dispute, set between a prophecy about the crucifixion and a teaching about the presence of Christ in the most unimportant of people, underscores the disciples' ignorance of Jesus' mission. Envy demands a better position, greed desires wealth, and ambition seeks power. Jesus' life, death and teaching contradict all three. The Apostles show they are still tied to the values of the world. To be true disciples of Christ, they must set aside envy and ambition and open themselves to the fruits of wisdom and the Spirit.

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.

UNVEILING AND DEDICATION OF A WAR MEMORIAL-FINCHLEY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

You are all welcome to attend this event. The service will be led by The Bishop of London, the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE, and will be joined by Rabbi Pinchas Hackenbroch and Fr Dermot.

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.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021-22

Our First Holy Communion preparation course for children in Year 3 and above who attend Catholic Schools will begin on Saturday 27th November 2021. You will find the application form on our parish website and in the church porch. Please return it by Sunday 7th November 2021 by email or by posting the completed form through the Presbytery door.

[The Foundation Course in preparation for the First Holy Communion course for children who attend non-Catholic schools (as well as unbaptised children) in Year 3 and above began on Saturday 18th September.]

DONATE TO THE PARISH

Please use the following to pay money into the Parish for various reasons. First Holy Communion / Mass Stipends etc.

Account Name: WRCDT Finchley North

Sort Code: 40-05-20

Account Number: 51094491

Please add your Name as a reference and the reason for the payment to help our bookkeeper.

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

FINCHLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL – VANCANCIES.

1) Vacancy for an admissions / first aid lead. See School website for more information.

2) Vacancy for PA to Headteacher.

Further details of both vacancies see: <https://www.finchleycatholic.org.uk>

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

Sunday	19th September	9am	Larry Tuohy	RIP
		11am	Thanksgiving – Rose Ogbechie	
Monday	20th September	9.30am	Rose Ogbechie	Ints
Tuesday	21st September	NO MASS		
Wednesday	22nd September	10am	Funeral-David Eaves	
Thursday	23rd September	9.30am	Maria Augusta & Nasciment Vistor	RIP
Friday	24th September	9.30am	Joseph Francis & Maria Georgina Victor	RIP
Saturday	25th September	6pm	Eddie Forrest & Grimes Family	RIP

Please remember in your prayers the sick:

John Came, Pat Payne, Mary Chapman, Ian Dunn and Family

all the recently departed and their loved ones

David Eaves, Ricky Diamond

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

Marie Fleming

Michael & Mary O'Sullivan, Eddie Forrest

